

**Ralph Bradford Welch**  
1927-2015

Ralph Bradford Welch, 88, passed away on 07 June 2015. Treasured husband for 64 years of the late Arlene Welch and adored father of Stephen (Beany), David (Sandra) and Catherine (Phillip), Ralph was the beloved son of Herbert Wesley and Ruth Marjorie Welch. He was dearly loved by his grandchildren, Andrew, Patrick, Amelia, Sam and Jack. Ralph was also predeceased by his sister Grace (Nelson) Stevenson and brother, John Kenneth Welch. Sister and brother-in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and their children were so happy to have Ralph in their life. Ralph was born in Leonardville, Deer Island, N.B on 02 September 1927. He attended Mount Allison University, where he met the love of his life, Arlene. Ralph became a professional engineer after attending Acadia University and the former Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS). Ralph's first employment led him to Montreal, where many happy years were spent bringing up his children, enjoying his extended family and making more close friendships through work and church. Ralph and Arlene eventually returned to Deer Island and then to St. Andrews, N.B. and soon became valued members of the community. St. Andrews was a wonderful place to spend their retirement years. Ralph was also a gifted artist and writer, the chosen subjects related to Deer Island and the surrounding area, as well as of family and friends. A past member of the St. Andrews Yacht Club, many carefree, sunny days were spent sailing his Haven 12.5, Flossie Belle. Ralph's family would like to express heartfelt thanks to Passamaquoddy Lodge Nursing Home for their love and outstanding care.

A celebration of life was held at Wesley United Church, St. Andrews, NB, on 12 June 2015.