



Joseph Albert Ernest Godon

October 29, 1931 - March 13, 2024

Joseph Albert Ernest (Ernie) Godon

Ernie was born Oct 27, 1931 (birth was officially registered as October 29) in Saint-Donat-de-Montcalm Quebec to parents Henri and Emma (nee Plouffe) Godon. He was the youngest of 12 children.

Ernie grew up in Saint Donat but left to seek his fortune, first in Montreal and then as an officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force. His first posting was to Squadron 407, Comox, BC, as a radio officer on the Lancaster. In BC he met the love of his life, Mary Alice (nee Brow). They were married on April 30, 1960 in Comox. Ernie and Mary raised their three children while Ernie was stationed at air forces bases in Winnipeg MB, Centralia ON, St Hubert QC and finally with 404 Squadron in Greenwood NS.

While Ernie did not have the means to pursue higher education as a young man, by 1975 he had earned a B.A. and a B.Ed. from Acadia University. In 1976 Ernie retired from the air force, moved to Gaspereau NS and taught french at Wolfville Junior High School for eight years. In 1984 Ernie left teaching to become a partner in Innovative Systems, an Apple computer dealership in New Minas NS, until he sold out and retired in 1994.

In his retirement he volunteered at the Greenwood Military Aviation Museum and with FSNA (National Association of Federal Retirees) as well as travelling with Mary and their circle of air force friends. Ernie was an avid bridge player and with Mary as his partner they enjoyed many games with friends and at the Ken-Wo duplicate bridge club.

Ernie, with Mary, took great delight in their six grandchildren, spending many hours babysitting and hosting family dinners at their home in Gaspereau and cottage on Murphy Lake. Ernie never forgot a family birthday or a special occasion, even in the last week of his life. He is remembered by his family as a kind and loving man and by friends as a great guy. Ernie made friends, young and old, wherever he went, always having a joke to share.

Ernie was predeceased by brothers Romeo, Edgar, Jean Paul, Georges, Yvan, Robert and Marc, and by sisters Agathe, Henriette, Colombe and Ruth. He is survived by his sister Veronique, his wife Mary Alice, his three children Ann (Tim Roots), David (Melanie, nee Barkhouse) and Paul (Lee Ann Ferguson) and six grandchildren Benjamin, Arthur, Dylan, Katie, Philippa, and Eden.

We will miss him every day.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Ernie & I first met over 67 years ago as young radio officers flying the venerable Lancaster here on 407 Sqn at RCAF Stn Comox. We quickly became lifelong friends and enjoyed a long string of visits back & forth, reunions and family holidays over the years. Ernie was a kind and gentile soul and always the perfect gentleman. I value my long friendship and memories with him. Bob McPhail*



Bob McPhail - April 18, 2024 at 01:49 PM

FG

“ *Correction à apporter: ses parties de dames*

France Godon - April 01, 2024 at 06:03 PM

FG

“ *Nous venons d'apprendre le décès de notre oncle Ernest. Nous offrons nos condoléances à toute la famille. Nous gardons un bon souvenir des visites de notre oncle à St-Donat et de ses parties de dames avec notre père Robert.
France, Martin et Josée*

France Godon - April 01, 2024 at 06:01 PM

PK

“ I flew with Ernie on 404 Squadron. He was always very friendly and helpful. In subsequent years I met up with him at reunions and was very impressed that he remembered me and was happy to see me after quite a few years.

My condolences to his family.

Rest in peace Ernie.

Peter Kendell

Lieutenant Colonel ret'd

Peter Kendell - March 21, 2024 at 06:41 PM

BR

“ We send our condolences to Mary and family at this sad time. From our first meeting in Comox, so long ago, to the many VPI meetings with Ernie in Greenwood, it was always a pleasure to talk with him. Our memories of him and Mary are some of our fondest. Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi

Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi - March 21, 2024 at 10:55 AM

JB

“ Dear Mary and family. We are so sad to hear about Ernie's passing. Our family (the Keils - Gerry, Shirley, Joclyn and Susan) spent lots of time together over the years. We have so many fond memories and very funny photos of Ernie. He was always laughing and telling wonderfully hilarious stories. We send you our deepest sympathies. Here is a quote I'm stealing from my uncle "Yes he will be missed sorely; but more than that, he will be remembered fondly." Love Joclyn and Jim Burke, Susan Keil and Kate Kelley.

Joclyn Burke - March 21, 2024 at 09:56 AM

WC

“ *Deepest sympathy to you Mary and your family.*

Walter and Diane Crocker - March 20, 2024 at 06:39 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Harbourside Regional Crematorium - March 20, 2024 at 01:08 PM

JB

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Joclyn Burke - March 21, 2024 at 09:52 AM

BS

“ *To dear Mary and family,
I was truly sorry to hear about Ernies passing.
He and Mary were true friends to Larry and me. Spent many days and hours going on get aways traveling through Nova Scotia.
The two of you were always there when I needed you most.
Mary and family my prayers are with you.
With love
Beverley Slauenwhite*

BEVERLEY SLAUENWHITE - March 20, 2024 at 01:01 PM

ME

“ *Mary and family, we are so sorry for your loss of Ernie. He was such a kind and gentle man and will be missed so much by family and friends. Our deepest condolences to you all. Sincerely, Marcie and Andre Elieff*

Marcie Elieff - March 20, 2024 at 10:39 AM

JF

“ *Sincere condolences to Mary and family on the loss of your loved one.*
Jeanne Fox

Jeanne Fox - March 20, 2024 at 08:32 AM