

DERYNCK, Henry Michael [UNTD PREVOST '46 O-19225] (1926 - 2008) Age: 82

"DERYNCK, Henry 2008-06-02 The Derynck, Taylor and Balcombe families sadly announce the sudden passing of their dear father, Henry Michael Derynck, aged 82, who went to be with his Lord and Saviour on May 29th, 2008. Henry is fondly remembered as a teacher and head of mathematics at Westgate C.V.I. He was also active in the Canadian Navy where he taught navigation and attained the rank of Lieutenant-Commander. Henry had a strong work ethic and was a dedicated Christian. He was a calm, patient man with a unique sense of humour. Henry is predeceased by his wife Lois, parents Camiel and Sidonie and brothers Achiel and Maurice. He is survived by his sister Simone Bird (Harvey), sons David (Susanne) and John (Carol-anne), daughters Kathleen (Peter) and Margaret (Robert) and eight grandchildren. A memorial service for Henry will take place on Friday, June 6th, at 11:00am at Lakehead Baptist Church with Pastor David Kimball officiating. Donations to Dorion Bible Camp or a charity of your choice would be appreciated."

He graduated from UWO in the Spring of 1950 (Honours Math & Physics). Prior to Graduation, he was promoted to A/SLT(L) RCN(R) seniority 6 Feb '49.

He was appointed as an Ordinary Seaman (Officer Candidate UNTD) RCN(R) 1946. He was appointed as a Naval Cadet (Officer Candidate UNTD) RCN(R). In 1946 he served in HMCS Prevost for UNTD. He was appointed as an Instructor Sub-Lieutenant RCN(R) (With seniority dated 16/10/1950). He was appointed as an Instructor Lieutenant RCN(R) (With seniority dated 16/04/1952). Promoted to LCDR RCNR seniority 16 Apr '60, attached to GRIFFON.

The timing of his Naval service was such that he was never an Officer Cadet, was not issued a U-number and never wore the White Twists. He would have entered on the lower deck, in square rig and been issued a 4-digit R-number. UNTDs first appeared as "Junior Officers" in the 1949 Canadian Navy List. This change in status, due to the efforts of CDR Herbie Little, ensured the survival of the program, which at that point was on the verge of faltering.

He married Lois Margaret Weeks on August 15, 1953 in Vancouver BC.

He was born in Wheatley, ON, a small town on Lake Erie. Named for an early settler, the town has a fine harbour and is home to a highly successful shipbuilding operation; Hike Metal. They have built amongst others, the Maid Of The Mist and the Toronto Island Airport Ferry. With all of the current fuss and hand-wringing over our National Shipbuilding Program, which seems to be long on paperwork and short on hulls, here's an outfit that gets the job done. Worth a look-see;

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