



## **Peter F. Radcliffe**

Peter and Peggy's three boys, the first born in 1961 (David) at the Red Cross Hospital, the second on 1964 (Steven), and finally, Michael (1967) who was born in the old Stanton Hospital where Avens Seniors Center now sits. Peter was an avid Ham short wave radio operator, motorcyclist, remote control aircraft pilot and community volunteer. After over thirty years in Yellowknife, in 1986, he and Peggy retired back to England where they recently celebrated his 68th wedding anniversary.

His passion and contributions to the north were invaluable to the people in small communities all over the arctic and he will be missed by many people and the friends he made. He is predeceased by his sons Michael, Steven and survived by his son David (Sandy) and wife Peggy. His ashes will be placed with his boys, Michael and Steven in British Columbia at David's home.

Peter F. Radcliffe passed away quietly at the age of 92 at Scarborough General Hospital in North Yorkshire, England.

In 1956, after serving his country as a Sargent in the second world war, and afterward as a police officer, he and his new bride, Peggy, immigrated in Canada's north. He and Peggy lived in a log cabin with no running water, in Yellowknife's old town where they quickly made many close friends. He secured work at the Giant Mine in the assay office where he worked for three years. While working at the mine, Peter volunteered for the Canadian Signal's Corp. in Yellowknife, which was the only form of communications for the small town at the time. He helped establish CFYK, Yellowknife's volunteer radio station, and did broadcasting, technical support and all other duties as needed. CBC Radio came calling in 1958 to establish a presence in the arctic and Peter was one of the very first staff hired by the corporation, where he worked for 28 years as director of technical support and communications.

He personally set up telecom communication's towers and related radio equipment in nearly all of the communities in the north (including Nunavut, Manitoba, Alberta) providing valuable news and communications to all residents of the north. In 1959 he and his wife moved to the 'new' town and lived in a small house on 54th street until he hand built a new family home where they lived for 25 years and raised three boys.