Cdr. Francis James (Frank) Dayton, C.D., P.Eng.

November 7, 1924 – May 22, 2013

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Frank Dayton-husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend-who passed on to higher service at the age of 88 while surrounded by family at home at Victoria. Frank was born in Portage-la-Prairie, MB, and was educated at Edmonds Street School, Burnaby, and the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, where he graduated in Mechanical Engineering in 1950. During the Second World War, Frank was a pilot in the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm, demobilized in 1946. In 1949, Frank enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy as an Engineering Officer and in 1952-53 he received specialized training in Marine Engineering at the Royal Navy Engineering College, Plymouth, UK. Frank served the Royal Canadian Navy as a Marine Engineer until he retired in 1975. Postings included HMCS Ontario (1950, 1953), HMCS Dockyard (1950), HMCS Magnificent (1951), HMS Thunderer (1952), HMCS Venture (1954), Royal Military College (1956), HMCS Skeena (1958), RCAF Staff College (1960), HMCS Stadacona (1961), HMCS Bonaventure (1964), Ship Repair Unit Halifax (1966), C.F. Fleet School Halifax (1970) and CFB Shearwater (1972). In 1975, Frank began teaching Marine Engineering Technology at Saint Laurence College of Technology, Cornwall, ON, until he retired for a second time, to Victoria in 1985. Predeceased by his parents, his brother and his sister; and survived by his wife of 62 years, Edith, his daughter Dr. Elizabeth Ann Bowler, his son Rev. Bruce, five grandchildren, William, Victoria, Amanda, Caroline and Charlotte, and two nieces, Sharon Delany and Sue Edwards.

Visitation will be held from 6:30-8:30 pm on Sunday, May 26 at McCall Bros. Funeral Home, 1400 Vancouver Street, Victoria. A celebration of Frank’s life will be held at 10:30 am on

Monday, May 27 at St. Luke’s Anglican Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road, Victoria, with Rev. Will Ferrey and Rev. Don Walls presiding. Condolences for the family may be offered below.

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