



**Catherine Fitzpatrick (Dobie)**

**Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)**

**Leading Air Woman 1**

**Service No. 241983W**

**Born:** 13 Sep 1940

**Died:** 26 Apr 2014

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** Patrick and Mary (nee Carroll) Fitzpatrick

Born in 1940, Catherine was the fifth child born to parents, Patrick and Mary of Bay Roberts, Newfoundland. The 1945 Newfoundland general census lists the family as residing in Bay Roberts. Patrick is 35, Mary 33 and children are: Robert 13,

Raymond 11, Margarette 10, Cyril 8, and Catherine 5. The listing has Patrick working as a Coca Cola salesman.

Catherine enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1958.



She completed her basic training in St. Jean, Quebec and a supply tech trade course in Aylmer, Ontario. She was then stationed at Summerside, Prince Edward Island where she met and married LAC (Leading Aircraftsman) Robert Dobie of British Columbia. They were married September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1960, at Bay Roberts, Newfoundland.

**From The Daily News 11 August 1960**

## Engagement

**BAY ROBERTS — Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Fitzpatrick announces the engagement of their daughter Leading Air Woman RCAF Catherine Fitzpatrick, stationed at Summerside, PEI. to LAC Robert Dobie, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dobie, Sr., Maple Ridge, British Columbia. Wedding to take place at Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, Bay Roberts, Sept. 10th.**

Catherine took her release from the RCAF, honourably release on 16 April 1960, being pregnant with her first child at the time. Daughter Kimberly was born on the couples first year anniversary September 10, 1961.

The two would have two children, Kimberly, and Robert.

Robert senior remained in service and spent his 34-year career in the RCAF. Robert and

Catherine moved from Summerside, PEI to One Wing in France in 1962 and then to Two Wing. In all the family was in France for five years. Back to Canada in 1967 and posted to Greenwood, Nova Scotia. From there to Shearwater, then to Comox, British Columbia and a final posting to Cold Lake, Alberta.

Catherine passed away 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2014 in Edmonton, Alberta.



# Royal Canadian Air Force

This is to Certify that

LEADING AIRCRAFTWOMAN 241983W  
RANK NUMBER

CATHERINE DOBIE  
NAME IN FULL

SERVED WITH THE  
ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE  
REGULAR FORCE  
SUPPLY TECHNICIAN GROUP 2

From 15 SEPTEMBER 1958 and was HONOURABLY RELEASED

on the SIXTEENTH day of APRIL 19 61

## PARTICULARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE

Service in theatre of war NO Number of occasions wounded NIL

## DESCRIPTION OF PERSON

Sex FEMALE Age 20 years Height 5 feet 3 inches

Complexion FAIR Eyes BROWN Hair DARK BROWN

Visible marks or scars

Signature of person *C. Dobie*

29 MARCH 1961

DATE

*[Signature]*  
(S. GREEPER) GROUP CAPTAIN

FOR CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF



Catherine at Trenton in January 1959



Trenton 1959