



William (Bill) Stuart Wood

November 11, 1923 - June 12, 2025

William Stuart Wood Obituary

Father of Richard, Patricia (Bob) Turner, and Elizabeth (Julian) Vercoe; grandfather of Allison, Lesley, Thomas (Alaina), Bronwen (Tim), Teri, Lisa, and Michael (Valérie); greatgrandfather of Rainie, Dexter, Remy, Ethan, Emma, Kieran, Logan, and Connor; dearest friend of Janet, Bob, and Clark Moody; William died comfortably in his sleep at the age of 101. He was predeceased by his beloved wife and soul-mate, Joyce, all his siblings, and all their spouses.

William was born in London, England on 11 November 1923 to parents James and Mary. After growing up and marrying in suburban London, William emigrated to Canada in 1957 and lived in Burlington, Collingwood, and Caistorville (Ontario) before he made Halifax his home in 1999.

As a member of the Great Generation, William's life, like that of Joyce, was shaped in the early years by WWII. Very shortly after its outbreak, William trained to become a naval radio officer and served throughout the war on a Norwegian ship. In the course of helping to keep the UK's supply lines open,

William circumnavigated the world. He brought the strength and wisdom he developed through those years to the family he and Joyce started in 1948. William's career was primarily in construction. He learned the business from his father, James Wood, and became a quantity surveyor for the London County Council. In Canada he worked as a construction estimator, based in Burlington until 1971, when he moved to Collingwood to run Kenburn Construction.

William greatly enjoyed the company of people. He was a memorable character whose strength of presence was undoubtedly a byproduct of the faith he shared with Joyce. He served the Anglican Church for many years as a licensed lay-reader, conducting many services.

William's family thank all the staff at Melville Gardens whose care and professionalism made the last years of his life very enjoyable.

Online condolences to www.harboursidecremation.ca.

Tribute Wall

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“ Bill and I go back at least 30 years. I have many memories, but singing in the church choir; until Covid, a monthly lunch at some bistro; my late wife, Beryl, and I enjoyed the occasional tea in Bill & Joyce's home and while Beryl and Joyce checked out the garden, I spent a happy hour with Bill downstairs playing with his marvelous model train set-up. Bill was a huge help, because of his construction background, when we built our St. Nicholas Anglican church on Westwood Boulevard: his advice and practical knowledge were so beneficial.

Love you, Bill. Hopefully one day I will join you, Joyce and Beryl over a cuppa!

Mel Parsons - June 23, 2025 at 09:53 AM

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“ Heather lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) Stuart Wood



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“*"Uncle Bill" has always been a part of my life for 76 years and I feel privileged to have had that for so long. In spite of the family moving to Canada when I was 7, we never lost touch.*

We visited them when I was 16 , he and Auntie Joyce visited us in England and Scotland and nearly every birthday they rang to sing me Happy Birthday !! Busy lives meant that contact wasn't always frequent which made it all the more special . Latterly, Bill embraced technology before I did, but this enabled us to exchange emails and photos, text messages, and to see his latest paintings ! It kept us up to date and in spite of the miles apart.....close.

I shall miss him enormously, as I do Joyce, and I send my heartfelt condolences to my dear cousins , Richard, Patricia, Elizabeth and their families.

Bill and Joyce were in my view, an inspirational couple , demonstrating kindness and love which sadly, the world needs more than ever. Although far away, my thoughts and love are with you all.

Heather

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