



In Memoriam

JOHNSON, Douglas Swinarton (1922 - 2014) Age: 91

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JOHNSON, Douglas S. Passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 1, 2014. Beloved husband of the late Helen. Much loved father of Kathy, Scott and Lindsay. A private service was held at Turner and Porter Yorke Chapel on Friday, January 3, 2014. Douglas Johnson passed away on January 1, 2014, in Toronto, at the age of 91. For some reason a formal obituary cannot be found, but the information below, from his law firm, is informative;

Doug Johnson passed away peacefully on January 1, 2014. Dennison Associates and MacBeth & Johnson wish to recognize his accomplishments and his professional excellence in all the years he was active in our firm and to recognize the impact he had on the lives of his family, colleagues and friends.

Doug Johnson was from a generation that grew up in the depression, went to war for their country, started families, and became educated professionals through hard work and persistence. Doug's legacy is represented by his full life. He was loved, admired and respected by all those who knew him.

Doug received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics from the University of Toronto in 1944 and qualified as a Professional Engineer in Ontario in 1946. He received advanced education and training in radar from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1943. During the Second World War, he served on active duty with the Royal Canadian Navy in the Radar Branch achieving the rank of Lieutenant.

Doug studied law at Osgoode Hall and read law with Dr. Harold G. Fox, Q.C., then Canada's leading intellectual property lawyer. Doug was admitted to the Ontario Bar in 1954 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1967. Doug was registered as a patent attorney in Canada in 1948 and a patent agent in the United States in 1949. Doug's experience was extensive and varied in all aspects of intellectual property. He was counsel in many landmark cases including, for example, McPhar v. Sharpe, Hoffman-La Roche v. Frank W. Horner, Varta v. Globe Union, Horn Abbot v. Coulter Sales, RCA v. Hazeltine and Sperry v. John Deere. An area of particular interest to Doug was the law under the Patent Act and other legislation relating to pharmaceuticals.

Doug's dedication and accomplishments were many and varied. He was a consummate professional and a truly inspirational gentleman. Dennison Associates and MacBeth & Johnson celebrate the man he was, and we look to the future with Doug as our inspiration.

A native of Toronto, he was at U of T at least by the Fall of 1941. He was attested into the UNTD in October, 1943. Graduating in the Spring of 1944, he was a Temp SLT(L)(R) as of May 1, 1944. The (R) suffix denotes Radar. By May 1, 1945 he was a Temp LT(L)(R) attached to HQ. In his write-up, mention is made of his being at MIT in 1943. There's no detail to be found but similar stories emerged from wartime UBC for instance, where UNTDs were sent to California to work with the USN on Radar.

EI LT(R) Douglas Swinarton Johnson, QC, PEng. RCNVR (ret'd) 91 in Toronto 01/01/14. Jn'd. UNTD at York 10/43, thence Temp EI SLt(R) 05/44 and EI Lt(R) 05/45. Srv'd. Stadacona, NSHQ and Naden. Rls'd. in '46.