



Quarter Century Wireless

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Bob Boyd SK – July 18, 2014

BOYD, Robert Norman - P.Eng., B.A.Sc. (Hons. Mechanical, University of Toronto SPS 3T9), FEIC, FASME, FCSME, VE3SV. Bob was born in Toronto, on February 17, 1918 and passed away at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, Kingston, on July 18, 2014 in his 96th year. Beloved husband of Doreen Marjory (MacGibbon, nee Richardson) of Kingston. Predeceased by his first wife Millicent Margaret (nee Hawken), his father Norman, mother Ester Marjorie and sisters Eileen Marjorie Hartwick, Doris Jane Rowsell and Bernice Verna Boyd. Survived by nieces Jennifer Jane Latter and Christine Ann Mednis-Fox (Graham) of Mississauga and Donna Lynn Becker (Douglas), Collingwood, and nephew Dr. Peter Gregory Rowsell (Judy), Grosse Point Farms, Michigan and five grandchildren. Also survived by step children Duncan Alexander MacGibbon (Gerry), Toronto, Jocelyn Anne Ramage (David), Yorktown, New York and Pamela Jean MacGibbon (James Parris), Montreal. Bob had a long and successful career, highlighted by his time with C-I-L and DuPont of Canada. He operated amateur radio station VE3SV for over eighty years and was the proud recipient of the 80th Anniversary Award of the Quarter Century Wireless Association of Radio Amateurs of Canada. As author for over ten years of a monthly column on Emergency Communications in "The Canadian Amateur" he did much to develop and strengthen ARES, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. He served the Kingston community as Chairman of the Township Planning Board and the Committee of Adjustment. He was active in municipal emergency planning and, after retirement, served as emergency planning consultant to the City of Kingston. He wrote the Emergency Plan that guided the City's response to the 1998 ice storm. Professionally, he was a member of the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Professional Engineers Ontario, the Canadian Society for Senior Engineers, a former Councillor and Life Member of the Order des Ingenieurs du Quebec and a Life Member and a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada. Bob was a member of the Probus Club of Kingston, the Kingston Opera Guild, Queen's University Computer Club, Edith Rankin Memorial United Church and an Honourary Member of Cataraqui Golf & Country Club. He designed and built his summer cottage on Desert Lake north of Kingston and enjoyed cottage life there for over sixty years with family and friends. Visitation will be held at the **JAMES REID FUNERAL HOME** (1900 John Counter Boulevard) on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 from 2pm to 4pm and 7pm to 9pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel of James Reid Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 1:00pm. Interment to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's memory to the Salvation Army or charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.