



## **Neil E. McKinnon (1924 – 2018)**

It is with deepest sadness and heartfelt sorrow that Neil's family would like to share the news of the passing of this much loved and respected Veteran on Thursday January 18, 2018.

Neil was a champion over many things. He faced adversity with inspiring dignity, quiet courage and was sustained by the love and devotion he shared for over 53 years with his beloved wife Marilyn.

He served his country overseas (ARMY) in England and Sicily, during WWII and upon returning he became a member of the Canadian Royal Legion for over 73 years.

Born and raised in Bracebridge, he found great joy in sports- playing baseball, hockey (goalie for the Bracebridge Bears), and curling. Upon moving to Barrie where he was a sales representative for Seagrams Co (25 years), he also became a member of many service clubs; A.C.T, Air Bourne and Barrie Veterans.

Neil was President of a Veteran's Club in Barrie where he, over the span of 36 years, spearheaded a number of initiatives where donations to charities impacted the lives of many in the community, including Royal Victoria Hospital.

He will be remembered for his sense of humor, his wide-ranging interest in life and people, and his gift of speaking from the heart.

He leaves behind his loving Sons, Neil, Steven, and Rory, Niece Brenda Ross, many Grandchildren, and two great Grandchildren. Brother in-law to Bert, Sharon, Neil and Chris.

A life well lived.

A man well loved and affectionately known as the "Gaffer" to all of those who knew him.

Friends may call at ADAMS FUNERAL HOME (445 St. Vincent Street, Barrie) on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 3-5 p.m. A Celebration of Life will follow shortly after at The Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 147 410 St. Vincent Street, Entrance off of Ferris Lane) Memorial Donations to the Salvation Army or Charity of Choice would be appreciated.

Forever in our hearts,  
his Family.