

HARRY BOWES: 1923-2010

School named in honour of 'hard-working politician'

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A public school in Mr. Bowes' name opened in northeast Stouffville two years ago.

"The nice thing about it was Harry was still here to see that happen. I think it meant an awful lot to Harry," Mr. Crothers said.

Mr. Bowes, his wife Marjorie and sons Wayne and Brian moved to Stouffville in 1967. Almost immediately, Mr. Bowes joined the executive of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association and the council at Summitview Public School.

After operating two pharmacies in Toronto for 16 years, he bought Houston Pharmacy on Main Street. He sold it in 1971.

He became a school board trustee in 1975 after a teachers' strike led to one of his sons being home from high school for 42 days. He remained on the school board for 29 years and chaired it for six one-year terms.

Mr. Bowes' contribution to the community did not stop there.

He sat on town council for two terms before a bout with a super bug derailed his re-election plans in 2006.

"Harry worked hard for his constituents," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson who served with Mr. Bowes during the 2000 to 2003 term. "Harry was one of those people who worked hard for his community and helped wherever he could."

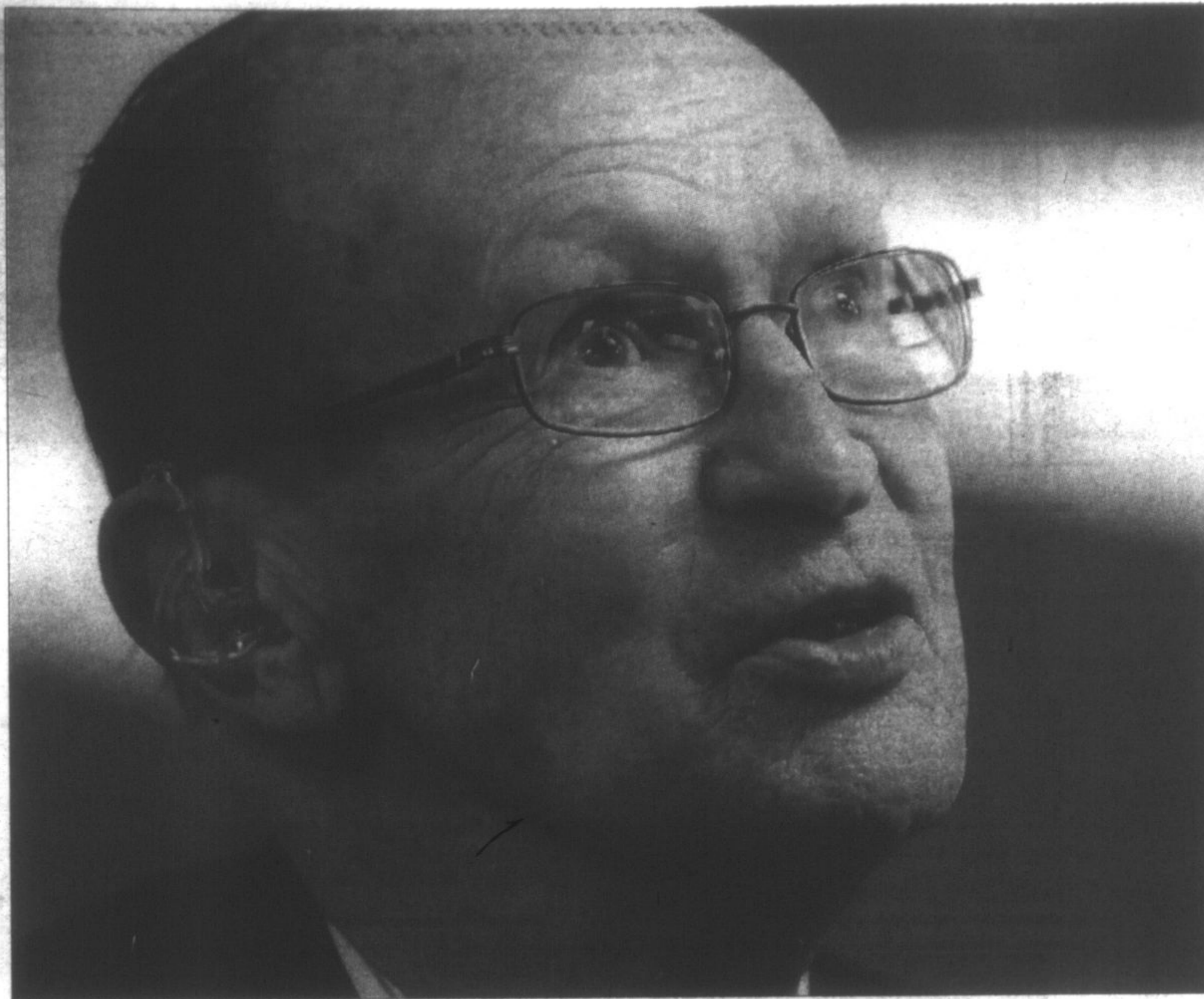
His 40 years of community service had him associated with about 25 groups, including 20 years on the board of Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Mr. Bowes flew more than 30 missions as a bomber aimer during the Second World War. He told his story to students for a TVO special in 2004.

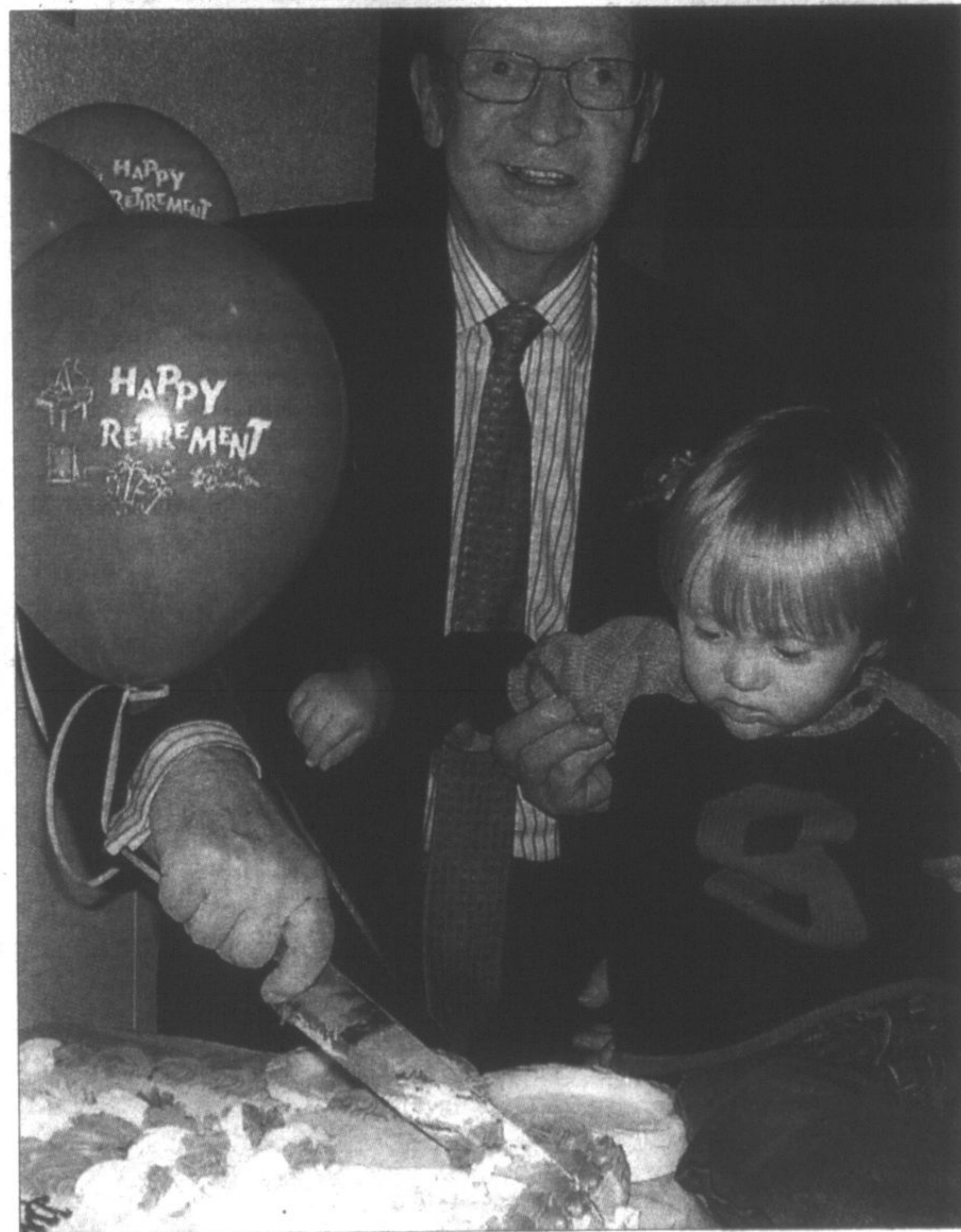
Even in retirement, he sat on three school councils in Stouffville.

The funeral service will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. at EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church on the Tenth Line Stouffville. Visitation is scheduled for Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the O'Neill Funeral Home on Main Street in downtown Stouffville.

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Harry Bowes at the official opening of the public school in his name in April 2009.



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Mayor Wayne Emmerson on Harry Bowes

Right, Harry Bowes with his wife Marjorie and son Wayne at a civic luncheon honouring war veterans at the Royal Canadian Legion last May.

Left, Mr. Bowes cuts a cake with help from his grandson, Christopher, 2, during retirement celebrations at Latcham Hall in 2006.

Editor Jim Mason has many memories of Harry Bowes/page 6.



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