

Lou Wise

A large part of Lou Wise's life has been devoted to various aspects of aviation, film and photography. 1939 to 1945 – RCAF, 3 1/2 years in ground crew; 2 years in aircrew as a pilot

1947 to 1961 – Avro Aircraft Film and Photography Department, the last ten years as department manager

1962 to 1984 – Toronto Board of Education Media Resources Department; the last eleven years as the department manager

1964 to 1975 – Earned a BA in English at York University and a Master's Degree in Educational Media at OISE (University of Toronto)

In the post-war years, Lou became a weekend pilot in order to keep on flying. In 1978, he became an aircraft owner for the first time.

Lou has a lovely wife, Lena, two children and three grandchildren

In 1984, Lou took an early retirement to do some other things including aerial Photography

His "*retirement career*" for the last 22 years has been aerial photography from his Piper Cherokee. The majority of Lou's aerial photography has been in the field of conservation and the environment. In 1996, he was recognized for his work in that field when he received the North York Environmental Award of Excellence from Mayor Mel Lastman at a ceremony in North York City Hall. Then in June of 1997, Lieutenant Governor Hilary Weston presented him with the Ontario Senior Achievement Award in a ceremony at Queen's Park. Both awards were a result of his environmental initiative in his low-level aerial photography across the Oak Ridges moraine to produce material for education, information and watershed planning.

Also in 1997, the book "Oak Ridges Moraine" was published by STORM (Save The Oak Ridges Moraine). It contains thirteen of Lou's aerial photographs.

In December 2001, he received the "2001 Watershed Award" from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority for his aerial photography of fourteen rivers in Durham Region, and all their tributaries during that year. Also in 2001, Canadian Geographic Magazine published an article titled "Watershed Down" about his aerial photography across the Oak Ridges Moraine. It was illustrated with twelve of his photographs.

In 2002, he received the "99's Canadian Award in Aviation", for his Environmental Aerial Photography.