

3471 John Harwood 1932-2018



John Harwood, Commodore, Royal Canadian Navy (Retired) – 85, of Canning, NS passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 in the Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years Avril Harwood (Caton); children Janet Methot of Oakville, ON; David Harwood of Chatham-Kent, ON; Jennifer Harrison of Toronto, ON. He was father-in-law to Paul Methot, Lisa Harwood, and Mark Harrison.

He was the adored grandfather of Katie Methot, Michelle Methot, Tom Harwood, Caroline Harwood and Rachel Harrison.

Born on August 9, 1932 in Chatham, Kent, England, John was the son of the late Arthur and Winifred "Win" Harwood, and brother to Mary Suddon (of Toronto, ON). John immigrated to Nova Scotia as a seven-year-old boy. Even as the family moved inland to Ontario, John was drawn to the sea and as a young man pursued a career in the Royal Canadian Navy. He would serve from 1951 to 1987. He commanded HMCS Qu'Appelle, HMCS Saskatchewan, HMCS Saguenay, and HMCS Algonquin. As Captain (N), he served as Commander Fifth Canadian Squadron. He was promoted to Commodore in 1983, and would serve as Commander Canadian Fleet and MARCOM HQ as Chief of Staff (Operations) before his retirement in 1987.

In retirement, John turned to apple growing in the Annapolis Valley; cider making; model engineering at the Trecothic Creek & Windsor Railway; and worked as a board member and president of the Blomidon Naturalists Society.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018 in the White Family Funeral Home Kentville. The funeral service and reception will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2018, in the Pereaux Baptist Church, Reverend Mike Veenema officiating. Private burial at a later date. Family flowers only by request. Donations in memory of John Harwood may be made to the CNIB. The Harwood family would like to extend grateful thanks for the exceptional care of the doctors and nurses at Valley Regional Hospital.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to White Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services Kentville. Online inquiries and condolences may be directed to www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com.