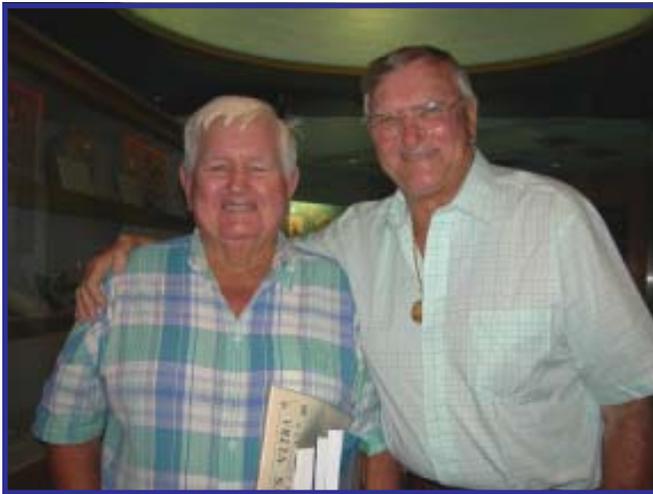


# EDWARD BOLTON TUCKER (Teddy)

8 May 1925—9 June 2014



“Teddy” Tucker (L) & Bob “Frogfoot” Weller during the Wellers’ visit to Bermuda in 2006.

*Photo by Margaret Weller*

Edward “Teddy” Bolton Tucker, Bermuda’s most knowledgeable shipwreck researcher, explorer, and archivist, set sail for his final port of call on 9 June 2014 to claim his rewards and place in History. And what a place that is!

A Native Bermudian, Teddy developed a driving interest in the great ocean which surrounded his homeland, and he devoted his life opening its secrets for the world to appreciate. He served his island country during WWII and, upon his return, began his archaeological survey of the 100s of fated ships, whose hulks—visible or not—ringed his Paradiasiacal birthplace.

As a pioneer in the developing field of underwater archaeology, Teddy worked side-by-side with other forefathers of this nascent science, especially Mendel Peterson, with author Peter Benchley on the book and movie “The Deep”, and with many of the *National Geographic* staff.

In 1954, Teddy recovered an emerald-studded solid gold cross from the site of the *San Pedro* of 1596. It is the greatest artifact retrieved from Bermudan wrecks ... and is appropriately named the “Tucker Cross”. He is also known for his discovery of the “six-gilled shark”.

Teddy Tucker is survived by his wife, Edna, and their daughter, Wendy. *REQUIESCAT IN PACE!*

Statement by Bermuda Premier  
Michael Dunkley:

“On behalf of the Government of Bermuda, I send our condolences to the family of Mr. Teddy Tucker, MBE, one of the great Bermudians of our time. Teddy, as he was known to everyone, was a Bermudian original whose adventurous life and profound knowledge of the waters around Bermuda brought worldwide attention to the Island for more than six decades.

“Mr. Tucker’s accomplishments were almost incredible in their breadth. He was a sailor, diver, explorer, treasure hunter, lecturer, archaeologist, historian and author. He was also an extraordinarily successful promoter of Bermuda’s history, culture and character, inspiring Hollywood films, best-selling novels and articles in major magazines from *National Geographic* to *Life*.

“Mr. Tucker’s amazing knowledge of Bermuda’s waters began with his first jobs as a boy aboard local fishing boats and never stopped. He inspired writers and scientists, school children and students. He was always approachable and ready to work with the curious, imparting his first-hand knowledge with simplicity, precision and enthusiasm.

“Teddy Tucker enriched the life of Bermuda and brought the most positive worldwide attention to the Island. He made us proud to be Bermudian. May he rest in peace.”