

Ray Harris – In Memoriam

Our founder and the President of Harco Enterprises, Raymore "Ray" Donald Harris, passed away suddenly at his residence on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at the age of 85.

As a young boy growing up delivering papers for the Peterborough Examiner, Ray developed his strong work ethic and entrepreneurial enthusiasm. Ray had been a long term employee of De Laval (Alfa Laval), and in 1964, he furthered his entrepreneurial passion when he founded Harco Enterprises Ltd. Through his dedication and hard work, Ray created a long lasting family legacy – Harco celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014 – with the next two generations following in his footsteps.



In 1997, Ray was honoured to be the recipient of the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce's Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Industrial / Manufacturing – an accomplishment that he and his family were all very proud of. He seldom missed a day at work, even in his 80s, and set a spirited example to his family and employees all of whom he genuinely cared about.

Ray was a kind, humble man who gave of his time generously. His family's wellbeing and happiness were always a priority, leading him to purchase a cottage on Pigeon Lake to ensure the family could enjoy time together as the grandchildren grew. Additionally, Ray served on the boards of the PRHC Foundation and the Peterborough Memorial Centre Board amongst others. He was also a long time member of St. James United Church, a Mason with Royal Arthur Lodge #523, and a Noble of the Kawartha Shrine Club.

Ray was very proud of his community and supported many local charities. He was also an avid hockey fan and was a long-time season ticket holder of the Peterborough Petes.

Though our Harco family, and the Peterborough community, has lost a cherished leader, we will continue to grow and honour Ray's legacy because he provided us with the best role model a family and company could have.