



**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
**FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING**

**Memorial Tribute to  
Patrick J. Foley  
Professor Emeritus in the Department of  
Mechanical and Industrial Engineering**

**October 6, 2011**

**Moved by:** Professor Jean Zu

**Seconded by:** Professor Paul Milgram

Be it resolved that the Council of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering record with deep regret the death on May 14, 2011 of Patrick J. Foley.

Patrick J. Foley, Professor Emeritus, died peacefully at Toronto Grace Hospital on May 14, 2011 after a long, determined struggle with cancer and stroke. Born July 25, 1926 in Stirling, Scotland, son of Daniel Foley of Waterford City and Margaret Prendergast of Kells, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, Professor Foley was predeceased by brothers (Msgr) Donal and Colum Foley and beloved first grandchild Lauren Foley. He leaves a daughter and a son by his first wife, Mary Joan (Hendry) Barsvary, Caroline Stephens (Peter) and David Foley; sons by his second wife Joan (Mason) Foley, Brian and Colin Foley; and grandchildren, Julia, Patrick, Caitlin and Melinda. He will be missed by brothers John (Barbara), Brendan (Jenny), and Michael (Alice) Foley, sisters Sheila Tierney and Margaret Foley, all of the UK; and by dear friends Vera Mraz and Anna MacIver of Toronto.

Professor Foley spent many happy school holidays with family at his grandparents' farm in Kells. At 17, he interrupted his studies at Glasgow University to join the RAF as an aircrew cadet (having flown solo already with his University Air Squadron) but, finding the flying training program was being wound down, joined the British Army, serving as a captain in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in Europe and the Middle East, later completing an M.A. in Psychology. In 1954, Professor Foley brought his family to Canada and joined the Human Factors Group at Defence Research Medical Laboratories at Downsview, where he undertook basic research in vision and reaction time in addition to applied human factors projects for all three Canadian armed forces. In 1966, he joined the University of Toronto's Industrial Engineering Department, where he was the first to teach Human Factors Engineering. In 1989-90, he received the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering Teaching Award. Popular with students, Professor Foley was celebrated for an annual lecture on Human Factors Engineering given to the whole first-year engineering class in Convocation Hall. He supervised many graduate and undergraduate theses. He was Chair of the Department of Industrial Engineering in 1980-85; the second President of the Human Factors Association of Canada in 1972-73; a member of the RCAF Institute of Aviation Medicine; and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce.

An accomplished poet and always ready to entertain with a song, Professor Foley also loved sailboats. His last years were spent happily at Hazelton Place Retirement Residence with the companionship of new friends and excellent support from staff and caregivers.

Be it further resolved that a record of his service be inscribed in the minutes of this Council, and that a copy be sent to his family as an expression of the respect and gratitude of the members of Council.