



William Leonard Thompson

Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland

Royal Navy

Service No. 220886

World War II

Born: 01 Jul 1922

Died: 11 Aug 2003

Place of Birth: Coley's Point, Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: George William and Victoria (nee Snow) Thompson

William was thirteen (13) when the 1935 Newfoundland general census was enumerated. According to the entries in that census log, the Thompson family was living at Coley's Point, Bay Roberts at the time. The family consisted of George (54), wife Victoria (47) and children Clayton (28),

Wallace (17), William (13), Harvey (11), Clarence (9), Murray (7) and Daisy (4).

At the next general census, all are ten years older, and William is found at home at age 23 and single. That would change the following year. In June 1946, he married Margaret Sim MacLeod. Hailing from Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Scotland, it was obvious that he had met her while in service in the Royal Navy during World War II.

William had enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland sometime in mid to late 1940 and upon arrival in England as part of the 11th Naval Contingent to ship overseas from Newfoundland, was subsequently transferred to service in the Royal Navy of Great Britain.

Prior to enlisting in the Royal Naval Reserve Newfoundland, William was a member of the NOFU or Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit (service No. 3163) The NOFU was based in Scotland at the time. It was at this time that he most likely met young Margaret of Scotland since when they married in 1946, she was just 19 years old.

Together, they would have a large family of nine (9) children, three (3) boys and six (6) girls. The couple moved to Ontario, and it was there they raised their family.

William passed away in August 2003 in Toronto, Ontario. He is buried at the Salvation Army Cemetery at Coley's Point, Bay Roberts. William obituary notice is reprinted below.

Margaret passed in 2015 in London, Ontario and is also buried in the Salvation Army Cemetery at Coley's Point.

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William Leonard -

Veteran of World War II, Royal Navy, and Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit, 50+ year member of the Bricklayers and Stonemasons Union in Toronto. Passed away peacefully at Toronto East General Hospital on **August 11, 2003**, in his 82nd year. Loving husband of Margaret for 57 years. Devoted father to Maureen (Bob), Shirley, Billy (Amanda), Roddy (Hannah), Robert (Deborah), Lorraine (Bob), Debbie, Darlene (John), and Sandra (Danny). Proud grandfather of 25 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He will be fondly remembered by his brothers Wallace (Barbara), Clarence (Lillian), and sister, Daisy (Garland), all in Newfoundland. A private family service took place followed by cremation. Burial at the Salvation Army cemetery in Coley's Point, Newfoundland on September 23.