

**RIESBERRY, William Watts (Bill) [UNTD YORK 1944] (1926 - 2015) Age: 89**



**RIESBERRY, Rev. Canon William Watts (M.Div.)** Peacefully at Grey Gables, Markdale on Saturday, September 5, 2015 at the age of 89. Beloved husband of the late Rev. Linda Riesberry (nee Beale). Loving father of Mary Breedon (Tim), Martha Riesberry (Paul Cook), Jennifer Riesberry-Gordon (Vince Gordon), Michael Riesberry (Liana) and Tommy Or. Cherished grandfather of Elizabeth, Olivia, Andrew, Sarah, Adam, Jordan, Scott, Breayden, James, Ashley, Michelle, Stephen, Jessica, and Jason. Dear brother of Rev. James Riesberry (Barb), Margaret Hunter (late Stewart), and Florence Clifton (late Claude). He will be greatly missed by his nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. Rev. Canon William Riesberry devoted his life to his family, friends, and The Anglican Church of Canada. Father Bill was most remembered for touching the life's of everyone he met. He was a graduate of Trinity College in the University of Toronto. After committing over 40 years to Saint George the Martyr Anglican Church, Toronto, he settled in his country home in the Hockley Valley. Spending the last few years in Markdale; he enjoyed the company of his children and grandchildren. Visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First Street, Orangeville on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service will be held at St. John's Church (Highway 9 east of Orangeville) 3907 Hwy 9, Caledon on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 2 p.m. Interment St. John's Cemetery, Mono. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to either of the following Anglican churches would be appreciated by the family: Saint George the Martyr Anglican Church, Toronto, St. John's Church, East Orangeville, Christ Anglican Church, Markdale or St. John's Cemetery Fund, Mono.  
(Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.dodsandmcnair.com](http://www.dodsandmcnair.com))

Bill joined the UNTD in 1944 and completed the program as an Ordinary Seaman in the pre-Cadet days and would have carried a 4-digit R-number. He was Commissioned as a SLT RCN(R), sen. 6 Feb '47, O-62257, and placed on the Ret'd List soon thereafter.

He graduated with a BA from UofT Trinity in the Spring of 1947 and earned a B. Div, soon thereafter. His MDiv followed much later. The church that he was so closely associated with, St. George the Martyr, is at 197 John St. in downtown Toronto.

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