

UNDERHILL, John Gerald George (Gerry) [UNTD DISCOVERY '50 U-75697] (1933 - 2014) Age: 81

John Gerald George "Gerry" Underhill CD, B.Comm, C.A. (October 30, 1933 - December 19, 2014)
Gerry died peacefully, with family by his side, comforted by his lifelong faith, and having led a full and rewarding life. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, and will be remembered for his humility, generosity, loyalty, his gentle nature and his frequent, spontaneous, heartfelt laugh.

He was a devoted husband to Wendy, his loving wife of 53 years, and a wonderful father and role model to their children, John (Sandra Williams), Halifax and Jennifer Lucas (Art Webster) and Paul (Sandra Pol), Victoria. Gerry had a particularly powerful connection to his grandchildren, Kyla, Katy, Adam, Jack and Alannah, avidly following all their activities and celebrating their accomplishments. He also leaves behind his younger brother, Chuck (Lee).

Gerry gave generously of his time to many volunteer causes, including over forty years as a champion of Cystic Fibrosis Canada, and his incredible contributions were recognized by several awards, most notably the Breath of Life Award, CF Canada's highest distinction.

Gerry was also proud of his lengthy service in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, which began in 1950 as a Naval Cadet at HMCS Discovery in Vancouver, and took him across Canada and around the world, both at sea and ashore. Retiring from HMCS Malahat in Victoria as a Lieutenant-Commander, Gerry continued his service until 1998 with the Navy League of Canada, and with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, as an officer in RCSCC Admiral Budge and HMCS Quadra.

Gerry was thankful to staff at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, who made his last days comfortable, and to Russ Lucas, whose presence when he died was especially comforting. In lieu of flowers, donations to Cystic Fibrosis Canada would be appreciated. A celebration of Gerry's life will follow in late January.

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Gerry had 3 UNTD summers; '51, '52, '53, all out West. He was promoted to A/SLT(S) RCN(R) with Seniority to May 1 '53, O-74686. He was promoted to LCDR 1 May '63.

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