

## **JOHN (JACK) ROE HANNA**

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John (Jack) Roe Hanna attended Guelph Collegiate-Vocational Institute from 1950 – 1955. His favourite subject was math and he was involved in the Student Council and the Drama Club. Jack earned his Bachelor of Commerce at McMaster University and was awarded the Hurd Medal for his outstanding achievement in an Honours Accounting program. Later he acquired an M.B.A. and a Ph.D. at the University of Michigan.

Jack had a remarkable career as a university professor, researcher, administrator, consultant and chartered accountant. He taught at McMaster University, and was a visiting professor at the University of Nairobi (Kenya) and the Curtin University of Technology (Perth, Australia). He also worked at the University of Waterloo from 1980 until his retirement. Jack established the School of Accountancy at the University of Waterloo, where he was the founding director, first chair of accounting, and director of the Centre for Accounting Research and Education. He co-authored *Core Concepts of Accounting Information*, a textbook now used in a number of Canadian universities.

Jack has been honoured with many awards. These include the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario's Award of Outstanding Merit in 1996, and the Canadian Academic Accounting Association's L.S. Rosen Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to Canadian Accounting Education. In 1997 he was elected by the University of Waterloo Senate as Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

A person of many interests, Jack was an avid bird watcher and has seen over 3500 species. He also loved to travel and has been to over 100 countries. Jack is enthusiastic about baseball (he is a fan of the New York Yankees) and he ran a web site about his favourite singing group, The Ink Spots.

He and his wife, Cathy (née Craik), also a graduate of GCVI, had seven children. Jack and Cathy's humanitarian spirit prompted them to pay for the education of a family in Africa and to take foster children into their home.

Jack credits his successful career to his own hard work and the help of all the people whom he has met along the way, especially his wife. "I feel very fortunate to have worked with so many great people," he says. "Nobody can do it on his own."

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