

## **JAROSLAW HOLOWACZ (1928 – 1990)**

**Jaroslaw Holowacz** was born in the village of Ostriv (Ostrów) near the Polish town of Jarosław. After graduating from the village's primary school, he entered the Ukrainian gymnasium in German-occupied Jarosław (Staatgymnasium mit Ukrainischer Unterrichtsprache). His studies there were interrupted by the outbreak of the German-Soviet War in 1941.

From 1944 to 1950, Mr. Holowacz lived as a refugee in the German cities of Mannheim, Elwangen, and Stuttgart, where he completed his secondary education and trained as a builder. From October 1949 to July 1950, he worked for the International Refugee Organization in Stuttgart as an archivist and a bookkeeper.

In August 1950, Mr. Holowacz emigrated to Hamilton, Canada, where his older brother was already living. There he met and married Zenna Krutyholova (born in Rakovets, Ternopil oblast and displaced by WWII, arriving in Canada in 1949) and had two children together – a son, Ihor Borys, and a daughter, Tamara Anna.

Mr. Holowacz's first Canadian jobs were at a steel mill (1950–52) and at the Dominion Glass Company (1952–54), both in Hamilton. From 1954 to 1959 Mr. Holowacz studied at the University of Toronto and then transferred to the University of New Brunswick, where he specialized in forest management and economics. In 1959, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry (BScF) degree.

From 1959 to 1979, Mr. Holowacz worked for Ontario's Department of Lands and Forests (renamed to Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in 1972) as a Research Forester and Economist in Maple, Ontario. His employment was interrupted by a two-year educational leave of absence (1961-1963) at the University of Toronto. In 1980, he was seconded to the International Forestry Branch of The Canadian Forest Service in Hull, Quebec, and moved to Ottawa.

Mr. Holowacz constantly strove to deepen his knowledge and actively participated in forest-management workshops and conferences. He produced a number of articles on forestry, lumbering, and economics in the USSR, which were subjects of special interest to him.

Fluent in English, Ukrainian, Russian, Polish and German, in early 1990, Mr. Holowacz joined the Canadian Industry, Trade, and Technology Directorate as a special trade advisor on forestry-related trade with the European Eastern Bloc of countries. He also acted as an advisor to the Canada-USSR Science and Technology Committee and accompanied a number of official Canadian delegations to the USSR. His contribution to Canada-USSR forestry relations has been greatly acknowledged and acclaimed.

Jaroslaw Holowacz passed away suddenly in Ottawa on October 10, 1990, in his 62nd year and was laid to rest at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington, near Hamilton.