

CGS Policy on Publishing Obituaries on the Society Website: Guidelines for Authors

General

The Society publishes obituaries of members and former members on its Heritage Archives pages at <http://www.cgs.ca/lives-lived.php?lang=en>. Obituaries may also be published in Geotechnical News.

If you wish to write an obituary, please contact the President or Secretary General of the Society before beginning. Guidelines for the writing of obituaries are given in following paragraphs.

Text

The Society accepts only short obituaries. Please limit the length of the obituary to 500 words. The text must contain the subject's full name and years of birth and death. Do not include initials in names. All persons mentioned in the text should be named with their most familiarly used first name.

Within the permitted length, please give as much information as possible on the subject's career, contributions to the profession, and work for the Society where relevant. Include names of married partners where appropriate, any children, and professional partners. Feel free to state the cause of death if it is known and if this is not against the wishes of the bereaved.

Information on pre-university life and education is not essential, nor are details of parentage, birthplace, siblings etc. Please mention scholarships, awards, honours and prizes.

A Society obituary is not the place for critical comment - *de mortuis nil nisi bonum* should be the guiding principle

Photograph

You should obtain and submit a digital photograph of the deceased. A high resolution black-and-white or colour photograph is acceptable. Please use JPEG or TIFF formats.

Submission

After receiving approval and preparing the obituary, send it by email as a .doc file to the Society's Secretary General, who will arrange for its distribution, as appropriate, to the Editor of CGS News (in Geotechnical News), the Editor of CGS e-News, and/or the Chair of the CGS Heritage Committee.

For consistency, the Canadian Geotechnical Society reserves the right to edit the text of the obituary and crop the photographic image.

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J. Graham, Chair, CGS Heritage Committee, 7 March, 2010