



Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Turnerbury Avenue**

Name of Veteran: Michael Turner 1925-June 26, 2019

Rank: Petty Officer Radar Mechanic and Qualified shallow water diver

Ship Served: HMS Ajax

Date of Service on Ship: 1946-1947

Year of Visit/Dedication September 26, 2009

Veteran or Family Visit n/a

Veteran of the Battle of the River Plate: No Died at Battle: No

Michael Turner was born in Watford, Hertfordshire in 1925 and attended Watford Grammar School from 1937 to 1942. In 1944 he joined the Royal Navy where he became a Petty Officer Radar Mechanic and a qualified shallow water diver. He joined HMS Ajax in 1946 and served for a year in the Mediterranean. In 1947 he attended University in London and by 1950 was awarded his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering.

Michael married Ann in 1954 and they had two children, Paul and Helen. By 1974 Michael was appointed Head of Technical Services responsible for Engineering, Town Planning, Architecture, Leisure facilities, including sports halls and swimming pools and Estate Management with the newly formed Borough of Hertsmere in Hertfordshire.



Michael retired in 1984 and was appointed in a voluntary capacity as a Tax Commissioner to the Board of Inland Revenue. The laws at this time required he had to retire from his position at the age of 75.

Michael Turner died peacefully on June 26, 2019, he was 93 years old.

Turnerbury Avenue is named for both Michael and Roy Turner.