



**Rufus Carl Bowering**  
**Royal Canadian Navy**  
**RCN**  
**World War II**

**Born:** 15 Aug 1914

**Died:** 27 Feb 2005

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Isaac and Sarah Fannie (nee Stevens) Bowering.

Rufus was the 3<sup>rd</sup> child born to the Isaac and Fannie Bowering of Bay Roberts.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows the Bowering family as living in Bay Roberts. Isaac was 50 years old and working as a carpenter, Fannie was 36 and a homemaker. Their children were: Frederick 11, Gordon 10, Rufus 7, Baxter 3, Helen, and Mary 1.

The next general census in 1935 lists Isaac at 65, still working as a carpenter, Fannie at 50 and children, Frederick 25, Gordon 24, Rufus 21, Helen 15, and Alvin 13.

**From the Bay Roberts Guardian - 26 June 1943**

Rufus Bowering, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bowering, left here last week for New Westminster, B.C., Canada.

The 1945 census enumeration has Isaac at age 72, Fannie at 60, Rufus 31 and Helen at 25.

Since World War II service personnel records are not currently available to the public, the only connection to Rufus serving in the military is found in the Bay Roberts Guardian newspaper clipping dated May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1947. This newspaper item specifically notes that Rufus was indeed a member of the Royal Canadian Navy from 1944 to 1946. He was a P.O. or Petty Officer and crewman as a shipwright.

**Bay Roberts Guardian - 23 April 1949**

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bowering received a pleasant surprise last night when their son, Rufus arrived home unexpectedly from New Westminster, B.C. Rufus served in the R.C.N. during the War and was stationed on the East coast. He proceeded to British Columbia after the end of hostilities and has been employed there in the ship-building industry.



Ex-P.O. Rufus Bowering, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bowering, Bay Roberts who served as Shipwright in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1944 to -46. He is now residing at Vancouver, B.C.

**Note:** A Shipwright is a skilled professional who is responsible for the construction, repair, and maintenance of ships, boats, and other water vessels.

**Evening Telegram - 22 January 1959**

Rufus Bowering, and Gordon Bowering with his wife and son David who came to spend Christmas with their elderly parents and remained for the anniversary left by T. C. A. Jan. 18 to return to their homes in Vancouver.

There is no record of Rufus having been married. He lived in British Columbia for a while and then returned home to Newfoundland as he died in a

Nursing home in St. John's in 2005. His full obituary is provided below.

**Rufus Carl Bowering Obituary**

*BOWERING, Rufus Carl- Passed peacefully away on Sunday, February 27, 2005, at the Hoyles Escasoni Complex, Rufus Bowering, age 90 years, of Vancouver, formerly of Bay Roberts. Predeceased by parents Issac and Fannie Bowering; brothers: Alvin, Gordon, and Fred. Leaving to mourn sister Helen; niece Phyllis; nephew David; and other relatives and friends. Resting at Barrett's Funeral Home, 328 Hamilton Ave., on Monday, February 28, 2005, from 2pm-4pm and from 7pm-9pm. Then resting at Moore's Funeral Home in Bay Roberts on Tuesday, March 1, 2005, from 2pm-4pm and from 7pm-9pm and on Wednesday, March 2, 2005, from 10am-12noon. Funeral Service to follow at the United Church in Coley's Point at 2pm. Interment to follow at United Cemetery, Coley's Point. As expressions of sympathy flowers are being gratefully declined, donations may be made in his memory to the Hoyles Escasoni Complex. Please visit [www.barretts.ca](http://www.barretts.ca) to sign the memorial guest book.*



Sarah Fannie Bowering

(Rufus' mother)