

Robert James McAra

Former naval diver

Robert James McAra, died Wednesday at GNGH. He was 78.

Born in Toronto, he had lived in Niagara Falls most of this life. He had been in the Royal Canadian Navy where he was trained as a diver and continued diving with Ontario Hydro for a few years after the Navy. He was employed with the Welland Chemical Plant for 27 years as a millwright until retiring.

He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 479, The Royal Canadian Naval Association, the Niagara Field and Stream Club and the 25 Year Club of the Welland Chemical Plant.

Mr. McAra is survived by his wife Margaret; six sons, Robert, Patrick, Edward, Michael, Christopher, and Paul; two daughters, Roseann Stewart, and Katherine; four sisters, Rita Climenhage, Lorraine Lomas, Muriel Laurie and Norma Zanus. Also surviving are many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at the Morse and Son Chapel of the Morgan Funeral Homes on Friday at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.