

Dr. William “Bill” C. Wonders

DR. WILLIAM C. WONDERS, MA., PhD., DR., F.R.S.C.

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. William (Bill) C. Wonders. Bill leaves behind his beloved wife Lillian of 60 years, daughter Dr. Karen Wonders (Dr. Nicolaas Rupke), son Glen (Karen), and predeceased by daughter Jennifer. Loving grandfather of Nik Varga, Rebecca, and Adrian Rupke; Craig, Kirsten and Katrina Wonders; Simon and Samantha Lotzkar.

Bill was accomplished in the field of Polar and Boreal Geography. He received a B.A. in Geography from the University of Toronto in 1946, M.A. in Geography from Syracuse University in 1948, and a Ph.D in Geography from the University of Toronto in 1951. Bill held numerous academic positions; was elected to significant association offices and professional responsibilities; authored numerous publications; and received a multitude of honours and awards including the “Order of Canada” and the “Queen’s Jubilee Medal”. Bill’s legacy is a lifetime of commitment and excellence to Canadian Geography.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation.