



DALBY, FRED July 22, 1915 – April 5, 2013

Fred Dalby died on Friday, April 5th at the great age of 98 in Toronto. Many of our colleagues may not have known Fred or know of the important contribution he made to Canadian opticianry. However all of us, both retired and still working benefited from Fred's tireless enthusiasm in promoting Canadian opticianry.

Opticians who attended any of the public colleges in Canada benefited from Fred's dedicated work. Ryerson, George Brown, Seneca or Georgian, Fred was there promoting helping and guiding. Red River, Kelsey, NAIT or Douglas, Fred was involved in setting up the opticians programs at those colleges either in the forefront or behind the scenes. The Canadian Guild and the Opticians Association of Canada, were the beneficiaries of Fred's drive to create a standard education system for Canadian opticians. In short Fred was responsible for the Canadian optician education system as we know it today.

Fred's daughter writes of her Dad; "In spite of his very large personality he was a humble person and didn't need a lot of applause for the things he accomplished". Fred was not ever an association president nor did he ever receive a salary for the work he accomplished. He would be the first to say he did not accomplish anything by himself. Instead would single out his group of optician friends who each played a pivotal role in achieving a coherent education system and systematic legislation across the country. He was highly respected by all who came in contact with him.

Fred is survived by his two daughters Margie and Mary, his two granddaughters and sons in law Stewart and Marvin. He was predeceased by his wife Isa and his grandson Brian Field.