



**WELLAND, Robert Philip, Rear Admiral RCN** — Died May 28, 2010, in White Rock, B.C., after a brief illness.

Born in Oxbow, Saskatchewan, March 7, 1918. Father of Michael, Tony, Christopher and Gillian (Christauria). Stephanie, their mother, predeceased him, as did his companion, Margot Hanington. He is survived by sisters, Greta (Mrs. Allan Torrie)



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and Pamela (Mrs. Alan Abercrombie); his grandchildren; his sister-in-law, Helma Campbell; and by many nieces, nephews and stepchildren. He grew up in McCreary and Dauphin, Man. He joined the Navy at age 18 as an officer cadet and spent the next four years at sea with the British Navy. In 1940, he joined the destroyer, HMCS St. Laurent participating in the evacuations from Dunkerque. Always in destroyers during the Second World War, he became Captain of HMCS Assiniboine at age 25, and was Captain of HMCS Haida (now a museum in Hamilton, Ont.) for the last year of the war. He commanded the destroyer HMCS Athabaskan in Korea for the first year of that war. In peacetime he commanded the cruiser HMCS Ontario, the Naval Air Station, HMCS Shearwater, founded the Officer training establishment HMCS Venture and commanded the Canadian sea-going fleet during the Cuban Missile crisis in

1962 from the aircraft carrier, HMCS Bonaventure. He became a specialist in anti-submarine warfare during the Second World War and was active in the development of new ships and equipment throughout his 30-year career. He retired in 1966 as a Rear Admiral, having become Vice Chief of Naval Staff. After his retirement from the Navy, he entered the aircraft related industry. He was a director of the Canadian Air Industry Association and president of his own air traffic control company for many years. He maintained naval connections serving as Honorary Chairman of the Navy League and participated in the Naval Officers Associations. Donations may be made to the Naval Benevolent Society. The funeral will be celebrated on Friday, June 4, in Victory Memorial Park Funeral Chapel, 14831 - 28 Ave. Surrey, B.C. at 1 p.m.