



In Memoriam

BLACK, Robert George (Bob) (1925 - 2013) Age: 88

UNT D STAR(OAC) 1943 O-6808



Robert George Black: Naval Lieutenant - HMCS LANARK
Passed away peacefully on June 11th, 2013 at Oakville
Trafalgar Memorial Hospital in his 89th year. Bob has been
described as a brilliant man, loving husband and father and
someone who could tell a good and often long story. Loving
father of Stephen and Susan.

Older brother of Murray and best friend of Elda German.

Predeceased in 1991 by his loving wife, Betty (nee Watson) and in 1974 by his dear son, Jeffrey. Proud grandpa of Jeffrey (Ralphs) and Jeremy (Ralphs).

Bob was born in Toronto, Ontario on January 3rd, 1925 and after enlisting at the age of 17 became the youngest naval gunnery officer in the Royal Canadian Navy. He met Betty at Balmy Beach Canoe Club and they married in 1949. He studied microbiology at The Ontario Agricultural College (now Guelph University) graduating in 1948.

He joined Canadian Breweries Limited (later Carling O'Keefe Breweries) in June 1948 and in 1954 was appointed to Head Brewer at the Hamilton plant and later Head Brewer of the Toronto and Montreal plants rising to become Director of Brewing Services for Carling O'Keefe Breweries. In 1954, he earned the degree of "Diploma Member of the British Institute of Brewing", one of only three to do so outside of Britain at the time, achieving a perfect score on the exams. He retired on December 1st, 1989 and enjoyed many more years of golf with his friends at Burlington Golf and Country Club where he was a member since 1953.

He met the second love of his life, Elda German, in 1998 with whom he enjoyed many wonderful years of travel, especially to Myrtle Beach, and also get-togethers with members of his OAC 1948 graduating year. The family would like to thank the caring staff at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital for their compassionate care over the past 3 months. A Celebration of Bob's life will be held on June 20th at 7 PM at Credit Valley Golf and Country Club.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to either the War Amps Ontario or the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ontario in Bob's memory.

Bob was an almost mythical character within the UNT D Association, having completed what was believed to have been the longest summer training deployment of any cadet.

He came down from Guelph to HMCS STAR in April of 1943, to be assigned transport to HMCS Cornwallis for his first summer training. He returned in the fall of 1946, with the rank of LT(N), to return to his studies at what was to become the University of Guelph.

Bob was a Guest of Honour, together with CMDR JJ Bennett, OMM and The Hon. Bill Graham, at the Association's 65th anniversary dinner at HMCS Star in November 2008.

Bob was also a faithful member of the Burl-Oak Naval Veterans.