

MacCARL, Gordon Neil (Neil) [UNTD PREVOST 1947] (1927 - 2011) Age: 83



GORDON NEIL MACCARL October 3, 1927 – August 5, 2011 Survived by son Scott Winhall (wife Phyllis) of Beeton, ON, daughter Callie Wenger (husband Roger) of London, ON, grandchildren Scotty, Greg, Jocelyn, Dustin, Darryl and great-grandchild Quinn. Predeceased by parents Walter and Mabel MacCarl of Whitby, ON and brother Ralph and also wife of 36 years Mary. Resided in Whitby where his father had a hardware store, graduated first in class in Journalism (1948) at University of Western Ontario, only one in class of 27 who wanted to be a sportswriter. After 8 months at the London Free Press, he joined the Toronto Star in March of 1949, where he spent 43 years primarily covering baseball, also curling in the off season. Founding chairman of the Toronto chapter, Baseball Writers Association of America, a post he held for 15 years. Elected to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and retired after the Blue Jays won their first World Series in 1992. Spent 12 years as the official scorer. Lived in the same house on the ravine in Moore Park from 1961. After retiring, he bought a home in Clearwater, Florida, where he spent five months annually, highlighted by the Blue Jays spring training in nearby Dunedin, Florida. The family will receive friends at HUMPHREY FUNERAL HOME -- A.W. MILES CHAPEL, 1403 Bayview Avenue (south of Davisville Avenue) on Friday, August 12, 2011 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A service will be held in the chapel on Saturday at 11 o'clock. Donations to Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Ave., Suite 210, Toronto, ON, M5G 1X5 would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be forwarded through www.humphreymiles.com

During the heady exuberance following the Blue Jays 1st World Series win in 1992, it would never have dawned on me that the Toronto Star Baseball Writer covering the event might have been an ex-UNTD. Now, in 2017, nothing surprises me and sure enough that Writer was a UNTD.

Neil would have had at least 1 UNTD summer, in 1947, in those pre-Officer Cadet status days, and could have been in as far back as 1945. There is no record of his having been Commissioned, but if so it was to the Ret'd List as he is not in the 1949 Cdn Navy List.

Our provenance for this comes from his 1948 UWO Grad write-up:

1948_Occidentalia_UWO_Yearbook_p22', GORDON NEIL MacCarl, B. A.

Whitby. Ontario. Journalism, Press Club, Gazette, Intramural Sports, U.N.T.D.,

Mustangs—Publicity Director.

Some other articles of interest are linked below;

https://www.thestar.com/sports/baseball/2011/08/12/neil_maccarl_was_an_oldschool_writer_who_actually_watched_the_game.html

https://www.thestar.com/sports/baseball/2011/08/05/neil_maccarl_chronicled_blue_jays.html

<http://www.whitbysportshalloffame.com/hall-of-fame/inducted?pid=62&sid=79:MacCarl-Neil>

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