



## BIOGRAPHY

# DON BENNETT

**Union of Canadian Transportation Employees  
National President - 1967-1968**

Don Bennett was the very first president of the Union of Canadian Transportation Employees. He began working in 1959 for Parks Canada on the Rideau Canal. He entered the Canadian Marine National Employees as a steward in 1965. At 62, he was the most experienced lockkeeper on the Canal site. He was passionate about his job. One aspect of the job he especially liked was to 'lock the boats', which is to say, he really enjoyed the manual work involved with the equipment. When he was locking boats, he was constantly in contact with the public, making his job very entertaining. Brother Don was president only for a transition period of one year 1967-68 as the UCTE was being established. He was appointed by the national executive and was replaced by Dave Rush.

