

KOZAK, Stephen [UNTD YORK '43] - (1924 - 2007) Age: 83



KOZAK, Stephen P.Eng. – Graduate of Electrical Engineering University of Toronto (1946). Born in Chapleau, Ontario on January 24, 1924 to Lena and Joseph Kozak. He died peacefully on Thursday November 15, 2007 at the St. Catharines General Hospital. Much loved husband and best friend of 22 years of Gisela (nee Kothe). Proud father of Gail (Joseph Sherman), Norfolk, Va., and Linda (Chuck Ballard), Atlanta, Ga. His grandchildren Meagan Sherman and Spencer Sherman; and John Ballard, Daniel Ballard and Jennifer Ann Ballard. Also left to mourn his first wife Joyce Kozak, mother of Gail and Linda and his sister Mae Kozak Stark and her family.

Stephen completed his last year at Chapleau High School working on a farm as part of the war effort. He entered U. of T. in 1942, graduating BSc. in Electrical Engineering in 1946. He spent one year with Bell, followed with post-graduate studies. In 1948 Stephen began work with Canada Wire and Cable Co. Ltd. where he became Chief Engineer Development of Manufacturing. From 1977 to 1985 he worked with EPRI (Electric Power Research Institute). Away from his work Stephen was a free spirit. Being one with nature, whether daring the steepest slopes on skis, canoeing in Algonquin Park or hiking the trails in Niagara-on-the-Lake, this is where he found his peace.

Funeral Services to celebrate his life will be held at St. Mark's Anglican Church, 41 Byron St, N.O.T.L at 2 p.m. on Wednesday November 21st. Interment will follow at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery. The family will then receive friends at a reception at the parish hall. Expressions of sympathy, in memory of Stephen may be made to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital through the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chapel of the Morgan Funeral Homes, 415 Regent Street.

There is very little information other than he was on the rolls of the UNTD at YORK/UofT during the academic year 1944/45. Although then starting his 3rd year, he would have been at best only a 2nd year UNTD. At that time he would have been attested into the RCNVR as a Stoker 2nd Class. There is no indication of any post-University Naval service.

This was at a time when all able-bodied students, male and female, were required to be enrolled in some program relating to the war effort. For males this took the form of the COTC, UNTD or UAS (forerunner of URTP). The COTC was the default program. Anyone failing to meet the higher standards of the UNTD/UAS, were required to enroll in the COTC. In the middle of that academic year at UofT, the RCAF shut down the UAS, but the requirement to serve still remained and so those cadets would have been dispersed into the COTC or UNTD.

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