



In Memoriam

BUSH, Huntley Henderson (Ley) (1925 - 2008) Age: 82

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Ley Bush, September 18, 1925 - June 14, 2008, B.A.Sc., P. Eng. Veteran WWII, Royal Canadian Navy- Passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital at the age of 82, surrounded by his 4 loving daughters; Leslie Bush-Harriss, Kimberley Gould, Kerry Cook, Lindsey Dragone. Survived by his wife Dorothy and his sons-in-law; Hal Gould, Mike Cook & Nick Dragone. Lovingly remembered by his 8 grandchildren; Daniel Harriss, Hallie & John Gould, Jordan & Barrett Cook, Frank, Dana & Cole Dragone. Also survived by his sisters Audley (George) Jackson, North Carolina; Beverley Murray, Toronto and Linda Bresnahan, Massachusetts, and their children. Born Verdun, Quebec 1925; served as Seaman for R.C.N. and R.N. and on H.M.C.S. Snowberry 1943-45. Member of P.E.O., A.P.P.E.G.A, I.E.E.E., U.N.T.D. (Upper Canada) and Zeta Delta of Sigma Nu. Ley grew up in Montreal, and maintained ties with friends, colleagues and family there after he left to enlist in the Royal Canadian Navy at the age of 17. His service in the navy on the H.M.C.S. Snowberry, and particularly its role during the preparation stages of D. Day, had a profound effect on his life and he continued his association with the Canadian Naval Association until death. As a veteran, he attended memorial services held in Canada, Normandy and recently at the 60th anniversary of the V.E. Day celebrations in the Netherlands. Upon his discharge from the service, Ley traveled to Toronto where he met and married Dorothy Mountjoy. He then enrolled at the University of Toronto and obtained his Electrical Engineering Degree. He was passionate about his chosen profession and only retired, reluctantly, in his seventies. His career allowed him to indulge another passion; travel, and he worked on many projects abroad, including Europe, Hong Kong and The Philippines. Ley and Dorothy had four daughters in quick succession, who subsequently married and provided him with sons-in-law, and eight grandchildren whom he adored. Poppa was devoted to his grandchildren and has left them all with very special memories of family ski trips, evenings at the horseraces, and amusing tales and anecdotes from his childhood. He will be thoroughly missed and his memory cherished. Ley passed from this life as he lived it: unfailingly civilized, considerate and dignified. Rest in Peace Dad. The family wishes to thank the staff at Hearthstone by the Lake for their kind care this last year. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Oakview Funeral Home, 56 Lakeshore Road W., Oakville (one block east of Kerr St.) 905-842-2252. Visitation, will be held at the Oakview Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church 318 Queen Mary Drive, Oakville, Ontario. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, The Hospital for Sick Children or as desired will be greatly appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.oakviewfuneral.ca

Ley was one of the large group of UNTDs who entered Universities across the country, with WWII service under their belts, most but not all having been Navy. In Ley's case he had 3 years service in Corvettes, notably SNOWBERRY K-166. SNOWBERRY was built and Commissioned for the RN at Lauzon, QC in 1940. Transferred to the RCN in 1941, she was returned to the RN in 1945 and scrapped in 1947. Battle Honours were: Atlantic 1941-44, Biscay 1943, English Channel 1945, Gulf of St. Lawrence 1944. SNOWBERRY had partial credit for at least 1 U-Boat.

In addition to what is in the Obit above, Ley entered the UNTD in the Fall of '46 and had at least one full year and summer through to the Fall of '47. I'm sure the summer training would have been anticlimactic in his case. He graduated UofT With a BSc (Eng) in the Spring of 1950.

He was a Charter Member of the UNTD Association of Upper Canada when it formed in 1988 and remained a member of the subsequent UNTDA of Canada at least through to 2002.

Below are 2 pictures of SNOWBERRY's Ship's Company.



HMCS SNOWBERRY - Ship's Company photo - Spring 1944 - Jetty 5 Halifax, NS - Ley is in that picture somewhere



HMCS SNOWBERRY - Ship's Company photo - February 1945, Portsmouth, UK - Ley is #17 - 3rd Row.

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