

**YUILL, Robert Frederick Murray (Bob) [UNTD YORK '44] (1924 - 2006) Age: 82**

Bob Yuill crossed the bar on May 17, 2006, at Penetanguishene, ON, at the age of 82.

He was attested into the UNTD in October, 1944 and had at least the one UNTD summer in 1945. There is no record of any subsequent Naval Service.

Bob Yuill was a highly visible, if not controversial, City Councillor/Official in North York/Metro Toronto from 1964 to 1988.

There's no Obit available, but this wikipedia write up, provides a lot of information;  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert\\_Yuill](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Yuill)

The quasi obituary below, appeared in the Toronto Star and offers some further insight;

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Bob YUILL, 82: Frugal councillor had a fun side

By John GODDARD, Staff Reporter

Bob YUILL, long-time municipal councillor and sometime mischievous prankster, has died of heart failure at 82.

First elected in 1964, YUILL served on what was then the North York council and later on Metro council in an uninterrupted 24-year political career lasting until 1988.

Afterward, he served as chairman of the North York Parking Authority until retiring in 1993.

He died Wed., May 17, of heart failure at Georgian Manor in Penetanguishene. His funeral took place yesterday in Elmvale, near southern Georgian Bay.

"He loved politics, he loved the public," his youngest son Don said by phone on the weekend from Elmvale. "And he always considered that when you are the governor of the people's money you must be frugal with it, you must spend it wisely."

Tight money management was a theme throughout YUILL's career. At one Metro council budget debate, he donned a sailor's cap and said the municipality was spending tax dollars like drunken sailors. In his private life, he could be a prankster.

"When (former North York and later Toronto mayor) Mel LASTMAN bought his mansion on The Bridal Path, he threw a house-warming party," said Don YUILL, who served three terms on council after his father left politics.

"My dad brought over a live duck and threw it into the swimming pool. The thing crapped all over the place. They had to empty the pool out."

One 1984 Toronto Star photo shows Bob YUILL standing in the snow, bare-chested in a grass skirt with a pineapple in each hand, two days after Christmas, to promote a blood donor clinic.

"He was a wonderful, fun-loving man," former council office secretary Lynn

THOMPSON/THOMSON/TOMPSON/TOMSON said by phone yesterday from the funeral reception.

"You never knew what he was going to wear. He would dress up in costumes -- a crazy apron, a crazy hat, just something different to brighten the day."

Robert Frederick Murray YUILL was born in Toronto in 1924. He learned frugality growing up during the Depression, his son said. YUILL served in the reserve forces during World War 2 and put himself through the University of Toronto, graduating in 1948 with a commerce degree.

As a businessman, he became successful as the creator of a business forms company that he ran for 25 years.

He leaves wife Dorothy, children Glen, Debra and Don, and four grandchildren.

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On 24 June 1993, a Provincial politician at Queens Park, recorded the following snippet into Hansard;

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I remember once on Metropolitan Toronto council one of the members from North York, Mr Robert Yuill, at one time brought in cut-out money representing, I think it was, \$1 million and he stacked it on his desk. It was really quite astounding to see what \$1 million looked like. When you talk about interim supply and seeing that we're spending billions of dollars, you wonder if you broke it out into \$2 bills and spread it across the floor, it would go from one end to the next. When seeing the actual amount of money that one spends in this place, it really is somewhat astounding that we stand in our places in this place and debate expenditures in the billions and billions of dollars.

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Regards,

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