

Community mourns passing of Walter Rutherford



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RUTHERFORD, Walter Malcolm - Suddenly at the Northumberland Hills Hospital, Cobourg on Wednesday February 20th, 2013 in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of Dorothy Rutherford (nee Mann). Loving father of Carol Vandervoort (Don) and David Rutherford (Sherry). Dear grandfather of Terri-Anne Jones (David) and Holly White (Brandon Patterson) and great poppy of Nichola, Ainsley, Sierra and Kyler. Lovingly remembered by his sister Joan Davis (Roger). Friends are invited to call at the **MacCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME**, 11 King St., W., Colborne on Sunday from 1-4 pm. A funeral service will be held in Colborne United Church on Monday February 25th, 2013 at 11 am. Interment Salem Cemetery in the spring. If desired donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Northumberland Hills Hospital or charity of your choice. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

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Cramahe Township is in mourning for the passing of Walter Rutherford. The Village of Colborne's longest-serving reeve (14 years) died on February 20. He was 81.

Walter lived in Colborne his entire life. He was a part of the fabric of Colborne - it was as if he would always be included in any description of the village. People were genuinely surprised when word of his passing was received. George Boycott followed Walter as reeve of the village. Shocked at the loss, George described Walter as "the forever man". George never ran against Walter, acknowledging, "You wouldn't."

Ted Pedlar served on Colborne Council with Walter back in the 1980's. He remembers Walter as a reflective leader - not one to jump too quickly to any conclusion. That sentiment was confirmed by Mr. Boycott who called Walter "the right man for the times", a man who "listened to everyone" and had "wonderful, tremendous patience".

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