



Dave Fuller

- Dave Fuller was born on July 26 1932 in Windsor Ontario.
- His family moved to Parry Sound in 1946 where Dave went to high school.
- Dave joined the army signal corps in 1950. After basic training he was posted to army headquarters in Ottawa.
- This is where he met his wife, Teresa, whom he married in Ottawa in 1956.
- Their first child, Mary, was born in 1957.
- Dave joined Frisby Tire on May 24, 1958 at their only store at the time, located at 290 Spark Street
- He learned the ropes from who he calls a "Master", Jim Frisby.
- Dave asked Jim one day how far he might expect to go in this company and Jim said, "Someday my boy you may make \$100.00 a week." That sounded pretty good to Dave.
- In December of 1959 Dave and Theresa had their second child, a son, Michael and in 1961 another daughter, Helen.
- That was when Jim Frisby told him that he was now the office manager.
- In 1967 they moved their branch and opened a second store and Dave became a store manager.
- In 1970 the Fuller's had another girl, Ann and Frisby Tire opened up store number three.
- Stores four and five would come in the next few years and somewhere along the way Dave was made General Manager.
- It was at this time that Jim Frisby told Dave that as General Manager he wanted him to become a Director of the Ontario Tire Dealers Association and to represent Frisby Tire Company to help the Association become the Voice for the Independent Tire Dealers of Ontario.
- When Dave's oldest child started school He joined the P.T.A and played an active role in what was taking place in their school.
- Eventually he became President of St. Nicholas School P.T.A and in that capacity attended School Board Meetings and City Council Meetings.
- Dave was able to get the two to co-operate by creating school grounds, public parks and provide the money for an outdoor skating rink in the school yard.
- When his son reached nine years of age, Dave started coaching hockey in the Nepean Minor Hockey Association.
- He coached hockey, baseball, softball and lacrosse in Nepean for the next fifteen years.
- Dave now has four children, five grandchildren and a fantastic great grandson named Damien.
- Dave was a Director of Crime Stoppers of Ottawa for about ten years and President for one year.
- One year he Chaired the Bail or Jail Committee and raised a significant amount of money and also got the Chrysler Dealers of Ottawa to donate a new van for our use.
- The Salvation Army and the Ontario Heart and Stroke were his favourite charities where he canvassed door to door for them for over ten years, but many other charities found him a willing volunteer when they called and he would also canvas for them..
- The work of the Ontario Tire Dealer Association was always closest to Dave's heart.
- Pay Equity studies, Tire Tax Issues and Employee Safety Issues stand out most strongly in Dave's mind.
- Dave had some influence in resolving those issues, among others.
- Dave was 1985 Ottawa Convention Chairman and 1997 Ottawa Convention and Trade Show Manager.
- As an OTDA Director Dave attended every board meeting and committee meeting from 1970 to 1997.
- Dave found pleasure in working with such luminaries of the industry as Bob Arthurs, Ron Waites, Paul Hyatt, Bob Foster, Owen Merkely, Bob Ross and Ken MacKenzie.
- Dave is an avid Ottawa supporter, signing his emails Sens Superfan
- Although Dave says he still misses the people involved and the issues he worked for, he revealed "My real favourite job is Santa's helper...every year till the end."



Ron Waites

- Ron Waites Grew up in Mimico, which is now part of Toronto.
- He married Audrey in Quebec City 1954
- They have two sons, Jim born in 1957 and Scott born in 1960.
- Jim is a Senior Account Manager for Pittsburgh Glass living in Pittsburgh and Scott is a professor at Seneca College.
- Ron and Audrey have five grandchildren.
- Ron purchased his first cottage in 1946 and has had his current one since 1989.
- Ron Started at Goodyear in 1946 in sales and statistics on Lakeshore Boulevard in Toronto.
- He went to Quebec City in 1952 as Manager of Merchandise Distribution & Production Control.
- Ron went back to Toronto in 1956 into the Retail Stores Division where he stayed until 1974.
- Ron was Assistant District Manager, Retail where he operated and supervised several stores.
- Ron got his 25 pin from Goodyear in 1971.
- An opportunity arose in Owen Sound in 1974, so off he went to McCarthur Tire as General Manager of the three location company.
- Ron became a member of the Masonic Lodge in Markam in 1960s.
- Ron is a Shriner and was President of the Owen Sound Ramoca Shrine Club in 1989.
- Ron received his 25 year pin from Masons two years ago.
- He and Fred Shadick joined the Shriners at the same time in 1980.
- Ron retired from McCarthur Tire in 1991 after seventeen years of service.
- He and Audry enjoy summers at their cottage and winters in Mississauga.
- They also organized garage sales and refinish furniture.
- In his spare time you will still see him at OTDA board meetings as Senior Consultant and helping out at the event registrations.
- Ron is a dedicated and respected resource for our Board of Directors.
- Oh yea...If you want to talk to Ron, just let your dues go into arrears.
- Ron Waites goes above and beyond the call of duty in supporting our industry with his ongoing efforts to keep the wheels rolling and with the endless giving of his personal time.
- Congratulations to Ron on your very worthy induction into the Ontario Tire Dealers Association Hall of Fame.

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