

Hon. LCol (Ret'd) Lorne Williams, MMM, CD

Hon. LCol (Ret'd) Lorne Williams, MMM. CD passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 8th at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. Lorne was 98 years old.

Lorne was a proud Forester! There is NO doubt about it...I've seen it first hand, and have felt it through his words whenever he would talk about his time with the Grey & Simcoe Foresters, he loved his Regiment!

I have been fortunate enough to spend many hours with him over the last few years hearing stories about the Regiment from its time as an Anti-Tank Regiment in the Royal Canadian Artillery, to the days of Sherman's when we were Armoured, to the transition back to Infantry...he was the living history of the G&SF!

Many have described Lorne's life with the Regiments motto of being Tenacious & Versatile...which is fitting...

I will borrow from the pages of Leslie Frosts book "Fighting Men" where he mentions the motto of the 35th Batt. Simcoe Foresters,

"Spectemur Agendo"

(By Our Deeds, Let Us Be Known)

Rest in peace, Sir!

Pte. Lorne Williams
Royal Regiment of Canada

- Born November 25, 1927 in North Bay, Ontario
- Enlisted as a "boy soldier" at age 17 with the Royal Canadian Infantry in 1944
- Enlisted with the Royal Regiment of Canada in 1945 at Toronto
- Remained in Canada and trained for the Pacific (Japanese) Campaign in 1945
- Joined the Cdn. Army Militia (Barrie) Grey and Simcoe Foresters on Sept. 27, 1949
- Promoted to Chief Warrant Officer & Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) in 1973
- Remained with the G&SF Reserves until 1979
- Appointed Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the G&SF in 2002
- Curator of the G&SF Regimental Museum from 2007 – 2015;







