



### DALTON

Edward Victor passed away on Friday July 20th at the Thunder Bay Region Health Sciences Centre in his seventy-seventh year surrounded by his loving family, following a long courageous battle against many illnesses.

Ed was born on November 19, 1930 in London England to Reginald and Evelyn Dalton. At an early age Ed was orphaned and separated from his sisters. Ed's youth was spent running from orphanages and foster homes in war-torn London. At the age of sixteen Ed's aunt Evelyn Hemmens of Fort Frances Ontario located Ed and sponsored his immigration to Canada. Shortly after arriving in Canada Ed enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy at HMCS Griffon in Port Arthur in 1944 as an Ordinary Seaman. Still a teenager, home on leave in Fort Frances Ed met Betty-Ann Schulz of International Falls Minnesota at a dance at Pithers Point Park. This was the start of a relationship that blossomed into 56 years of marriage and six children.

Early in his naval career Ed saw combat action fighting for his country in the Korean War during 2 tours of duty as a sonarman aboard the H.M.C.S. Athabaskan. Ed and his growing family lived the life of a navy family with many moves throughout the years. Ed touched many lives along the way in Victoria B.C., Shelburne Nova Scotia, Ottawa Ontario and Thunder Bay. Ed rose through the ranks to Chief Petty Officer and was commissioned as an officer in 1967. He retired from the regular forces as a Lieutenant (Navy) October 24, 1974. Ed joined the Naval Reserve the same date and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. In January 1980 Ed reached the rank of Commander and assumed command of naval reserve unit HMCS Griffon. Upon retirement from the regular navy in 1974, Ed went back to University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lakehead University in the Class of 1975. Ed then embarked on his second career as a probation and parole officer and retired from the Ministry of Correctional Services as area manager March 31, 1990.

In the early 1970s, Ed, with the help of family and friends, built the family camp at Rudge Lake. Ed cherished his time at camp surrounded by the kids and grandchildren.

Ed never did lose his love of travel and even as recently as March enjoyed a pleasant two weeks in the Bahamas.

Ed was a long time member of the chiefs and petty officers mess HMCS Naden, the Royal Canadian Naval Association and The Naval Officers Association of Canada. Ed also had the honour of being the Aide de Camp for Governor General the Right Honourable Edward Schreyer during his visit to Thunder Bay. C.N.A. Ottawa member.

In Ed's quest to reunite with his sisters, he developed a passion for genealogy. One of Ed's great lifetime goals was realized when he reunited with his sisters after more than 30 years of separation.

Ed is survived by his loving wife Betty, sister Marjorie Townson, sons, Michael (Mary), Kevin (Nancy), David, Bob (Laure), and Daughters Karen Taylor (Bill), Kathy Kerr (Rob). Ed leaves 11 grandchildren and one great grand child.

Ed was predeceased by his Father Reginald Mansfield Dalton in 1936, mother Evelyn Gertrude Dalton in 1943, and sister, Marion Constance Dalton 1986.

Funeral Services for the late Mr. Edward Dalton will be held on Wednesday July 25th, 2007 at 11:00 AM in the Harbourview Funeral Centre, 499 Cumberland St. N. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday July 24th, 2007 from 8:00 PM until 8:00 PM also in the Harbourview Funeral Centre.