

## In Memoriam - Robert Stanley Tonks

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### **Robert Stanley Tonks**

August 13, 1928 - April 17, 2012

Bob died peacefully in Ajax, Ontario. He will be greatly missed by his beloved wife Diana (nee Cownie), his four children Pamela (Paul), Julia (Steve), Robert (Stephanie) and Sara (Ken), many grandchildren and a great grandchild. He is survived by his brother Ralph, and predeceased by his sisters Prudence Jenkins and Pat Jones.

Bob was born and grew up in Aberystwyth, Wales where he attended Ardwyn Grammar School and was active in the Naval Cadets. He served in the Royal Navy from 1946-48 in the Pacific fleet aboard HMS Gambia. Bob completed a B.Pharm and a Ph.D., FRPS at University College, Cardiff, Wales, where he continued to do research and lecture in Pharmacology. He collaborated with Aneurin Hughes on significant research involving platelets, aspirin and infarctoid cardiopathy. Bob was Director of the School of Pharmacy at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia from 1973-77, and Dean of Health Professions from 1977-88. He continued doing research in the Division of Geriatric Medicine in the Department of Medicine at Dalhousie until 2003. Bob had a wide range of interests including rugby, sailing, horseback riding and hiking as well as opera, painting, photography and literature.

A private tribute will be held in Pickering, Ontario; a memorial service will be held in the United Kingdom later this year. Bob's ashes will be scattered at sea near his birthplace in Wales.