

CHALMERS, John David (Dave) [UNTD MALAHAT (RR) '49] (1930 - 2016) Age: 85



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This world lost a kind, loving and sweet man on April 16. After a full and happy life, surrounded by family, Dave finally said goodbye in his 86th year. Teacher, father, engineer, student, scout leader, naval officer, husband, grandfather. Born at home in Timmins, Ontario in 1930 in a company house to Robert and Christine Chalmers. Dave grew up in northern Ontario learning to ski, study, and participating in Sea Cadets. Dave went on to an outstanding academic career graduating from Royal Roads (1951), Royal Military College (1953), and University of Toronto in Electrical Engineering (1954). Later Dave graduated in 1972 in one of the first classes of the executive MBA program at Simon Fraser University. Dave met Elizabeth in Victoria at age 19 and they married in 1954, then raised three sons. The two were married for 62 years. He is survived by his three sons, five grandchildren, his sister Christine, and two daughters-in-law, all of whom he was immensely proud of and loved dearly. He enjoyed his work as an engineer and manager in both the oil distribution industry and B.C.s forest industry working with MacMillan Bloedel on the coast for 25 years. Dave was a volunteer with Scouts Canada as a troop leader and later district committee member for almost 40 years. Dave had many lifelong friends from his service in the Canadian Service Colleges, Naval Reserve (1954-1959), and his work in the forest industry. Deeply humbled by his good fortune in life, Dave says goodbye. "It's been wonderful".

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Dave had 3 UNTD summers; '50, '51, '52. The first 2 while at RR, the last one while at RMC.

There are some missing pieces in the record, including his RR/RMC Cadet Number, and his promotion to SLT, but he was promoted to LT RCN(R), sen. 1 May '54, O-13002, attached to STAR. By 1960 he was on the Ret'd List attached to YORK. Those MALAHAT (RR) who started in 1949, were not issued U-numbers, those from 1950 on, were issued U-numbers.

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