

McCONNELL, William James Clinton (Bill) [UNTD DISCOVERY '46] (1927 - 2013) Age: 85



William James McCONNELL May 31, 1927 - April 19, 2013 After a brief illness, Bill McConnell of Ladner, BC passed away leaving behind his beloved wife of 63 years, Vivian (nee Scanlon), daughter Christine Coletta (Steve Lornie), son Michael McConnell (Gail) and his adored granddaughter Alison Scholefield, as well as sisters, Shirley Shelley, and Mary McGowan and brother Herb McConnell. Bill was born in Calgary, Alberta to Gladys and Herbert McConnell, but was raised in the Dunbar area of Vancouver with his six brothers and sisters. He graduated from Lord Byng Secondary in 1945 along with a group of friends who still meet yearly. Bill admired the military and was in turn a member of the Boy Scouts of Canada, the Seaforth Highlander Cadets, and was a commissioned officer in the Royal

Canadian Naval Reserve. After graduating from UBC he became a Chemistry teacher, and later, a school administrator, devoting himself to the classroom and to curriculum committee work in Langley and Burnaby school districts, as well as for the Department of Education. Finally, after 30 years as an educator, he devoted himself to his life-long hobby of cabinet making by designing and building furniture for family members. His other hobbies included canoeing and camping. Bill and his family made many good friends in Burnaby, Dunbar, West Vancouver and Ladner. Bill's friendship was not given lightly, but once given, was treasured. He was a quiet, retiring man; a gentleman who will be missed by many. A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, May 4, 2pm to 4pm in the social room, 4743 River Road West, Ladner, BC. In lieu of flowers a donation to the Delta Hospital Foundation 5800 Mountain View Boulevard, Ladner would be appreciated.

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His passing may have been reported elsewhere, but through the good offices of Brooke Campbell and John MacFarlane, we are only now aware that he was a UNTD. He graduated UBC in the Spring of 1949 as was promoted to A/SLT at that time, seniority 6 Feb '49, O-48228, attached to DISCOVERY. He was promoted to A/LT on 6 Feb '51. He was at DISCOVERY at least to Jan '57, as a LT(N). He was on the RCN(R) Retired List by Jan '60

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