



## Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Smith Lane**  
Name of Veteran: Eric Smith  
Rank: Able Seaman  
Ship Served: HMS Ajax  
Date of Service on Ship: 1939  
Year of Visit/Dedication: October 1999  
Veteran or Family Visit: Sons Ken and Ray  
Veteran of the Battle of the River Plate: Yes      Died at Battle: No

Eric was the former Chairman and founder of the HMS Ajax and River Plate Veterans Association. He visited the Town of Ajax with his friend and shipmate, Jim Brightly during the dedication and tree planting of Brightly Drive. It was then that Mayor Bill McLean disclosed that Eric would also have a street dedicated to him, Smith Lane. Unfortunately, Eric was unable to see his street. He had planned to visit in 1999 for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, but died unexpectedly that August.

His sons, Ken and Ray were able to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Ajax to honour their father and officially dedicate Smith Lane to his memory.



Eric (right) with Jim Brightly at the Ajax Legion