

DOIRON, Dana Phillip



1945-2016. Age 70, passed away suddenly at home on March 8, 2016, from complications of diabetes and the flu. Dana was born in Ottawa, grew up in Montreal and spent most of his adult life in Nova Scotia. He is survived by his children: Aran, Sara, Samuel, Alexandra and Genevieve; and his sister Bonnie. Dana enjoyed a long and successful career as a public relations and advertising consultant, entrepreneur and most recently as the director of policy and communications for Elections Nova Scotia. A graduate of Loyola College and Sir George Williams (now Concordia) University, he spent his formative years with University Naval Training Division of the Royal Canadian Navy, where achieved the rank of lieutenant. He appreciated fine wines, good food and clever writing wherever it was found: be it literature, poetry, political cartoons or an exceptional ad campaign. A voracious reader, he also loved both the outdoors and playing cards. Rainy conditions for the former made the latter all the more important. He will be remembered as a devoted father, loyal friend and brilliant strategist. Sadly missed by his children, Nancy Watson and his many friends. A memorial celebration of his life will be held sometime this summer on his beloved South Shore.

Dana had 2 UNTD summers; '64 & '65 and was back at CORNWALLIS in '66 as an A-Slant on the UNTD Staff and Ass't Termie of Haida Div. During Expo '67 he was assigned to a number of Logistics duties for the many RCN and foreign warships who visited Montreal that summer. He ret'd as a LT RCNR.

A number of tribute messages were rec'd from those who knew him at DONNACONA; Tom and Art Kuiper, Ross Connell, Dave Tildesley and CMDRE and former COMNAVRES Bob Bagniet, who remarked that Dana was "A great shipmate ... A class act who will be missed." That sentiment was shared by all.

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