

LAUGHTON, Paul MacDonell [UNTD YORK '43 O-40774] (1923 - 2009) Age: 86



LAUGHTON, Professor Paul MacDonell (1923 - 2009) WWII Royal Canadian Volunteer Reserve, Professor Chemistry at Carleton University, RCAF Reserve, volunteer for many causes, Paul died peacefully at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital on the morning of September 26th. Predeceased by his beloved wife, Eleanor. Loving father of Mary Frances, David (Debbi Andrews), Brian (Muriel) and Keith (Linda Newton). Proud grandfather of Angela, Andrew, Donell, Amy, Alex (Lisa), Stephen, Jennifer and Sara. Many thanks to the staff at Stillwater Creek Retirement Residence and Retire-at-Home for their compassionate and loving care. Paul was immensely proud of his family. We shall miss his dedication to community, his stories, his passion for stamps, scouting and covered bridges, his vast knowledge and his amazing vocabulary in many languages. A Service in memory of a life well lived will be held at 5 p.m. October 17th at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 971 Woodroffe Ave., Ottawa; visitation at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to his church, St. Paul's Presbyterian, or to the Old Forge. A native Torontonion, Paul entered the U of T in 1941, joining the UNTD in October, 1943 and as with many, was probably a COTC transferee.

In 1945 he graduated with a BSc and was promoted to Temp SLT, RCNVR, on March 18th. He spent all or part of that summer at HMCS AVALON, the Shore Establishment in St John's (see attached photo). Entering Dalhousie in the Fall he left there in 1947 with a MSc. He moved to the University of Wisconsin earning a PhD in 1950. From there he was hired on at Carleton College in 1951 and retired there as Professor of Chemistry in 1985.

"He was a fair, but demanding professor, with legendary high standards for both his students and for himself. He was also a formidable, but helpful critic with his in-depth, pointed comments and questioning."

He was for a number of years on the City of Ottawa Seniors Advisory Committee. He died in Ottawa on September 26, 2009

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