

WILKINS, Bradley Laurence
"Larry" (Cmdre. RCN Ret'd)



The family of Larry, born in Toronto in 1927, announces his sudden death Sunday, April 1, 2018. Larry leaves behind his wife of almost 69 years, Jane (Tower); his daughters, Pat (Larry Nicholls), and Cathi (Steve Shanahan); four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; brother, Jon and sister, Desmay Smith. Larry graduated from Royal Roads Naval College '46; University of Toronto Engineering Physics '49; University of Western Ontario MBA '65 and National Defence College '75. On return from tour in Korea, Larry spent two years at the Canadian Foreign NDHQ in London, England ('53-'54). He served on the HMCS Huron, Nootka, Restigouche, as well as the Dockyards in Esquimalt and Halifax and National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. He retired from the Navy in 1982. Following his retirement from the Navy, Larry worked as the Director of Engineering for Irving Ship Building and Davis Ship Building. He retired to Chester in 1990. In retirement Larry was involved in photo and naturalist clubs and volunteered at the Chester Playhouse and for the Conservative Party. He had time for his grandchildren, sailing and golf. Larry and Jane traveled to Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, South America, the Middle East and Russia. Larry was a strong leader, full of integrity and had a quick wit. "A wonderful life!" Funeral service was held Friday, April 6th at 2 p.m., in St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Chester.