

from Shirley Miller. He worked from an old photo that helped remind him of how it looked when he was a boy.

When Leigh was 13, his father William Wemp died of a heart attack while working in the bush with Leonard McCormick. William Wemp was buried on the day that Leigh turned 14, March 13, 1952. After attending Willy Wemp's funeral, Reeve Tom Cochrane went home and died suddenly while splitting wood.

Leigh left school early and worked for Harris Beaubien, Gerald Kearney (where Rick Bedford now lives) and Francis Welbanks.

In 1953 or '54, he started roofing for Erving & Harding. Doug Hill (who lived where Mrs. Maud now lives) and Lawrence Sudds (had a house on the Geoff Matthews' farm) both worked for this company. Keith McGinn, Hans deHaan and Ron Miller also started with Erving & Harding about this time.

Roofing jobs took Leigh to North Bay and other places. During a non-roofing period in 1957, he stayed with his Aunt Marjorie and her husband Charlie Storrington while he worked at Strathcona Paper. He married Uncle Charlie's niece Doris Storrington in 1960.

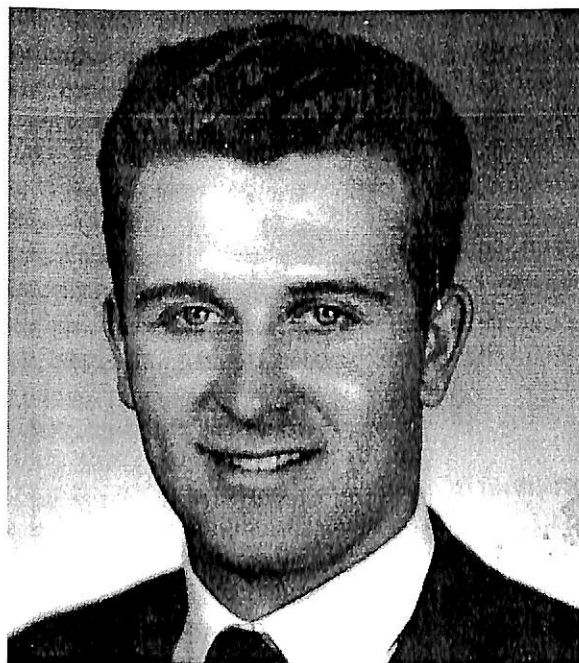
From 1960 to 1963, Leigh worked for the Kingston based Whitney Home Furnishings. Leigh and Doris moved to Sault Ste. Marie in 1963 where Leigh worked for R. E. Harding. They returned to this area in 1965 and Leigh started Leigh Wemp Roofing and Fencing. Later he worked at Queen's University from 1981 until health problems forced his retirement in 1990.

As a young man, Leigh loved to drive horses fast but it was not until 1970 that he became active in training and racing horses. He had a serious racing accident in 1975 and was sidelined for a year. He finally left racing in the late '70s. He had very good success with a mare called "Lee's Tanti" which he had bought from Chris and Mel Filson. Leigh sold this horse for \$10,000 back when that was "serious money".

In later life, Leigh became quite interested in Wemp family history and his UEL heritage. He was the prime mover in the Wemp Family Reunion of 1995 that took place at the Wemp cairn site.

Doris and Leigh attended the UEL convention in Halifax in June of this year.

It was while he was preparing for the family reunion that I got to know Leigh a bit. Like many others, I was drawn by his big warm smile, friendly manner, and enjoyed his



Leigh Wemp at 20 years old

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LEIGH HERBERT WEMP (1938-1996)

Leigh's many friends and relatives were shocked and saddened by his sudden death on Saturday, October 12, 1996. He was dancing at the wedding of Karen McGinn and Darrell Miller when he suffered a fatal heart attack.

He is survived by his wife Doris (nee Storrington), son Herb, daughter Valerie, and grandchildren Kailey and Adam. He is also survived by his sister, Brenda (Wemp) Hatton, and his brothers, Grant and Duane. He was predeceased by his father, William Wemp, his mother, Evelyn (Bulch) Wemp, and his sister, Shirley Wemp.

Leigh was born on March 13, 1938, in the house now lived in by Jack and Beth Forester. In 1941, his family moved to the south shore to the house now owned by Gian and Patricia Frontini. Several years ago, Leigh made a water colour painting of this house after taking lessons