



## In Memoriam

HUTCHINS, Roger William (1925 - 2015) Age: 90

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### HUTCHINS, Roger William

Passed away in Toronto, August 14, 2015 of complications following surgery. Born March 15, 1925 in Montreal, Roger is survived by his wife Kathryn Minard and his children Deborah Baldwin (Sean), Lucy Sanford, Ross Hutchins (Sandra McIntosh), and Martha Hutchins; and his grandchildren Casey, Robert and Martha Baldwin and Olivia, Alexandra and Savanna Hutchins, and his cousins Sally Evans (née Wilson) and Louise Kirkland (née Marler). Roger was predeceased by his parents George Ross Hutchins and Dorothy Philips Hutchins, his first wife Audrey Patricia Orr, his sister Philippa Jane Tanton and

his brother George Ross Hutchins. Roger joined the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve in 1943 and served in the North Atlantic in corvettes and the North Sea in destroyers. He was commissioned Sub-Lieutenant in 1945. He remained on the reserve force active list and transferred to the Fleet Air Arm in 1950. Roger trained as a pilot at HMCS Shearwater and was appointed to VC920 Reserve Squadron in 1952 serving as Commander from 1960 to 1962 when Reserve Squadrons were disbanded. Graduating in Mathematics and Physics from McGill University in 1949, Roger operated Mount Royal Metal Company, the family business, on the death of his father in that same year. When the company was sold to the American Smelting and Refining Company, Roger worked with the subsidiary Federated Metals Canada Limited. In 1954, Roger joined the Hunting companies Field Aviation and Kenting Aviation where he worked as a test pilot and captained Arctic flying assignments. From 1960 he worked for Hunting Survey Corporation as staff physicist and head of the research and development group, which became Hunttec Ltd. With geophysicist Norm Paterson, he purchased the company in 1970 and served as president of Hunttec ('70) Limited. Under Roger's guidance, the company became a world leader in developing land electromagnetic and marine geophysical survey equipment. Its Hunttec Deep Tow Seismic system, used in ocean resource exploitation, revolutionized high resolution marine profiling and has been used for more than 250,000 km of sub-bottom profiling in Canadian waters. In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and Roger will be interred in the Mount Royal Cemetery in Montreal. Friends may call at Turner & Porter Yorke Chapel, 2357 Bloor St. W., at Windermere, east of Jane subway, on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service and Reception at HMCS York, 659 Lake Shore Blvd. W., Toronto, Ontario on Friday, August 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation to McGill University, St. Michael's Hospital Foundation, or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Published in Montreal Gazette on Aug. 22, 2015

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