

**CAVERS, John Kennedy [UNTD DISCOVERY '47 U-13900] (1928 - 2013) Age: 85**



CAVERS, John Kennedy January 13th 1928 – September 2nd, 2013

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of John Kennedy Cavers, beloved husband, father and grandfather. John died on September 2nd, 2013 in Surrey, British Columbia. John has a family that loves him very much. He leaves behind his much loved wife Vivian, of 61 years, his two daughters, Susan and Linda, and his grandchild, Sarah. He also leaves behind two sisters, Madeleine and Vi and their husbands, Harold and Maurice. John has several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Jean and her husband Jim and their son Jimmy. We will always remember the wonderful times we had on the "Three Sisters Tour" in the 1960's. John took his three sisters, his wife and his children all through Europe; what a grand time we had! John was an accomplished entrepreneur, inventor, and businessman. John graduated in 1951 from UBC in Mechanical Engineering. He was selected by General Electric for the Graduate Training Program. He worked as a sales engineer for General Electric, British Electric Company, and Douglas Power before joining Pioneer Electric. He helped to move Pioneer Electric from number seventeen to number three in Canada. He was chosen to represent CP Clare of Chicago in relay manufacturing in England and in Belgium with sales offices in common market countries. He started Controls Research Corporation in California in electronic keyboard manufacturing. He helped establish Keytronic Corporation in the manufacture of electronic keyboards in Spokane when no funding in Vancouver was available. Keytronic became the world's largest electronic keyboard manufacturer. He founded Comptec and this became the world's largest independent company for the manufacture of two-shot molded keytops for computer peripherals. Comptec was a leading company in the manufacture of telecommunication componentry with two North American plants, European licenses, and was possessed of unique Canadian development technologies. In addition to these accomplishments, John was an excellent photographer and a world traveller. He had a wonderful sense of humor, a keen intelligence, and a kind heart. His presence will be deeply missed by all those who loved him. A celebration of life will be given on September 29, 2013 at the Bishop's Green Clubhouse from 1 to 4pm. The address is 2533 152nd Street, Surrey, B.C.

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With some recent information from Brooke Campbell we were able to look into the background of John Cavers, only to discover that he'd crossed the bar on September 2, 2013, in Surrey, BC at the age of 85. No mention of his Naval background but he had 3 UNTD summers; '48, '49, '50 and was promoted SLT(E) Seniority 6 Feb '51, O-12871, attached to DISCOVERY.

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