

DIED
Fri FEB 10/95 Jim Diplock

Part of historic voyage through Northwest Passage

Jim Diplock, one of 11 crew members on the first Canadian ship to navigate the ice-clogged Northwest Passage, died at St. Catharines General Hospital yesterday of heart failure.

The north St. Catharines resident, a retired sergeant with Niagara Regional Police, was 70.

Diplock was only 19 years old when he made the historic 86-



day voyage DIPLOCK in 1944 on board the RCMP schooner St. Roch.

His daughter Kelly Dortono said the Arctic voyage, for which he was presented the Polar Medal, had such a profound impact on his life he reminisced about it "when anyone would listen."

"When I was growing up, he was always visiting schools to talk about it," Dortono

said. "I don't think there was a school he didn't hit."

At Diplock's request, his ashes will be scattered over Frobisher Bay.

During a 39-year police career Diplock wore the colors of the RCMP, Ontario Provincial Police, Canadian Pacific Railway Police, Scarborough Township, Grantham Township and NRP.

His early days included a stint on the RCMP Musical Ride in 1943 and three years as an OPP constable in Port Dalhousie.

The married father of eight retired from NRP in 1982 after serving 30 years in uniform patrol and criminal investigation in St. Catharines and Grimsby.

"He was definitely a figure in our service," said Sergeant Bob Ciupa, NRP's public affairs officer. "It's not very often that you work with a genuine piece of Canadian history."

DIPLOCK, James Milne — (Retired — Sergeant, Niagara Regional Police Force). At The St. Catharines General Hospital on Friday, Feb. 10, 1995, in his 71st year, beloved husband of Ginny, dear father of Michael and Marg Diplock of Ottawa; Wendy and Cliff Verge of Dartmouth, N.S.; Ian and Anne Diplock of Florida; Pamela and Dave Dugas of St. Catharines; Heidi and Mark Murphy of Stoney Creek; Kelly and Carmen Dortono, Patrick Diplock of St. Catharines; Candy and Kevin Gray of Gander, Nfld.; papa to 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; brother of Edwin Diplock and Marge McBride of Huntsville; Louise and her husband Bob Penny of Toronto; several nieces and nephews. A member of Grace Anglican Church.

The family will receive friends at the HULSE AND ENGLISH FUNERAL HOME, 75 Church St. on Saturday 7-9 p.m., Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service in Grace Anglican Church, 238 Geneva St. on Monday, Feb. 13, 1995 at 1 p.m. followed by cremation.



A donation has been made to the Hulse and English Memorial Forest towards the greening of St. Catharines.

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