

## **Warden Family Tribute, 2018**

**GOOD MORNING EVERYONE**

**MY GRANITE STONES ARE IN HONOUR OF MY FATHER CAPTAIN J. WARDEN AND MY MOTHER REBECCA AND MY WIFE PHYLLIS G.L. WARDEN.**

**MY FATHER WAS BORN IN A FARM HOUSE IN FAHAN COUNTY DONEGAL, IRELAND. HE WAS THE SECOND YOUNGEST OF 10 SISTERS AND BROTHERS. THE FAMILY HAD COME FROM SCOTLAND TO NORTHERN IRELAND BY DECREE OF THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT AND SETTLED IN DONEGAL. MY FATHER WENT TO SEA AT THE AGE OF 18 AND AFTER 40 YEARS IN THE MERCHANT SERVICE. HE ENDED UP AS A TRAINING CAPTAIN FOR NEWLY QUALIFIED CAPTAINS.**

**MY MOTHER WAS BORN IN KILLEA COUNTY DONEGAL. HER MAIDEN NAME WAS MASON. HER FATHER WAS STONE MASON BY TRADE.**

**I WAS BORN AND BROUGHT UP IN LONDONDEERY, NORTHERN IRELAND AND WENT TO SCHOOL AND EVENTUALLY TO COLLEGE, GRADUATING AS A MINISTER OF THE IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. I CAME TO CANADA AND WAS THE MINISTER IN TAVISTOCK.**

**I DEDICATE THIS STONE TO THEIR CONSTANT LOVE AND SUPPORT OF MY CAREER AND FAMILY. THEIR CONSTANT LOVE AND ENDLESS SUPPORT THAT THEY INSPIRED IN OUR FAMILY.**

**PHYLLIS WAS MY FAITHFUL WIFE FOR 61 YEARS, AND MY LOVE FOR 70. WE HAD TWO CHILDREN, DAUGHTER JANIS AND SON JONATHAN.**

**JANIS IS THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH AT THE QUEENSWAY CARLETON COMMUNITY CENTRE, A TEACHER OF YOGA AND A MOTHER OF THREE GRANDSONS DYLAN, KEENAN AND AIDAN. DYLAN IS TRAINING TO BE A MASSAGE THERAPIST. KEENAN OWNS A PAINTING BUSINESS. AIDAN WAS A MANAGER OF DIFFERENT TEA/COFFEE HOUSES.**

**JOANATHEN HAS PUBLISHED TWO BOOKS OF HIS TWENTY YEARS TEACHING AND TRAVELING IN CHINA, HE WAS THE PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FOR ONTARIO FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE NOW DOES PHOTOGRAFIC WORK FOR COMPANIES PREPARING PHOTOGRAPHY FOR TV ADVERTISING AND COMMERCIAL WORK FOR PROFESIONAL GROUPS AND COMPANIES.**

**PHYLLIS WAS HIGHLY REGARDED IN THE CHURCHES WE SERVED IN TAVIISTOCK, HARMONY, ILBERTON AND BIRR.**

**SHE STARTED THE SENIORS AND ADULT FELLOWSHIP IN THE UNITED CHURCH IN TAVISTICK WHICH HAS LASTED FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS OF CHRISTIAN WITNESS AND WORK IN THAT TOWN.**