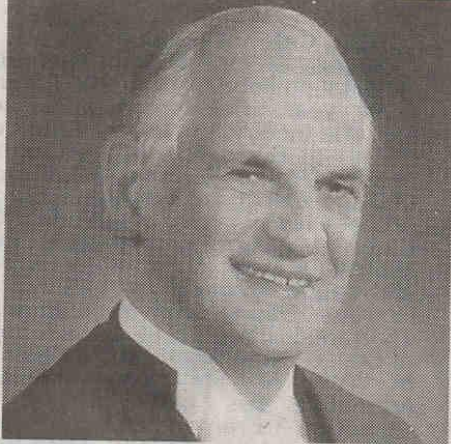


**In Memoriam - LCDR The Honourable Mr. Justice Douglas V. Latimer, RCN(R) , BA, LLB, QC**



**LATIMER, The Honourable Mr. Justice Douglas V. Latimer, BA, LLB, QC -**

Died peacefully and gently on the evening of Thursday, February 8, 2007. His was a constant and noble spirit. Doug was a retired Justice of the Ontario Court, a title he wore with commitment and respect throughout his years on the bench. Born in Georgetown, Ontario, he attended Osgoode Law School and began his practice as a lawyer in Georgetown. In 1968, he became a Crown Attorney and in 1972, a Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice. He served well and faithfully on the bench for 32 years. As a young man, he joined the RCN(R) HMCS YORK and finished his naval career as a Lieutenant-Commander. He leaves his loving wife, Milree, the "sunshine of his life", his children, son David and his daughter Janice, whom he loved dearly; his son-in-law Steve Kostyshen, of whom he was very proud, his two grandchildren, Alex and Jack, the "lights of his life", his sister Joan Randell (Roger), sister-in-law Ruth, nieces, Gloria and Julie, nephews Scott and Mark, and Judi Egelnick to whom he was ever the senior sibling; sister-in-law Isabelle Tompkins (Wayne), nieces Heather and Kathryn, and nephew Philip. He was predeceased by his mother Tryphosa, his father Donald, and brothers George and Ron. Doug gladdened the lives and hearts of all who knew him. Family, friends, and neighbours are left with the gift of his humour, his generosity, and his loyalty. A memorial service will be held Sunday, February 18, 2007, 2:00 p.m. at Glen Oaks Memorial Chapel, 3164 Ninth Line /Oakville ON. Online condolences can be made at [www.glenoaks.ca](http://www.glenoaks.ca). Donations may be made to The Honourable Mr. Justice Douglas V. Latimer Scholarship Fund at St. Mary Academy-Bay View, 3070 Pawtucket Avenue, Riverside, RI 02915 USA or the charity of your choice.

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# Witty judge was stern, but patient

BY BARBARA BROWN

Justice Douglas Latimer had strong roots in Halton region and a natural curiosity about and fondness for the people in his community.

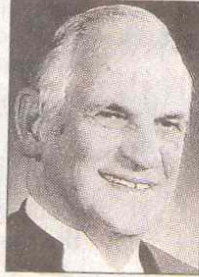
The retired judge was known for his wit, charm and commitment to the law during his 32 years on the provincial court bench. Latimer died Feb. 8 at age 77 following a brief illness. A memorial service will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Glen Oaks Memorial Chapel, 3164 Ninth Line in Oakville.

"Doug was a hard worker and, as I say, witty and he knew what the law was, so what else could you ask from a judge?" said friend and longtime colleague, retired judge William Sharpe.

Latimer was born in Georgetown, attended Osgoode Hall Law School and began a law practice in his hometown. He was appointed Crown Attorney of Halton in 1968 and four years later was sworn in as a judge in its provincial court.

"He loved it here and I mean he knew everybody in the county. He was a very curious type of judge and a lot of people who appeared in front of him, he probably knew," said Sharpe. Jim Treleaven, who took over as Crown Attorney after Latimer

was appointed to the bench in 1972, said: "His bark was worse than his bite. He talked tough, but particularly when it came to youthful offenders, he was very patient. He'd give them heck and then give them a light sentence."



Latimer

Latimer is survived by his wife of 23 years, Milree, and two children, David and Janice, from a previous marriage, as well as two grandchildren. "He was the most generous man I've ever known. He was loving, stubborn, single-minded and deeply caring," said Milree Latimer.

Ontario Court Justice Alan Cooper said Latimer loved the job. "Even after retiring, he would constantly be around to the three courts, Burlington, Milton and Oakville, seeing what was going on and talking to court staff and people at the different courthouses. He really loved it and was a real gentleman," said Cooper.  
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