



## **“I’m travelling”**

Ivor Colin Langston    1927-2022

Ivor Colin Langston passed away peacefully the morning of July 31, 2022, in Aurora, Ontario, in his 95<sup>th</sup> year.

Ivor was born in Cookhill, Warwickshire, England in October 1927, to Harry Langston (1897-1986) and Beatrice Langston (nee Quiney; 1893-1988). Ivor was predeceased by his sister, Dorinda Clough (1925-1998). After serving in the British Army from 1945 – 1947 as a mechanic, Ivor received his Master Tool & Die Maker license in 1950, whilst working at the Maudslay Motor Company (Coventry, England). In 1956, he immigrated to Canada, specifically St. Catharines, where he was recruited to work at the McKinnon Industries (General Motors) transmission plant. In 1960, Ivor was hired to deploy his formidable mechanical talents in the nascent electronics industry, making printed circuit boards (“PCB”s) at Lightning Circuits (Niagara-on-the-Lake), one of Canada’s first PCB manufacturing facilities. Ivor’s entrepreneurial spirit drove him to start his own PCB company, Fine Line Circuits Ltd. in 1973, which he passionately ran with partner Heinz Frank until they sold it in 1985, whereafter Ivor embarked on a 35+ year retirement adventure.

Ivor’s purported, first memory was that of seeing Germany’s Graf Zeppelin fly over the family farm in the early 1930s. Little did he know then that, like the infamous airship, he would travel the world over. Ivor touched every continent except the Antarctic. And had it not been for his life-long disdain for the cold, he might well have touched that one as well. He and Theresa were kindred spirits in their love of adventure, starting when they shipped out to Canada in March 1956. Their pursuits together took them throughout Europe, as far east as Turkey, across Scandinavia, throughout Africa and South America, to Australia and New Zealand, all across the USA, to Central America, and of course, all about Canada.

During the spring and summer months, when Ivor and Theresa weren’t travelling or sailing on their Jeanneau (Free Life 2), together they delighted in another mutual passion – gardening at their lovely Aurora home. Planting and tending a garden was in Ivor’s blood. His father was renowned for his resplendent rosarium and perfect-rose grafting. It is indeed true that the acorn (in this case the rosebud) does not fall far from the tree (bush). Like his parents before him, Ivor and Theresa coaxed and coddled their many beautiful roses, lilies, Hydrangeas, Rose-of-Sharon shrubs and annuals with such loving care - as if they were family. And every once in a while, the neighbours would

peer out at 90+ year-old Ivor up a tree, with his pruning sheers or chainsaw, trimming the branches such that his beloved gardens would flourish.

For more than 25 years, Ivor and Theresa wintered in Florida, at the very pretty, Isla Del Sol, near St. Petersburg. There Ivor would spend endless hours fishing and yakking with his pals on his boat, or dockside. Their wonderful years in the Sunshine State and their frequent trips abroad spawned many Ivor-tales, which he would regale often, and to anyone in earshot. You see, Ivor was a charmer and a story teller extraordinaire.

Ivor's stories will be missed and lovingly remembered by his wife of 63 years, Theresa (nee Quirke) and his children, Michele Langston and Paul Langston (Amanda Flavell), as well as his four treasured grandchildren: Meredith, Shaw, Cullen and Kendall.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Southlake Regional Health Centre, who were so supportive of Ivor and the family prior to his final trip.

Those who knew Ivor, know how he hated being fussed over and would rather give, than receive. In lieu of funeral services, and to honor Ivor's long and lucky journey, we ask that all who wish to participate make a donation to Southlake Regional Health Centre.