



HOWARD P. LOWE

1914 – 1991

When Howard P. Lowe's name was put forward to the selection committee for possible induction into the Etobicoke Hall of Fame, he was characterized as being a "super volunteer." His volunteer efforts in the latter part of his life amounted to a personal crusade to not only raise funds for cancer research but also to encourage people to learn as much as possible about the disease itself. He was well known for his work with the Etobicoke General Hospital. He was also honoured

by the Premier of Ontario for his volunteer efforts.

One of Lowe's important but lesser known contributions was a catalogue of commonly used names for street drugs, which he assembled in order to assist medical professionals deal with teenagers who overdosed. This little book was credited with saving more than one life, as young people often arrived at emergency rooms without knowing what drugs they had ingested other than by their colloquial or street names.

Lowe was inducted into the Etobicoke Hall of Fame in 1989 because of his strong love for his community and his volunteer work in supporting Etobicoke hospitals. Upon his passing in 1991, Lowe's daughter, Beverly, noted in an interview that "he was very proud of Etobicoke and never wanted to move outside of the boundaries even when he was very ill."

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