

STANBURY, The Honourable Robert Douglas George 'Bob' Stanbury Obituary



STANBURY, The Honourable Robert Douglas George 'Bob' - PC, QC - Born October 26, 1929. Passed away peacefully on February 10, 2017 at the age of 87.

As a lawyer, politician, journalist and corporate executive, he made incredible contributions to his community and to his country.

He was a graduate of the University of Western Ontario before obtaining a law degree at Osgoode Hall. He went on to work as a lawyer for many years, and was first elected to the House of Commons in 1965 as the Liberal Member of Parliament for York-Scarborough. He served his country as a member of parliament for 12 years, during which time he was appointed by then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to a variety of cabinet positions.

He served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State, Minister without Portfolio, with responsibilities for citizenship and information, and later went on to be Minister of Communications, Minister of National Revenue and the Parliamentary Representative to the United Nations.

After retiring from politics, he became Legal Vice-President of Firestone Canada, and finished out his career as the company's Chief Executive Officer. He then joined the Hamilton law firm of Inch, Easterbrook and Shaker, and before retiring, became President of the Canadian Council for Native Business, as well as a founding member of the Nunavut Arbitration Board, and the territory's Integrity Commissioner.

He was predeceased by the love of his life, Miriam Rose Stanbury (nee Voelker), his parents and his seven brothers and sisters who he loved with all his heart.

He is survived by his four children who adored him, Susan Meloff (Chris Meloff), Carol Stanbury (David Vivian), Ian Stanbury, and Duncan Stanbury (Dr. Christina Manos), as well as his five grandchildren, Melissa Trought, Jordan Meloff (Colleen Meloff), Daniel Meloff (Nicole Meloff), Emily Graber (Dustin Graber), Matthew Vivian and his four great-grandchildren, Brayden, Micayla, Brooklyn and Mackenzie Meloff.

Most of all, he will be remembered by family and friends as a humble man with a heart of gold, a keen mind, and a wonderful sense of humor. He lived his life with a positive attitude, even through adversity, and his example will be a shining light for those he has left behind.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to BAY GARDENS FUNERAL HOME, Burlington chapel. Cremation has taken place, and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Parkinson Canada would be appreciated.

HaltonObituaries.com (<http://HaltonObituaries.com/>)