
IN MEMORIAM



Dirk Buth – Dirk passed away on November 17, 2013 at the age of 85. Dirk joined the OIA in February 1961 and remained a member for 51 years. Dirk combined his agriculture knowledge with his background in economics of food production to have a distinguished career with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. He also owned and operated his own farm. Dirk stayed busy during retirement as he focused on business consulting work for the food processing and manufacturing sector. In correspondence to the OIA a few years ago Dirk noted how much he would miss attending branch meetings though he would continue to be a retired member. As Dirk said, “The Branch meetings were a valuable means of keeping in touch with my profession”.



Rob Hill, P.Ag. – We are extremely saddened by the passing of Rob Hill. For the past two years Rob battled cancer courageously. Rob was a Territory Sales Manager with Bayer Crop Science. Since 1978 he worked in field sales, technical support and market development with Bayer and the companies that formed the current Bayer Crop Science.



Emmanuel Obinyan, A.Ag. – Emmanuel told OIA's Registrar that he wanted a new life in Canada for himself, his children and his wife who is a Chartered Accountant. He joined the OIA last August but returned to Nigeria early in the fall prior to embarking on his career aspirations here in Ontario. Prior to immigrating to Canada Emmanuel was the Managing Director/CEO of Thomas Wyatt of Nigeria, headquartered in Lagos. With degrees in soil science and agricultural economics he was very active and highly recognized in agri-marketing and agri-business. Emmanuel was returning to his hometown to attend a professionals' summit when he and others were stopped by armed men. Both Emmanuel and one other in his group were shot to death. A tragic and senseless end to a life dedicated to his family, his faith, community projects, and youth mentorship that improved the lives of so many.