

LINDSEY, Ralph George [UNTD YORK '43 O-42147] (1924 - 2012) Age: 88



LINDSEY, Ralph George, Lieutenant Commander (RCN retired) and Retired Physics Teacher from Crestwood Secondary School, Peterborough. Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Wednesday November 28, 2012, in his 89th year. Ralph was the beloved husband of Claudette (nee Bales) for 22 years, and predeceased by his wife Earla (nee Carr, 1928-1989). Loving father of Richard Miller (Anne), Janice Kendall (Bob), Cathy Lindsey-King, Sandra Durnez (Adam) and predeceased by Karen Hilliard and Scott Smith. Fondly remembered by Wanda Kufner (Peter). Cherished grandfather of Geoffrey, Christopher, Aimee, Richard, Jennifer, Owen, Mona, Victoria and Tyler, great grandfather of 8 great granddaughters. Ralph is survived by his brother Bill (June) and predeceased by his parents Ethel and Ned, and brothers Dick, Gord, Ted and Sam. Visitation will be at the Cambridge Street United Church, 61 Cambridge Street North, Lindsay on Saturday December 1 from 12:00 p.m. until time of Memorial Service in the Church at 1:00 p.m. Burial will take place at sea in the Spring of 2013. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Kidney Foundation or the Humane Society Kawartha Lakes would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay (705.328.2721) Online condolences may be made at www.mackeys.ca

We are only recently aware of his UNTD bona fides and so have logged him onto the UNTD Nominal List. A native Torontonian (Willowdale), he was attested into the UNTD in October, 1943 and by the summer of 1944 was on active service and would remain so, or on education leave, until at least the summer of 1957.

In July, 1945 he was a Temp SLT, serving in the Frigate HMCS SPRINGHILL K323. On Aug 18, 1945, he was married in Halifax, to his first wife Edith. His older brother Gord, a LT(N), was in attendance. Their plan was to return to Toronto at war's end but in Sep '47 he was an A/SLT(L) posted to STADACONA and in Sep '48 was promoted to LT(L). At some point he did return to Toronto, graduating from U of T with a BA in Mathematics & Physics, in the spring of 1949. He was back into active service and in July, 1953 was in HMCS QUEBEC and in STADACONA in July, 1955. He was promoted to LCDR(L) on June 1, 1956 and that summer was posted to HMCS SHELburne, which was being reactivated as a SOSUS Station.

Presumably it was shortly thereafter that he retired from the RCN and returned to Ontario to start his teaching career.

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