

# Hector William "Jock Opi" Beaton

1931 - 2014



**LORAIN** - God has a new pilot in Heaven. Jock Beaton passed away peacefully on Monday, Nov. 24, 2014, surrounded by his loving family.

Jock was born a stone's throw from the golf course in Golspie, Scotland, on Aug. 25, 1931.

While attending the University of Edinburgh in 1951, Jock was drafted and joined the Royal Air Force. His received his wings in 1953 and as a new pilot he was stationed in Celle, W. Germany, where he met a beautiful German girl called Ulla. Jock learned to speak German; Ulla learned to speak English and they were married in 1955, a marriage that lasted almost 60 years. Jock loved being a pilot and flew fighter jets including the Meteor, Vampire, Venom, Hunter and F5. By far his favorite jet was the Harrier, which he flew as a Squadron Leader on No. 1 Squadron, until his retirement in 1976. After retirement, Jock and Ulla immigrated to the United States where Ulla was reunited with her twin sister, Gretchen.

Jock joined Stanadyne (Moen) shortly after arriving in Lorain and started a new career with faucets, retiring in 1992 as the Director of Customer Service.

As a lad in Scotland, he learned to play golf and the bagpipes, both of which he enjoyed throughout his life. Jock was a member of several golf leagues and loved living on a golf course! Jock joined the Lochaber Pipe Band back in 1976 and was a very active member, playing his bagpipes every week. He especially enjoyed practice the past few years when the band found a new home at the Amherst Eagles Post 1442 where he met many new friends and discovered new talents as an inventor of the "Rumplekiltskin". He also learned to play tennis while in the R.A.F. and played for many years including a few matches at Wimbledon.

Family was very important to Jock. He is survived by the love of his life, Ulla (nee Bieber); his daughter, Sabine (Glenn) Wright; his son, James (Michelle); his brother, Robert in Golspie, Scotland; his sisters-in-law, Gretchen, Erika, Hanna and Reni; his grandchildren, Jennifer, Matthew, Steffani (Seth), Emily and Robert Beaton, Iain and Alex Wright; his great-granddaughter, Aubrie; his step-grandchildren, Darrel Wright, Katie, Christina and Kevin Heshman; his step-great-granddaughter, Madison; nieces, Elisabeth Sutherland, Helen (Rab) Pringle, Margaret Newell; and nephews, Hector and Beaton (Carole) Sutherland. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Margaret (nee Sutherland) Beaton; and his sister, Anna Sutherland.

Funeral services will be private.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

The Schwartz, Spence Boyer & Cool Home For Funerals, 1124 W. 5th Street is handling the arrangements.

