

Bruce Edward Cox

May 5, 1924 - January 30, 2020

Birth Location:

Margate, Kent, England

Death Location:

Newcastle, ON

Worked For:

Avro

Military Service Recognition Book (online):

<https://www.on.legion.ca/msrb/Volume-4/151/>

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COX, Bruce Edward

Bruce was born in Margate, Kent, England on May 5, 1924. He lived in London during the bombing and was a Sergeant Air Cadet flying barrage balloons. He joined the Army in the spring of 1942, the Parachute Regiment in the spring of 1943. He served with the 1st Airborne Division in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and Holland. He was taken prisoner at Arnhem and was home for V.E. Day. Bruce was sent to Palestine in 1946/47. He was discharged in March 1948 and came to Canada in 1956. He worked at Avro until the "arrow" lay off when 1 300 workers lost their jobs. On retirement he bought 25 acres north of Port Hope in the Ganaraska Forest and built two log homes. Bruce has also been a speaker for the Memory Project speaking in schools for twenty years. He has been a Past President and Life Member of The Royal Canadian Legion. He joined the Pathfinders Re-Enactment Group and parachuted into Arnhem drop zones four times and three times into the "D-Day" zones to honour his fallen comrades. The last time was in 2004 at 80 years old with full equipment as he did in 1944. Bruce has been a member of Bewdley Legion Branch 577.

Obituary (online):

On Thursday, January 30, 2020 WWII veteran Bruce Edward Cox passed away peacefully and gently with his son Gary at his side at the Northumberland Hills Hospital at the age of 95. Beloved husband to Diana (nee: Bernard) Cox. Bruce and Diana spent 45 wonderful loving years together. Loving father to Gail (Martyn) Smith of England and Gary (Cinnamon) Cox of Port Hope, step-father to Tina, Gisele, Sergio and Bruno Pecile, grandfather to Lindsay, Alexandra, Joey, Jesse, Tyler and Solstice and great grandfather to Roseanne. The family would like to extend their most sincere thanks for all the care received from the Northumberland Hills Hospital and St. Elizabeth Health Care. A service will take place at St. Paul's Anglican Church, County Road 10 in Perrytown on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 11:00. On Saturday, May 2, 2020 a Celebration of Life will be held at the family home. Donations can be made to the Northumberland Hills Hospital.

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/10796379/Bruce-Cox>

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