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## **Martin Johns** **1913-2008**

On September 18, Martin Johns died in his 96<sup>th</sup> year, surrounded by a circle of love from family and friends. He had a rich, full and interesting life, spent caring about others. Martin was born to missionary parents in West China and as a young man developed an interest in Physics. His love of storytelling led him to a career in teaching and for many years he served as a physics professor at McMaster University, remembered fondly by former students and colleagues. He was a member and supporter of Westdale United Church for about 70 years and served his church in many different capacities as long as he was able.

Martin was blessed with his 40 year marriage to the late Margaret Hilborn and then a marriage of more than 20 years to the late Elsie North. At age 90 he fell in love with his sweetheart – the very special Marian Thompson. He was pre-deceased by his brothers Harold and Edward, as well as his son Rob, daughter Kathy, and step-daughter Francis North. He is survived by his sister Ruth Vogt and brother Paul. Martin will be missed greatly by his children Beth Johns (Norris Turner), Ken Johns (Sharon), Elinor Johns, Donna Wilson (Joan Mann), Ron North (Janis), John North (Anne), Nancy Snider, Janice Sutherland (Dan) and Kathy Ross (Bob). He was a loving grandfather to Doug, Alison (Hisashi), Pat, Sarah (Dave), Steve (Carla), Carol, Sheila, Heather, Brian, Rob, Mike, David, Andrew, Jack, Dan, Peter, Ron, Karen and Eric. He was also delighted with his great-grandchildren Oscar and Edie – the most beautiful babies in the world. In lieu of flowers, a memorial gift to Westdale United Church (99 South Oval, Hamilton, ON L8S 3Z2) is requested.

To help remember a life well-lived, the family would appreciate a visit at Swackhamer, Blanchford and Wray Funeral Home at 1341 Main Street West in Hamilton (across from McMaster University Medical Centre) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday September 26. A Service of Celebration of his life was held at Westdale United Church on Saturday September 27 in the afternoon.