

John Pickett

John Pickett was born August 17, 1937 in Toronto, Ontario. John joined the armed forces in 1953 and was in the Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers (RCEME) as a Soldier Apprentice in 1953. He later transferred to the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps (RCOC) John also served as part of the U.N. peacekeeping operation in Gaza.



When he moved to Belleville a lovely lady named Evelyn lived across the street. They married in 1957. He and Evelyn moved to Richmond in 1971 and he retired from the Armed Forces as a Sr. N.CO in 1973 after 20 years service. He then worked at Computing Devices Canada in Bells Corners until he retired from there in 1995.

John was a charter member of Richmond, Branch 625 and held the offices of Sgt-at-arms, Ways & Means, second vice, first vice president, president and sports officer. John showed his dedication during his 19 year involvement with branch bingo as both chairman and caller – at times this was the only source of income for the branch! John's initiative also saw the birth of the Richmond Legion Dart League in 1983.

John's dedication and service extended to the community as well where he was involved with the Scouts and the Richmond Winter Carnival for many years.

John passed away on January 9, 2011 and Evelyn on January 17, 2011. They are survived by their son Doug, daughter Sandy (Kim Rankin) of Saskatchewan, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They will be missed.