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## Former BYBF head called 'dynamic worker'

Edward (Ted) Branton, long-time president of the Belleville Yardmen Benefit Fund (BYBF) who died this week, was "a dynamic worker for the Yardmen and for the community as a whole," says a BYBF official. "He was always interested

in making sure that any contribution that could be made went for a good cause and for people that deserved it," said Jack Lundberg, BYBF coordinator.

"He was always a dedicated person, both for the railroad and the Yardmen," Lundberg added.

Current president Lorne Foley said, "Branton could think up ideas and follow them through -- he had a way of making things work."

Ted Branton was one of seven railroaders who launched the the province-wide lottery in 1970 -- the biggest of its kind in its heyday, contributing to community and individual needs.

Competition of government lotteries forced major changes in the Yardmen program. But the fund contributed nearly \$3 million in cash and assets to gain Wintario funding for the \$6 million Quinte Sports Centre.

Funeral for Mr. Branton will be held Thursday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m. in the chapel of O'Brien-Steele Funeral Home.



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