



Mr. A. Gordon Jones

January 12, 1923 - September 10, 2013

Allister Gordon Jones – known as “Gordon” to all – died peacefully on September 10, 2013 after a brief stay at the Foothills Country Hospice in Okotoks, Alberta. Gordon was 90 years old.

Gordon was born on January 12, 1923 on a farm outside of Bangor, Saskatchewan, a Welsh community established in 1902. The second oldest of ten children born to Daniel and Lydia Jones, Gordon worked hard on the family farm throughout the depression, and continued to help his family as much as he could when the family moved to Saskatoon in the mid-1930s.

In 1941, soon after turning 18, Gordon visited a Royal Canadian Air Force recruiting office. This proved to be a defining moment in his life. Although it took three or four times to pass the medical, Gordon was accepted and soon was deemed the ‘desirable type of material’ for a Canadian fighter pilot.

During basic training, he met his beloved wife of almost 69 years, Linora Frances Randle. The two were married on October 26, 1944 in High River, Alberta. After the war, they established a farm east of High River and together raise five children: George, Barbara, David, Mary-Ellen and Darcy.

During the war and throughout his life, Gordon imparted his knowledge and passion for flying to many. Under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, he was responsible for training Commonwealth airmen.

Gordon and Linora farmed and ranched together for 40 plus years in the High River area. Gordon was very involved in his community with Rotary, Curling, Golf, Alberta Flying Farmers as well as the MD of Foothills. Gordon served for 15 years with the MD as Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councilor.

If desired memorial donations may be made to the Foothills Country Hospice www.countryhospice.org or the Nanton Bomber Command Museum www.bombercommandmuseum.ca.

A Celebration of Gordon's Life was held on Friday, September 20th at 1:00 p.m. at the Nanton Bomber Command Museum in Nanton, Alberta. To send condolences and view Gordon's Tribute page please visit www.lylereeves.com. Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals (Craig Snodgrass) of High River 403.652.4242.

Cemetery Details

Highwood Cemetery

High River, AB (CA)

Previous Events

Service

SEP 20. 1:00 PM (MT)

Nanton Lancaster Museum
1729 21st Avenue
Nanton, AB T0L 1R0 (CA)

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ We were very sorry to read about Gordon's passing.
Jim & Marilyn Klein

Marilyn & Jim - September 26, 2013 at 06:59 PM

FD

“ Dear Jones Family,

We were very saddened to just find out the news of Gordon's passing. Our thoughts, prayers, and sympathy are with you all during this time.

Luther, Fawn, Savanna, & Shyanne Dougherty

Fawn Dougherty - September 24, 2013 at 08:04 AM

DJ

“ Condolences to Gordon's family from Doug Jones & family, New Brunswick.
Remember talking with him and Newton at the Bangor Centennial and reminiscing about their mom & dad, who often drove me down to Uncle Elved's farm to spend the summer.

Doug Jones - September 23, 2013 at 12:51 PM

GJ

“ Dear Linora and Family, Please accept our sincere sympathies on the passing of my Uncle Gordon. My fondest memories of him are my times at the farm and your visits to us here on Vancouver Island. RIP Gordon. Gary, Maxine Jones members of 888 Wing Comox, RCAF Association.

Gary Jones - September 21, 2013 at 04:20 PM

BC

“ *Bob Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. A. Gordon Jones*



Bob Cole - September 18, 2013 at 02:36 PM

BM

“ *Dear Linora and family, I am very sorry to hear of Gordon's passing. As a fellow member of the United Flying Octogenarians(UFO) I am proud that I had the pleasure of Gordon's company when we attended a little get together with some other UFO's in Stettler. He will be remembered as a talented fine gentleman in the aviation community as well as in his many other interests. He was a Great Canadian. Sincerely Barry J McDonald*

Barry J McDonald - September 16, 2013 at 11:27 AM

DP

“ *Linora and family,
So sorry to hear of Gord's passing....he was a wonderful man and I will miss my friend. I have fond memories of Rotary District 536 bonspiels, skipped by Gord, and flying home with the 5 foot trophy he was so proud to have won 4 times I believe! God Bless.
Don*

Don Phillips - September 13, 2013 at 01:37 PM

MW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark Whitfield - September 13, 2013 at 10:10 AM

LW

“ *Since sympathy to Linora and family. You were such good neighbours to my Mom and Dad for which I will always be grateful. Thinking of you all.*

linda walsh - September 12, 2013 at 11:00 PM

CD

“ *I was honoured to profile Gordon for CBC's The National. We are so grateful to have filmed one of his final flights. Gordon, of course, didn't seem to think an 89 year old pilot was a big deal. May the memory of him comfort his loved ones. RIP Gordon.*

carolyn dunn - September 11, 2013 at 08:08 PM

AG

“ *My deepest sympathies to Linora and family. I feel honoured to have been part of Gordon's life for the past two years. Thank you for sharing your stories with me -- and many others -- Gordon, you are flying higher than the skies....*

Anne Gafiuk

Anne Gafiuk - September 11, 2013 at 08:03 PM

CJ

“ *Lenora and family: Please accept my sincere wishes at this time. Gordon lived a good and well lived life and I know you will miss him dearly. You are all thought of very sincerely at this time.*
Connie Jewell

Connie L. Jewell - September 11, 2013 at 06:35 PM



Dear Jones family, Your father, husband , grandfather, and great grandfather, and friend to many will be greatfully remembered as a gentleman, with his kind and gentle ways reflecting in all who were in his life. A life well lived and forever remembered.
Karen Crawford

Karen Crawford - September 14, 2013 at 01:39 PM

DO

“ *I am very happy to have met Gordon while taking all those fun pictures of him in his Tiger Moth. It was my pleasure to help in the recording of his flight instructor history. He was an icon in High River and will be missed.*

My most sincere condolences to Linora and the rest of Gordon's family,
Don Molyneaux

Don - September 11, 2013 at 05:16 PM