

B.W. “Barney” Flieger

In 50 years practising his profession, B.W. “Barney” Flieger carved out a unique and varied career. Forester, educator and administrator, he received the Canadian Institute of Forestry’s 1976 Canadian Forestry Achievement Award on year after he retired and one year after he died of a stroke.

The oldest of 13 children, Barney was born in Chatham, New Brunswick, in 1906. Excelling as a student, he won a Beaverbrook scholarship and graduated in forestry from the University of New Brunswick when he was but 20 years of age, in 1926.

He was probably best known for his founding and managing the government/industry-sponsored budworm control company in New Brunswick known as Forest Protection Ltd.

According to the Canadian Institute of Forestry’s 1976 citation, Byron Wentworth Flieger was an honest, intelligent and dedicated Canadian, forester and conservationist, whose significant impact on the forestry scene is most deserving of full recognition.

