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ALBERT

RICHARD

APRIL 15, 1923

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MARCH 14, 2023



Albert Richard Smith, 99, of East Lake Ainslie, Nova Scotia, passed away on March 14, 2023 at Strait Richmond Hospital after a short struggle with Covid.

Albert was born on April 15, 1923 in Hull, England to Ann (Griffin) Smith and Henry Francis Smith. Albert always worked around ships and the sea, starting at age 14 when he began working at the Hull Fish Market, and later as a fisherman, cook and Chief Steward. During World War II, Albert joined the war effort at the young age of 16, first joining the Hull Fire Station (Auxiliary Fire Service), which was responding to German incendiary bombs, and soon after by enlisting with the British Merchant Navy, where he served as a gunner and cook. In 1982, Albert re-enlisted in the British Merchant Navy, and served during the Falklands War between Argentina and the

United Kingdom. Albert's sea travels took him around the globe, and he visited almost every country.

Albert is survived by his wife, Verna MacMillan of East Lake Ainslie, daughter Mavis Dick; sisters, Elsie Johnstone and Joan (Ken Hodgins); son-in-law Arthur Stratton, stepsons, Rob Smith (Patti), Vincent Smith (Krista), Allan MacMillan (Maureen); granddaughters, Vicky Jepmond (Andy) and Michelle Stratton; grandson, Raymond Dick; several nieces and nephews, including Trina Smith (Cipri Baci), Lorraine Hussey and Victoria Sarel-Daddy (Adrian Daddy), Steve Sarel (Denise) and Dean Smith (Pippa); great-granddaughters Ruby and Scarlet Jepmond. He was predeceased by his first wife of 58 years, Dora Parr; daughter Denise Stratton; sister, Florence (Alan Sarel); brothers, Frank and Roy Smith; sister Nancy (Barry Groizard); son-in-law Eddy Dick.

Celebration of Life service will be at Lake Ainslie Fire Hall on what would have been Albert's 100th birthday, April 15, 2023, at 1:00 pm with Reverend Janice MacLean officiating. Lunch to follow at the Fire Hall Interment to follow at a later date in Hull, England, beside his first love.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lake Ainslie Fire Hall or the charity of your choice. The family wishes to extend its gratitude to the dedicated staff at Strait Richmond Hospital, who treated Albert and Verna with great care.

Online condolences may be made at: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.