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Former town councillor, lawyer honored

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The Canada Law Book Society in Toronto closed its doors Monday, in memory of employee and one-time Cobourg resident, Harold Richardson, who passed away Wednesday August 24, at Toronto Western Hospital, after a lengthy illness.

Richardson, who once served Cobourg as councillor and town solicitor, was 57 years old.

Born November 5, 1925, and raised here in Cobourg, Richardson attended St. Patrick's College, Ottawa, where he graduated in mid-1940 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. From there he went to Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and he graduated in Law in 1950. After marrying Mary Cameron of Toronto in 1951, Richardson returned to Cobourg, where he practiced law for ten years.

While in Cobourg, Richardson served both on town council and as town solicitor.

Richardson's neighbor, former mayor Jack Heenan, says that while he lived here, the lawyer was truly dedicated to his work and the town.

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"He was an excellent citizen," Heenan says, "one of those people really dedicated to everything they do."

"Everything he did, both voluntarily and as an elected official, he did for the good of the town."

And, Heenan adds, "He was a good neighbor, too."

Richardson left Cobourg to work at the Canada Law Book Society in Toronto in 1961, where he remained an employee until his death.

Along with his wife, he is survived by four sons: Cameron, James, Donald, and Ian, all of Toronto, and by brother Joseph and sister Julie of Cobourg.

A funeral mass was held at St. Bonaventure Church, Don Mills, on Saturday, Aug. 27, followed by interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Toronto.