

**SHELDON SPEARMAN (RICHMOND)**

Shelly Spearman was born in Stittsville and went to Ottawa Technical High School before joining the army. He joined the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps at Lansdowne Park, in Ottawa on March 31, 1941 -- at the age of 19.

He trained in Kingston, Ontario and Debert, Nova Scotia before being shipped out from Halifax in November, 1941. He arrived in Liverpool, England and over the next year and a half he trained and took part in exercises throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

Shelly landed in Normandy on July 11th, 1944 while the battle for Caen was still in progress and moved with the allied advance across northern France, Belgium and Holland. He was in Germany when Victory in Europe (VE) was declared in May, 1945 and returned to Canada in November. Shelly also served in the Army (RCEME) following WW II, including postings back to Germany.



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During one stint of service in Hanover, Germany, Shelly met his future wife, Brenda Sharpe, while on leave in England. They were married at Thornton Heath, Surrey, England in July, 1953. Shelly continued to serve in the army until retiring in 1972, including another posting to Germany (Soest), this time accompanied by his wife and family.

Shelly and Brenda were long-time residents of Richmond and Shelly is a Charter Member of Branch 625.



Shelly passed away on February 6, 2014 and is survived by his wife Brenda, sons Charlie, Robert and John; daughter-in-law Alice; grandson James; granddaughters Averie (Rowan), Alexie and Alana and sister Joan Kemp.