



Raymond (Bud) Stanley Arbour

RCAF WWII Veteran

August 31, 1920 – June 5, 2020

Passed away peacefully at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in his 100th year.

Fondly remembered by his wife, Monnie, daughter Diane Cartledge (John), granddaughters Emily Cartledge (Martin) and Laura Curtis (Chris), great-granddaughter Mavis Curtis, stepdaughter Marie Calford (Dave), stepsons Ted, Tim (Kay) and Wayne (Deb) Tivendale, and numerous nieces and nephews. Bud was predeceased by his first wife of 43 years, Eileen Dora Arbour (nee Wood), his son Gary Michael Arbour, his parents Merrille and Georgina Arbour, and as the youngest of 11, by his siblings. Monnie and Bud were married in 2002 and lived at 42 Osprey Ridge Road, Barrie, L4M 6P2 until Bud went into Woods Park to live about 6 months ago. While there, he fell and broke his pelvis and cracked his shoulder, after which he went downhill quickly.

Bud was born in Waubaushene and lived an extraordinary life. He served as a pilot during the Second World War as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, stationed in Yorkshire, England. As a Wellington pilot, his 60 missions were flown as a Warrant Officer, but shortly before leaving England he was commissioned as a Flying Officer. He had one close call with death when his Wellington aircraft was shot up during a bombing mission and was limping back to England. He told the crew to prepare to bail out just when he saw the white cliffs of Dover. He told them that he was going to try and make it over the cliffs and land the aircraft, which he just managed to do. They all lived to fly more missions. During his time in England, he met and married Eileen from Gilling, England.

Returning to Canada in 1944, they eventually settled in Barrie. As an employee with the Federal Government for 35 years, Bud worked as an Accredited Appraiser. As a part-time mature student, he obtained his Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from York University in 1975. Bud was an active member of the Knights of Columbus since 1949 and became a Grand Knight and a proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He was also a Reeve of Oro-Medonte Township in the 1950's.

Bud loved the outdoors and this passion developed into ownership of tree farms, including the establishment of Arbourwood Nursery in Shanty Bay. After planting and selling Christmas trees for over 40 years, Bud initiated the transformation of the nursery and surrounding land into Arbourwood Estates subdivision.

The family wishes to express thanks to Diana J. and Diane R., Bud's Personal Support Workers, who became a special part of his life. Thanks also to the staff at Woods Park Care Centre, Home Care Assistance, and Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre for their care and compassion. A private family service will be held. Due to current gathering restrictions, a Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Donations in Bud's memory may be made to Seminarian Priest education in care of St. Mary's Church in Barrie or to a charity of your choice. Online condolences and memories may be left at: <https://www.steckleygooderham.com/obituaries/Raymond-Arbour/>.