



In Memoriam

BRUYERE, Jean-Charles (Chuck) (1935 - 2007) Age: 72

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BRUYERE, Jean-Charles "Chuck" M.D. F.R.C.P. (C) With his loving wife Claire (nee Gregoire) holding his hand, Chuck passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, December 25th, 2007 at age 72. His children, Danielle (Andrew), Marc (Lynn), and his two buddies, grandsons Gregory and Peter, were also by his side. Son of the late Charles and Archange Bruyere. He also leaves with fond memories too numerous to list, loving sisters Michelle Carr (Robert), Francine Provencher (Robert) and brother Denis (Therese). Chuck dedicated his life to helping others. He served in the Canadian Armed Forces (Navy) until retirement in 1984 with the rank of Captain (N). He then practiced as an Internal Medicine consultant in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia

until he and Claire returned home to Ottawa in 1994 where he joined the Royal Ottawa Hospital and Great West Life Insurance. Chuck was a man with a passion for life, with all who came in contact with him better because of the experience. Always quick with a joke, he was also equally at ease comforting people at their time of greatest need. Friends wishing to celebrate Chuck's life are invited to join Claire and the family at the St. Laurent Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 1200 Ogilvie Road (at Aviation Parkway) on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be Celebrated at Ste-Genevieve Roman Catholic Church, 825 Canterbury Avenue on Saturday, December 29 at 11 a.m. Chuck and Claire were able to enjoy a further eight months of precious memories thanks to Dr Scott Laurie and the entire oncology team. Heartfelt thanks to the palliative home care support team of Drs Coulombe and Aldridge, also Anne Marie and Dominique of Bayshore Home Health. Donations in Memory of Chuck can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Royal Ottawa Hospital.

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"Chuck" started out as a UNTD at CARLETON. The Crowsnest featured him as a 1st-year Cadet, in their Mar '54 Issue (see snippet below), receiving his White Twists and a Certificate. This is a reminder that in that time-frame Cadets were probationary until into the New Year following their Fall enrollment. It looks like they were issued with the #5b Battledress uniform though, sometime prior to that and thus would have been parading up till then "Twistless".

He was Commissioned as an A/SLT in 1956. At some point along the way he applied for and was accepted into the University Medical Subsidization Plan, becoming a Surgeon-Cadet, RCN. After graduation and an Internship at the Ottawa General, he was posted to RCAF STATION (later CFS) HOLBERG, a Pinetree Line Radar Site on the north tip of Vancouver Island, and was there for a year. Then posted to NADEN and shortly afterwards, in early 1964, as a Surg-LT, he was posted as the M.O for the 4th Cdn Destroyer Squadron. You may recall that we had more than 1 Destroyer out there back then !

As the Obit states, he retired from the CF in 1984 as a Surg-CAPT and took up private practise back in Ottawa.



Three new cadets of Ottawa's University Naval Training Division note the proper way to "ship" the white twist denoting their newly-acquired rank of Cadet, Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve), as demonstrated by an older shipmate. Left to right are Cadets Francis P. Martin, St. Patrick's College; Jean-Charles Bruyere, Ottawa University, and John D. Coleman, Carleton College, who were given their certificates and rank insignia by Rear-Admiral Hugh F. Pullen, Chief of Naval Personnel. Their advisor is Cadet Maurice Laflamme, of Ottawa U., a fourth-year cadet who was second-in-command of the cadet company turned out on board HMCS Carleton, Ottawa naval division, for the ceremony. (O-6438)