



**REVEREND STEWART B.
EAST, D.D., M.B.E., M.C.**
1908 – 1995

Reverend Stewart Bland East was a military hero, Etobicoke politician, and church minister. Having served with the renowned 48th Highlanders during the Second World War, East was awarded the Military Cross in May 1944 for duty under fire. He was Minister of Islington United Church for a number of years and also contributed to the spiritual needs of many in Etobicoke through his work as Chaplain with the Royal Canadian Legion.

East served as an Alderman in the former City of Etobicoke from 1973 to 1980. He contributed to the preservation of Etobicoke history through his efforts to save the architecturally significant Shaver Homestead House (also known as Applewood House). Built in the 1850s, in what is now the West Mall and Burnhamthorpe area, the house faced demolition when the land was sold to a developer. East's efforts to save the house resulted in it being moved to its current location in Broadacres Park on The West Mall. It remains an important link to Etobicoke's history and a sought-after cultural and events facility.

East was inducted into the Etobicoke Hall of Fame in 1988. At the induction ceremony, Etobicoke Council noted that "Stewart East has demonstrated an untiring dedication to his community and is indeed the type of individual who brings credit to Etobicoke." East died on June 29, 1995 and was buried in the Islington Burial Ground.

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