

# Marian Hull

(1924-2008)

Builder, developer, community planner



*A man of dedication and devotion to duty and accomplishment.  
Plaque at Copernicus Lodge*

Marian Hull was born in Poland of parents who emigrated to Canada in 1929, leaving him and his brother with their grandparents. He himself came to Canada at the age of nine during the Great Depression, and had to leave school after finishing grade seven to help support his family. His first job as a bicycle delivery boy earned him ten cents per hour. In 1941, he joined Canadian Navy, served on two British cruisers, *Nigeria* and *Jamaica*, and was discharged in 1945.

Marian Hull grew into an astute, enterprising businessman, developer and planner who knew how to make a profit. Purchasing and selling land, he held some shares or partnerships which brought him a fortune. In partnership with Tridel Corporation, he developed high quality condominium buildings in Toronto. One of his pet projects and his legacy is the Hullmark Centre at the prestigious corner of Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue.

A founding member of York Finch General Hospital, now Humber River Regional Hospital, Hull served as its director for thirty years. In 1968, he assisted a Director of Education in the acquisition of a building site for Seneca College. In 1975, he became one of the founders of Copernicus Lodge, a Polish non-profit long-term care and senior self-care facility. He chaired its Building Committee, served as Director and Chair of the Board, overseeing all phases of its construction with vision, leadership and superb attention to detail. Successful as builder and developer, enterprising as fundraiser, Hull donated over a million dollars to this life project of his.

In 2002, he was awarded Queen Elisabeth the Second Golden Jubilee Medal. Diagnosed with cancer in 2007, he lived his last year to the fullest, not giving up his fundraising activities as long as he could.

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