

Reverend Canon John Russell Flagler

February 13, 1918 - April 29, 2010



Rev. John Flagler, Rotarian
Brandon, Manitoba (1940's)
The Rotary Club of Calgary South June 2, 1980 - April 29, 2010

Our Friend and Fellow Rotarian Rev. John Flagler passed away peacefully at home in his ninety-third year. John was a spiritual anchor in our Club, respected and loved by all who knew him. He had a soft voice, a voice of strength and integrity. He delivered many thoughtful prayers and blessings at our Club meetings and functions. One of John's last major Rotary functions was at District Governor Ken Copithorne's District Conference in Banff in May 2005. Mary drove John to Banff where he presided over the Sunday morning Memorial service. John's father was a watchmaker and his eloquent talk likening Rotary to a fine watch, parts synchronized and working together was most memorable. He always delivered a real message.

John was born in Sunderland, Ontario, educated at the University of Toronto and Wycliffe Theological College, graduating in 1943. At Wycliffe he met and married Mary his loving wife of nearly sixty-seven years. He learned to play the coronet, and keyboard (piano and organ); John had a lifetime love of music. His first pastoral posting was in Brandon, Manitoba. While living in Brandon John and Mary were blessed with two daughters Barbara and Betty. Barbara became a high-school English teacher and Betty had a most distinguished career in medicine. Brandon was also John's first Rotary experience; he served as Club Secretary.

Following Brandon, John and Mary served the Anglican Church in Wainwright, Alberta, then Edmonton and finally Calgary. In both Edmonton and Calgary he was designated a Canon in the Church. He was Pastor to our Past-President the late Frank Black who introduced John to Our Club in June of 1980. John was Rector of St. Philip the Evangelist Anglican Church where in 2003 he was honored for his 60 years of service and the Flagler's 60th wedding anniversary.

Rev. John contributed much to our Club and he will be missed and long remembered. Our condolences go out to Mary and family.

Rest in peace John.



(Written by Mel Gray www.rotarycs.org)