

MORISSETTE, George Jules etc [UNTD HUNTER 1947 U-54300] (1928 - 2005) Age: 77



George Morissette crossed the bar on December 16, 2005, in Haileybury, ON, at the age of 77. It is with great sadness that the family announces the death of George Jules Jean Jacques Joseph Wilfrid Morissette December 16, 2005 at the age of 77 following a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Mr. Morissette was born in Haileybury on March 26, 1928 to Margaret and Napoleon Morissette. George was raised in Haileybury. He then attended Loyola College in Montreal. After serving for a time in the navy, he attended University of Western's Assumption College in Windsor, where he met and married his wife Elaine Anne Margerm, on January 27, 1951.

Mr. Morissette spent 30 years servicing the mining industry. His impact on the local economy and job creation was significant. In 1951, after graduating from university, he returned to Northern Ontario, where he worked for several years for Morissette Diamond Drilling, gaining insight into the manufacturing needs of the mining industry. In 1955, he established Morissette Manufacturing and Sales Ltd. in Haileybury, and in 1970, he established Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment (TIME), where he was president and general manager until he retired in 1986. He also acquired the CS Castings Foundry in Orillia in 1972.

A strong believer in giving back to one's community, Mr. Morissette spent many years as a community leader. He served as a Haileybury town councillor from 1976-1980, during which time he helped to bring the Temiskaming Lodge to the town, and to build the town's pool and beach area. A founding board member of the Tri Town Foundation, Mr. Morissette also served as the secretary treasurer for the Holy Cross Cemetery Board for 25 years. He also spent many years serving on the Haileybury Catholic School Board, the Hospital Board, the Library Board and the Kirkland Lake School of Nursing Board. During the year of the Haileybury Centennial, the town of Haileybury recognized George with an award for his many years of volunteer contributions to the community.

George played an active role in many of the area's service and recreational organizations. He was the founding president of the Temiskaming Richelieu Club, and former vice-president of the Haileybury Rotary Club. He served as president of the Haileybury Golf Club and the Haileybury Curling Club, and was a past president of the Northern Ontario Golfing Association. He was also one of the founders of the Tri Town Ski Village and helped to establish the Haileybury 54's hockey team. George was actively involved with the Knights of Columbus, being a 4th degree Knight.

An avid outdoorsman, George loved boating, golfing, skiing, curling, fishing, hunting and camping. He enjoyed new experiences and had traveled extensively across his beloved Canada, as well as internationally.

Following his retirement in 1986, George and his wife Elaine spent six months a year living in Naples Florida, and the remaining six months at their lakeshore home "Cedar Gables" in Lorraine Township.

After being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 1993, George was an inspiration to his family and

friends, bearing his illness with great dignity and courage. A long time advocate of helping others, he established the South Temiskaming Parkinson's Exercise Group, a twice weekly exercise group for people with disabilities. He and his family have been long time participants in the annual Superwalk for Parkinson's, which raises funds for Parkinson's research. George also played an active role in the Southwest Florida Parkinson's Society, where he was recognized with an award for outstanding leadership and service.

A strong family man, George always said his greatest joy and biggest accomplishment was raising his six children. He will be greatly missed for his ability to draw out the best in people.

George is survived by his wife of 54 years Elaine, his daughters Michelle (husband Tom Little), Margie (husband Dave Stasiuk), his sons Paul (wife Sharon), Peter (wife Nancy), John (wife Kim), Tom (wife Brenda), 14 grandchildren (Jason, Mark, Kevin, Michael, Simon, Christie, Christopher, Kira, Jillian, Katy, James, Nicole, Patrick and Jessica) and two great grandchildren (Zachary and Alyssa), and sisters Irene and Irma and their families.

Visitation will be held at the Buffam Leveille Funeral Home on Monday from 2: to 4:pm and 7: to 9:pm. Funeral services for George will be held at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Haileybury, December 20, 2005. Donations in memory of Mr. Morissette can be made to the Tri Town Foundation - George Morissette Parkinson's Fund.

George Morissette appears in the cover picture/story of the March 2007 Newsletter, along with other luminaries such as Rollie Marshall, Richard Rohmer and Tom Smith. It is one of our most historic/important heritage pictures, and it is attached to this message as a refresher.

In that story, his surname is misspelled as "Morrissette", which resulted in a double entry in the Nominal List. That anomaly has been corrected. Also, until finding this Obit, we did not have his given names, which turn out to be plentiful, 6 in all.

In the Obit, there is a brief mention of his naval service, but we know from the cover story that he was a UNTD at HUNTER in 1947. He appears in the Cdn Navy List of July 1949 (spelled as Morissette), as a CDT(S) at HUNTER, with seniority 30 Oct '48. Both his U-number and seniority date confirm that he was already on board at HUNTER as an Ordinary Seaman Officer Candidate, prior to UNTDs acquiring Officer Cadet status.

He graduated with a BA from Assumption College in the Spring of 1951, by which time, as the Obit states, he was married to Elaine Anne Margerm, on January 27, 1951. He does not appear to have been commissioned, but if he was it would have been for only a brief time.

Elaine Anne Margerm was the sister of Malcolm Andrew Margem, another HUNTER UNTD 1949, who crossed the bar on May 20, 2008, in Canton Michigan, at the age of 79.

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