

## **2016 Award of Merit Recipient - MORELAND LYNN**

Moreland was the son of the late George Lynn (a veteran of WWI, first Park Warden of Beausoleil Island National Park, and an honorary First Nations Chief) and his wife Millicent of Penetanguishene. Moreland held a Commerce Degree, Teacher's Certificate and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Queen's University. He financed his early studies through his summer job at Grew Boats and by trading penny stocks. Later he published two business text books with McGraw-Hill Ryerson. After he returned to Midland, he was a teacher and became a well-recognized and respected figure in business and community service. For over a decade his distinctive voice was heard twice a week as a commentator on CKMP radio, as well as on cable television. He served as a Councillor, Reeve and later Mayor of Midland throughout the years 1967 to 1982. His businesses included the first A&W in Midland and Collingwood, Huronia Office Services, and Midland Printers.

Moreland Lynn was a man who made full use of his talents and never wasted a minute. Always available, his public accomplishments were broad and diverse with far-reaching effect. He sat on dozens of volunteer boards and committees supporting many different community interests. As Mayor, he was convinced that the growth of new business and infrastructure was essential to the area. He was keenly interested in local heritage, participating for over a decade as a ministerial advisor for Discovery Harbour and Ste. Marie Among-the-Hurons. Equally interested in the arts, he was a co-founder of the Stage Company from which the King's Wharf Theatre emerged and personally performed in several productions by Huronia Players. His strong bass voice enriched numerous choirs.

He shared his interests readily and conversed with great enthusiasm on almost any topic. Moreland loved conversation.

In 2001 Moreland was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Province of Ontario, presiding in the Barrie Court for 10 years. This was the professional role he loved most. Here he was able to freely apply his great compassion, wisdom, and common sense.