

# Charles “Wally” Wallace

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Wally died on February 9, 2010, after an inspirational 14-year journey with prostate cancer. He was born on March 19, 1933 in

Carberry, Manitoba and grew up in Castlegar, BC. In 1954, he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force and went on to a distinguished 26-year career that took him across Europe, North Africa, and much of Canada. Wally was especially proud to have served on the very first United Nations Peacekeeping Mission to the Suez Canal in 1956.

In 1955, Wally married his Trail sweetheart, Joy Groslin, and together they raised their three children.

Wally was an electrician by trade and well known and respected for his work ethic and attention to detail. Once, during a driving rainstorm, he spotted a fuel leak on an airplane that could have crashed but for his keen eye. For that, he was awarded a rare Commendation for Excellence.

In 1979, Wally brought his many skills and sense of humour to the electrical department at the copper mine in Princeton.

After 13 years there, Wally and Joy embarked on an epic retirement. They traveled thousands of miles in their RV; golfed, cross-country skied, and curled; made and drank wine; tinkered with all manner of appliances, fixtures, hot tubs, and fish ponds; gave countless volunteer hours to the Church, the Legion, and most especially the Princeton Golf Club (and not just in the clubhouse!); and enjoyed the love and hospitality of family and friends from coast to coast. One

of Wally's fondest memories was carrying the Olympic torch in 1988, and he beamed as he watched Joy carry it on his behalf in 2010.

Wally is survived by Joy, his wife of 54 years; his 100-year-old mother Mary Wallace; his children Don, Kris (Andy Ali), Scott (Tracy); four cherished granddaughters

Crystal Bigelow (Trevor), Piper Ali, Miranda & Mackenzie Wallace; and one adored great-grandson Mason Bigelow.

Also left to cherish his memory are his 95-year-old Mother-in-Law Alice McDonald; his sisters Dorothy McMillan, Mima Quigley (Sam); his brother Don (Marlene); and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and very dear friends. He was predeceased by his father Don Wallace and his big sister Ellen O'Leary.

In a life filled with adventures, Wally left no stone unturned; no words unspoken; no heart untouched.

~ At ease, soldier.

A celebration of Wally's life will be held on

February 19, at 12:00, at the Legion hall in Princeton.

In lieu of flowers, Wally asked that you consider a donation to Prostate Cancer Canada.

[www.prostatecancer.ca](http://www.prostatecancer.ca). 1.888.255.0333.

Condolences can be sent to [jolly4-ever@live.com](mailto:jolly4-ever@live.com).