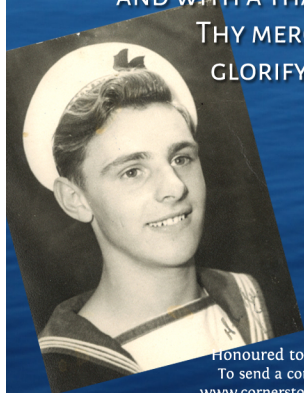


"O ETERNAL LORD GOD, WHO ALONE RULEST THE
RAGING OF THE SEA; WHO HAS COMPASSED
THE WATERS WITH BOUNDS UNTIL DAY
AND NIGHT COME TO AN END;
BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE INTO THY ALMIGHTY
AND MOST GRACIOUS PROTECTION
THE PERSONS OF US THY SERVANTS,
AND THE FLEET IN WHICH WE SERVE.
PRESERVE US FROM THE DANGERS OF THE SEA,
AND FROM THE VIOLENCE OF THE ENEMY;
THAT WE MAY BE A SAFEGUARD UNTO OUR
MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN LADY,
QUEEN ELIZABETH, AND HER DOMINIONS,
AND A SECURITY FOR SUCH AS PASS UPON
THE SEAS UPON THEIR LAWFUL OCCASIONS;
THAT THE INHABITANTS OF OUR
COMMONWEALTH MAY IN PEACE AND
QUIETNESS SERVE THEE OUR GOD;
AND THAT WE MAY RETURN IN SAFETY
TO ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF THE LAND,
WITH THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOURS,
AND WITH A THANKFUL REMEMBRANCE OF
THY MERCIES TO PRAISE AND
GLORIFY THY HOLY NAME.

AMEN."



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

John Coombes

MAY 17, 1930 - APRIL 14, 2022

JOHN COOMBES, beloved husband of Valerie Coombes of Coalhurst, passed away at home on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at the age of 91 years.

Besides his loving wife, he is survived by his children; David (Elaine) Coombes of Lethbridge, Richard Coombes of Coalhurst; grandchildren Ian (Marcella) Coombes and Michael (Amanda) Coombes; siblings Pamela Roberts and Marina (Sid) Lewis, and well as many nieces and nephews in Canada, England, New Zealand and Australia.

He was predeceased by his parents Edward George and Amelia Alice Coombes, as well as his seven siblings.

John was born and raised in Headley, England. He joined the Royal Navy when he was 18, and served for 12 years as an aircraft mechanic on many aircraft carriers, notably HMS Illustrious. He married Val in 1956 in Headley, England. They raised their 2 sons David and Richard in Cirencester, England where John worked as a mechanic. In 1974 they immigrated to Canada and settled in Coalhurst. Alongside his brother Ron and many others, they volunteered to help build the Community Centre and Coalhurst Legion.

John Coombes loved nothing more than weaving a great story or leading a sing-a-long. He never missed out on the opportunity to volunteer in his community including as Commander of the Navy League of Canada-Lethbridge-branch, President of Coalhurst Legion, President of 55+ Club of Coalhurst. His sense of humour and ability to make you smile were his super powers.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He adored his grandsons and took great pleasure seeing them on the soccer field.

He will be missed.

Celebration of Life

Cornerstone Funeral Home
2825 - 32nd Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta
Monday, April 25, 2022, at 11:00 AM

Patrick Siedlecki Officiating

Order of Service

Processional - *The Prayer* - Andrea Bocelli & Celine Dion
Welcome
Poem - *In Flanders Fields* - Arlene Purcell
Life Story
Tribute - Ian & Mikey Coombes
Reflection Song - *Have I Told You Lately That I Love You* - Rod Stewart
Tribute - David Coombes
Musical Tribute - Richard Coombes
Tribute - Andrew Coombes
Reading - *The Navy Prayer* - Chad Titsing
Video Tribute
Message of Hope
Legion Tribute
Announcements
Closing Words
Recessional - *We'll Meet Again* - Vera Lynn

Reception

Following the Service, relatives and friends are invited to further share this day with the family for a reception in John's honour at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 273 - 5205 6th Street, Coalhurst, Alberta.