



W. E. Bill DOWBIGGIN

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OBITUARY W.E. Bill Dowbiggin Took his peaceful leave in Jupiter, Florida, on February 8, 2007, age 83. Eldest son of E.E. (Ted) and Maude Dowbiggin, devoted husband for almost 57 years to Therese (Terry), pater to Ian (Christine), Peter (Joanne), Bruce (Meredith), Gordon (Carolyn) and Stewart (Amanda), Grandpa to Beth and Christopher, Sydney and Joanna, Evan, Rhys and Clare, Colleen, Maureen and James, and Tristan, Calum and Devan. "Life is about making memories", he'd say as he greeted his brood at Lake Louisa or Milton. And memories he made. Pilot, businessman, gardener and devoted lover of roses, Bill was born in Montreal August 25, 1923, and spent the best part of his youth rambling through the Laurentians and studying at Strathcona Academy in Montreal. Called by duty, adventure and King George, he became a Lancaster pilot officer in the RCAF (431 Iroquois Squadron) and never stopped dreaming of flight after that. Returning from the good fight, he graduated in engineering from McGill (1950) and started a business career that spanned over half a century and much of Canada. His proudest moment came in 1963 when he launched Ampro Oxygen in Sherbrooke, Que., the first of several successful independent businesses in Hamilton and Toronto that he and his sons established. Away from his work, Bill liked nothing better than gardening at Lake Louisa or pursuing the perfect golf swing at Riverbend in Florida. He left us believing that he was on the verge of solving a pesky problem with his grip and stance. In lieu of flowers, please make a kind donation to The Salvation Army, Bills favourite charity. Messages for the family can be sent to [gdowbiggin@cogeco.ca](mailto:gdowbiggin@cogeco.ca). A memorial service is planned for 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20 at Smith's Funeral Home, 1167 Guelph Line (one stoplight north of QEW) (905-632-3333) Burlington, Ontario followed by a reception at the Burlington Arts Centre, 1333 Lakeshore Road. We look forward to celebrating a life well lived. "Per ardua ad astra" Published in the Montreal Gazette on 2/15/2007