

DANIELS, James Higgs [UNTD CATARAQUI '47 U-18850] (1922 - 2008) Age: 85



DR. JAMES HIGGS DANIELS, MD May 30, 1922 - April 17, 2008 Dr. James Daniels passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at the Victoria Hospital on Thursday, April 17, 2008. He is predeceased by his parents, Vera and Frederick, his Aunt Mabel and Uncle Harry, and his brothers, Archie and Horace all of Belleville, Ontario. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Elizabeth and five children: daughters, Susan (Clarence), Robin (Rick), Michele, and sons, Charles (Erin), Richard (Judith), and granddaughter Chantelle. He will be missed by his nephew John, along with many friends, neighbours, and colleagues. James was born and raised in Belleville and served in the R.C.A.F. as a navigator during the Second World War before obtaining his medical degree from Queens University. where he met and married Elizabeth Robinson on February 14, 1950. Jim and Betty first lived in Kingston, Ontario where he began a 56 year medical career. They also lived in Hamilton, ON, Madock, ON, and Fredericton, NB. The couple, along with daughter Susan, settled in Winnipeg in 1956, where Jim received his diploma in anesthesia from the University of Manitoba in 1959. He worked for many years as an anesthetist at the St. Boniface Hospital, Victoria Hospital and Seven Oaks Hospital. He retired in 2006 at age 83 from the Misericordia Hospital, where he had specialized in eye surgery. His commitment to medicine was evident to all who knew him. Jim and Betty spent much of their married life happily raising their children in River Heights, and spending summers as a family at their cottage on Cache Lake, Farlane, ON. They had a close group of friends at the lake and enjoyed socializing as a couple over the years. Jim loved to be in nature, fishing, hunting, tinkering at the cottage or bird watching. He enjoyed the peacefulness of the lake as well as occasional trips to the Caribbean with his wife. Jim was a loving and devoted husband and father who kept his wife and children as top priorities. He was a lover of animals and had many pets over the years and will miss Safi, the family Siamese cat. Dr. Daniels will be remembered fondly for his generosity, sense of humour, and kind heart. His wonderful spirit and sense of humour will live on in his children. To honour Jim's love of animals, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Winnipeg Humane Society, 45 Hurst Way, Winnipeg, MB R3T 0R3, ph: 982-2041. The family would like to thank the I.C.U. staff at the Victoria Hospital, for their compassionate care. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church (Crescentwood), 168 Wilton Street, Winnipeg, MB, with a short reception to follow. CHAPEL LAWN 885-9715
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There is no record available of his WWII RCAF Aircrew service, but its reasonable to assume he entered Queen's on a Veteran's Education Program, in 1946 or 47. He was promoted A/SLT(Surg) RCN(R), Sen. 6 Feb '51, O-17903, attached to CATARAQUI. He would have had at least a couple of UNTD summers, but appears to have had no subsequent service before starting his Medical practice. His story is a reminder of the many unique circumstances that brought people into the UNTD in the WWII and immediate post-War era.

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