



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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NHH extends sympathy to family of Don Wilson, project manager responsible for overseeing the construction of Northumberland Hills Hospital

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Monday, October 26th, 2015—Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) received sad news last week. Don Wilson, the project manager who oversaw the successful completion of NHH, died in Toronto on Monday, October 19th at the age of 80.

“As project manager, Don made a great contribution to the building of our hospital and he was a major factor in keeping it on time and on budget,” said Cobourg resident Don Morrison, who chaired the NHH Board of Directors in the latter stage of the hospital’s construction (2001-2003) and, before that, chaired the “New Hospital Project Committee.”

“While we hired him on a professional basis, his contribution was priceless,” said Morrison. “Don was an architect by training, best known for his design contribution to health care facilities across Canada. Our hospital was a relatively small project compared with many others he had directed elsewhere. Having spent a major part of his life on a farm property near Burnley, north of Cobourg, he had always wanted to build the long delayed new hospital here. When the opportunity came to proceed, he retired from his remaining practice and made NHH the final project of his career.”

The hospital Board of the day appreciated Don Wilson and his contribution to NHH so much they took the unusual step of recognizing him as an essential member of the team on the plaque—located just inside the front main entrance—commemorating the opening day.

“We extend our deepest sympathy to Don’s wife Judie and their family,” said Jack Russell, current Board Chair at NHH. “The hospital he helped build received its first patient 12 years ago this month. Don’s exceptional contribution to NHH lives on in the wonderful facility we have today.”

A public visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 29th, and a Memorial Service at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 30th, at Morley Bedford Funeral Home, 159 Eglinton, Avenue, West, Toronto. For further details, please see [the full obituary](#), published Saturday, October 24th in *The Globe and Mail*.

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, chemotherapy, dialysis and 16 other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west

Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 60,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs approximately 600 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians and volunteers. NHH is an active member of the Central East Local Health Integration Network. For more information, please visit www.nhh.ca or follow us on Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).

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