

**MARTYN, Donald Murray [UNTD YORK '43] (1925 - 2014) Age: 88**



Dr Donald Martyn crossed the bar earlier this year, April 12, 2014, at Sunnybrook in Toronto, at the age of 88.

DONALD MURRAY MARTYN At Sunnybrook Health Veterans Residence on April 12, 2014. A proud descendant of the 1852 Lewis Settlement, Bruce County, Veteran of [WWII](#), navigator's yeoman HMCS Kootenay in the North Atlantic. Graduated from the University of Toronto in Medicine, Class of 1952. A trusted and much loved doctor at St. Michael's Hospital for many years until his retirement in 2002. Associate professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at U of T. Predeceased by parents Harry Lashley Martyn and Jessie Dunbar (Mercer), brother Dr. John Walter Martyn and sister Jessie Grace Martyn. Dear father of Mary Lynn (John) Beveridge and Elizabeth Ann (Edward) Simmons. Fondly remembered by grandchildren David and Jamie Beveridge and Andrew, Ian and Emily Simmons. Visitation on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the R.S. Kane Funeral Home (6150 Yonge Street, at Goulding, south of Steeles). A Memorial Service will follow at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Veteran's Program at Sunnybrook Hospital or St. Michael's Hospital Foundation or The Salvation Army. Condolences [www.rskane.ca](http://www.rskane.ca)  
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He joined the UNTD at YORK in October, 1943 and soon thereafter went on active service until war's end, HMCS KOOTENAY (1st of 2) H75 (ex-HMS DECOY) was gifted to the RCN in the Spring of 1943. From Oct to Dec 1943, H75 was in refit in Halifax and it may be then that Martyn joined her. H75 was present at Normandy on D-Day and subsequently received part-credit for the sinking of 3 U-boats in 1944. By 1947 Donald Martyn was well ensconced back at U of T and graduated in Medicine in 1952 and was an Ob/Gyn specialist by 1957.

His ancestors settled near and later in, the town of Ripley, Bruce County, ON, which was founded in 1852 by 109 impoverished Scottish families who had been evicted during the Highland Clearances from their crofts on Lewis Island in the Outer Hebrides. Immigrating as a group, they settled in the surrounding countryside and in the village. The immigrants from Lewis left their permanent mark on Ripley. His father, born in Ripley, was in the RN during WWI, right up to 1918, which might well have influenced Donald's entry into the UNTD.

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