



Mr. Calvin Edward Pepler

July 19, 2015

July 19, at home with family present, Cal "Pep" Pepler passed away. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Audrey Pepler (nee Porte); their three children Dawn Barbieri and husband Joe Barbieri; Sandra Pepler and her husband Mark Bartlett and Geoff Pepler; and his two grandchildren Daniel and Anthony Barbieri.

Cal was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on November 30, 1918. He received his schooling there and, when duty called, enlisted with the Canadian Armed Forces. During WWII, he flew Spitfires for several years, in various squadrons, and obtained the rank of Flt Lt. He was finally shot down by a ground battery while over Italy. He spent several months as a POW, making several unsuccessful escape attempts before the war ended and he was able to return to Canada.

After the war he returned to CKY radio (where he worked prior to the war) to the communications department. There he met his wife Audrey, they were married, enjoying an exciting life lived in several cities throughout Canada. He chose employment in several senior positions over his long career: California Standard Oil Company, CBC Vancouver, University Hospital Edmonton, Administrator of Baycrest Hospital in Toronto, Union Villa Nursing Home and finally The Ontario Optometric Association.

Cal enjoyed cottage life -- first in the Lac Lu property in Northern Ontario and eventually at the family cottage in Huntsville on Lake Vernon. Cal loved to keep fit and to build. He began every day with a calisthenics routine and rarely

a day went by when he did not have a hammer or shovel in his hand. His nickname "Pep" was well suited as he had more energy than most men half his age -- celebrating his 70th year by taking up roller blading, his 80th year by water skiing at the cottage and doing several one-arm push-ups at his 80th birthday celebration.

Cal touched many lives with his enthusiasm, encouragement and overall love of life. The most important things in Cal's life were a positive attitude and his dedication to his family and friends, whether they be near or far way. He will be sorely missed.

A celebration of Cals' life will follow with the date TBA