

WILLIAMS, Dr. Robert C. – UNTD- STAR (OVC) '43 '48

It is with great sadness that the family of Bob announce his passing on Saturday, March 10, 2012 in his 86th year. Beloved husband of Fiona (Macpherson) and proud father of Wendy (Jeff) Gadsden, Peter, Kathy (Garth) Moore and Bruce (Jane). Loving Grandpa to Jeff, David and Brad Gadsden and Tyler and Megan Williams. Great- Grandpa to Sofie, Mela, Arlo, Duke, Reef and Holt. Dear brother to Don (Ann) and Betty (Lloyd). Bob practiced in Dundalk, Orangeville and Brampton. Retiring young, he went on to a second career and taught high school science at Albion Hills Outdoor Education Centre and Bayview Collegiate. His community involvement was extensive. Scout Master in 1st Bolton Scouts, Bramalea Little Theatre, [Rotary Club](#) of Bolton. His talk shows on CBC radio and columns in the Toronto Star were enjoyed by many pet owners. His interest in politics never waned and it took him from Peel County School Board to the Reeve of Chinguacousy Township. He was a staunch Liberal and served on many boards in Peel County. He thoroughly enjoyed his involvement with the Caledon East Seniors. A celebration of Bob's life will take place at a later date.

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Dr. Bob Williams passed away on March 10.

UPDATED: Caledon veterinarian and community man passes away *By Matthew Strader, Enterprise Staff*

Dr. Robert Williams, a Caledon resident and retired veterinarian, passed away on March 10 at the age of 86.

“He is one of the most brilliant people I’ve ever met in my life,” said Ward 3 and 4 Regional Councillor Richard Whitehead about a man he described as his friend, colleague and mentor. “And one of the more eclectic people I’ve met in my life. He would try anything and do anything well.”

Williams made his home in Caledon after moving from Brampton in 1974 where he built the Bramalea Animal Hospital in 1955.

He retired from his practice to begin a second career of teaching, instructing science at the Albion Hills Outdoor Education Centre and Bayview Collegiate. His community involvement was extensive. He was a Rotarian, an active member of his senior centre, as well as a scout master and local theatre member.

Whitehead said Williams was instrumental in developing the Caledon East seniors group, stating his work helped make it bigger and more organized.

According to an obituary, Williams was known for being on a talk show on CBC radio, as well as for writing a pet column in the Toronto Star. Active in municipal politics, he was the final Reeve of Chinguacousy Township. Whitehead credits Williams for getting him involved in local politics, explaining the pair met at an old Liberal Party meeting.

“When he went around one campaign, he was so committed to having bigger forests that instead of giving people campaign material on paper that would be thrown out, he handed people a tree,” Whitehead said, laughing while reminiscing about his friend. “Vote for him or not, you got a tree. That was Bob.”

According to obituaries, there will be a celebration of Williams’ life at a later date.

He is survived by his wife Fiona, (Macpherson) and leaves behind children, Wendy (Jeff) Gadsden, Peter, Kathy (Garth) Moore and Bruce (Jane) as well as grandchildren Jeff, David and Brad Gadsden and Tyler and Megan Williams, and great-grandchildren Sofie, Mela, Arlo, Duke, Reef and Holt. Williams also says goodbye to brother Don (Ann) and Betty (Lloyd).