

ADDISON, John Hollings [UNTD YORK 1950 U-1190] (1929 - 2010) Age: 80

JOHN H. ADDISON Born December 18, 1929, he passed away peacefully on February 23, 2010, in his 81st year surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Joan (Burns) for 53 years, he will be fondly remembered by their three children: Jock (Karen), Toni Dixon (Howie), Kate Parker (Rich), along with eight grandchildren: Chris, Emily, Michael, Bob, Olivia, Madeline, Grace and Tom. His brothers Clarke & Wayne, predeceased by his brother Harry. Educated at Pickering College and Upper Canada College, he was a University of Toronto graduate. Ever a sportsman, he played defence for the hockey team which won the coveted Queen's Cup in 1951. Drafted by the Chicago Black Hawks, the legendary Conn Smythe advised a career in business. He joined his father at City Buick and there began his 50-year association with General Motors. Representing the riding of York North, he was elected to Parliament in 1962. In 1964 he chaired the Flag Committee. Recognized the world over, the maple leaf symbolizes Canada's future as a united nation, strong and free. Funeral service will be held in ALL SAINTS CHURCH, 12935 Keele Street, King City on Saturday, February 27, at 11:30 a.m. If desired, memorial donations may be made to The University of Toronto Athletic Fund, Men's Hockey, 27 King's College Circle, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1, www.giving.utoronto.ca. Condolences and memories may be forwarded through www.humphreymiles.com

There are some significant elements to his story.

Primarily his being a Federal MP from 1962 to 1968, which had not been logged in. As well, his involvement in the Flag Debate, although I can find no reference to his having chaired the 1964 Committee referred to.

Also of significance is that his father was the founder of the well-known Cadillac car dealership in downtown Toronto, "Addison on Bay", which John was ultimately involved in. There is a rich history to that site in its own right. The father, Harry Addison, had started out as, amongst other things, the "Frigidaire" (General Motors owned) dealer in Toronto. In WWII Harry Addison was involved in developing the Walkie-talkie. "Addison on Bay" was created in 1955 from an existing GM Dealer and in the 1960s was the largest Cadillac dealer in Canada.

John had at least 2 UNTD summers: '51 and '52. He rec'd his BA from U of T in Spring 1953. I have no record of his Commissioning but he did complete the UNTD program and was probably commissioned directly on to the retired list, as he appears in no subsequent Navy Lists.

His address in 1993 was "Kingcroft" in King City, north of Toronto, a "modest" 300 acre horse farm.

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