

IN MEMORY OF
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Obituary for Sheldon Davis



Sheldon Leslie Davis passed peacefully, early Saturday morning, December 3rd at Bonnechere Manor, Renfrew, in his 95th year.

Loving husband of the late Catriona Davis (nee MacArthur) and loving father of Sheldon (Mira), Kristian (Susan), Mark (Barbara) and Jason (Christina). Grandfather to Sarah, Joseph, Naomi, Emerson, Garrett, Calum, Maciver, Kasia, Liam and Cadence. Sheldon is survived by his sister Dawnalda Sutherland (nee Davis), sisters-in-law Catriona, Chrissy and Margaret MacArthur. He is also survived by his nephew Gregor Sutherland, as well as nieces and nephews in Scotland. He was predeceased by his father Leslie Milton Davis, mother Hazel Alexandria (nee Guest) and infant sister Opal Rae.

Sheldon was born July 18th, 1928 in Pembroke Ontario, spending his early childhood growing up in the tiny hamlet of Rankin and along the shores of Lake Dore. It was in these formative years while spending countless hours exploring the neighbouring forests, streams and marshes that he would develop a profound and enduring love for nature that would last his whole life. Equally important at this time, Sheldon forged deep life-long friendships with many young newfound friends throughout the surrounding areas; friendships and relationships that would remain unbroken his entire life journey.

Sheldon's love for quiet adventure and enthusiasm for flying led him to get his pilot's license with Bliss Brown, outside of Pembroke at Brown's Airfield, allowing him to fondly spend many hours of solo flying discovering the beauty and majesty of Renfrew County. These early young experiences inspired Sheldon to become passionately engendered to the forests and citizens of Renfrew County. He had a forward vision of reclaiming marginal farmland into re-established native forested ecosystems. He believed in Sustainable Forestry and although he was a naturalist at heart, he wholeheartedly endorsed a thriving livable renewable local forestry industry. At a young age Sheldon started working in the family Davis Telephone Company where he rose to Vice-President before it was

successfully sold to Bell Canada. In the following years he would work for Bell Canada until his retirement. During his life he would thoroughly enjoy many hunting and fishing trips with his lifelong friends and family. His adventuresome spirit led him to different countries around the world with Scotland being warmly remembered.

Sheldon's interests varied considerably from classical music, ancient and biblical history, family genealogy to modern day Canadian, American and Middle Eastern politics. Always one to be tolerant of opposing views however steadfastly anchored in his own political thinking. Later in life he would reacquaint his avid love of bird watching, spending countless hours participating in local bird counts with family and friends. A great believer in education he would often be found encouraging young students to seek higher education, sometimes to the chagrin of the young boy or girl to whom he was speaking. Throughout; his life was secured in a discreet faith expressed as a dedicated member of the United Church.

Sheldon the Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and friend will be dearly missed.

Final arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Zohr Family Funeral Home, Eganville. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 10th 2022 at 1:00pm at Melville United Church, Eganville. Interment Cobden Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Sheldon to Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre or the Pembroke and Area Field Naturalists would be appreciated. Tributes, condolences and donations can be made online at www.zohrfuneralhome.com

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