



## RNCSE124 Ernest Sheppard BAKER

Commodore, Royal Canadian Navy (Retired)

Passed away peacefully in Halifax, NS on September 14, 2011 at the age of 88 years. He was born in Essex, Ontario in 1923. Survived by daughter Julie Gregg and her husband James, grandsons Rodger and Philip Gregg of Halifax, NS and son David Baker and Terry Stanislow of Stewiacke, NS. Predeceased by his loving wife Bena Henderson Mawson (Minkie Ford) Baker. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J.

Baker of St. Catharines, ON. Predeceased by sister Betty Baker in 1963. Former Base Commander CFB Halifax, NS and Commodore, HMC Dockyard Halifax, (1970 through 1973). At the request of the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia served as the Founding Chairman of the Regional Social Planning Council for Halifax, Dartmouth and Halifax County from 1971-1973. He was a graduate of St. Catharine's Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, England, Royal Naval Engineering College (Keyham), Plymouth, England, Retired Fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineers, UK, Retired Member of the Canadian Institute of Marine Engineers, USN Shipyard Management Course, Bureau of Ships and Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, and Banff School of Advanced Management. Served at sea in HMS HARDY - 1943 (Awarded Murmansk Convoy Medal by USSR), in HMS Ariadne, HMS Finisterre and HMS Belfast - 1945/46, all on Royal Navy's China Station, in HMCS Ontario - 1948 (Victoria BC), in HMCS Crusader - 1953, (Korean War) and in HMCS Cape Scott - 1960 (Halifax, NS). Served on staff of Royal Roads Military College - 1949 (Victoria, BC) and at Saclant Headquarters- Nato (Norfolk, VA), 1954. By direction of the deceased, there will be no visitation or Funeral. Cremation has taken place under the direction of J.A. Snow Funeral Home, 339 Lacewood Dr., Halifax, NS B3S 0E1, (902) 455-0531. A family memorial service will be held at a later date. Flowers and donations gratefully declined. The family extends thanks to the staff on V4 East, Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial, for their care and support. Thanks are also extended to the staff at Melville Heights retirement residence.

Do not stand at my grave and weep;  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn's rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there. I did not die.