



David Maxwell Cave

Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)

Radar Tech

Born: 27 Mar 1937

Died: 10 Aug 2019

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: John and Myra (nee Parsons) Cave

John and Myra Cave of Bay Roberts had three (3) children according to the 1945 Newfoundland general census. The enumeration listings of that census show John at age 48, Myra at 31 and children, Florence 10, Donald 8, George at 18 and working as a fisherman.

John left home at eighteen in 1955 and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was trained as a Radar technician and was posted in various places in Canada,

including New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, and Nova Scotia.

It was in Nova Scotia; he met Jean Carol MacDonald and in 1958 they were married. They would have three children, Gail, John, and Carol Ann.

Donald served almost 20 years in the RCAF from enlistment in 1955 to retirement in 1974. Following his retirement from the military, he went to work for the Federal Government in the Department of Communications.

Finally settling in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where he retired in 1992. Donald passed away in 2019. His complete obituary is below.

Obituary:

CAVE, David Maxwell

March 27, 1937 - August 10, 2019

David Maxwell Cave, beloved husband of Jean Carol Cave (née MacDonald) of Saskatoon, passed away at the Royal University Hospital on August 10, 2019, at the age of 82 years. He was the loving father of Gail (Harold) Hillyer of St. Martin, MB; John (Patricia) Cave of Saskatoon; and Carol Ann (Glen) Baker of Grand Rapids, MB. He will also be dearly missed by his seven grandchildren, David, Nathan, Mellisa, Stephanie, Vanessa, Caitlin, and Logan; and twelve great-grandchildren. David will also be lovingly remembered by his sister, Florence of Bay Roberts, NFLD, many nephews and nieces, and many friends and acquaintances whose lives he touched. He was predeceased by his parents Myra and John Greenland Cave, and his brother George. In 1955, Max left Newfoundland and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force. While in Nova Scotia, he married the

woman who was to be the love of his life, Jean MacDonald in 1958. Throughout his career as a Radar Technician, he served on many Radar stations along the Radar Pine Tree line, including stops in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, and Manitoba. While in Manitoba, he was a member of the order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Masons, and responsible for Air Force Search and Rescue Team. He was also an ardent curler and hockey coach. Max retired from the Military in 1974 and joined the Federal Government Dept. of Communications working in Thompson, MB before his final transfer to Saskatoon. He retired for a second time in 1992. A lifelong enthusiast of the outdoors, he enjoyed many wonderful times while hunting, fishing, and camping. Max was a man of strong principles, and a man of many talents; from singing and painting, to electrical work and plumbing. A man able to achieve whatever goals or objectives he set for himself. He was also active in many churches as choir member, lay reader, usher, or member. For all his accomplishments and for all his adventures, his proudest was his family. A memorial service for Max will be held Saturday, August 17, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home (210 Wess Rd, Saskatoon, SK). Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family by visiting www.hillcrestmemorial.ca Arrangements entrusted to Jamie Rugg.

Clipping from The Evening Telegram 22 July 1954:

David Cave Joins RCAF

BAY ROBERTS --(Special) --
Another of Bay Roberts young men to enlist in the R.C.A.F. is David, son of Mrs. and the late John G. Cave of this town.

David left here on Tuesday to enter training. He holds the rank of Sergeant in the Amalgamated School Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.

His late father, who died two months ago, was a veteran of the Royal Navy World War I.

Clipping from The Evening Telegram 03 March 1955:

A-C2 David Cave left Monday for Gander after spending a month's furlough with his mother, Mrs. John Cave.

Clipping from The Evening Telegram 07 July 1955:

AC2 David M. Cave, arrived home Sunday morning from Gander to spend a few days with his mother Mrs. John Cave.

**Clipping from The Evening Telegram 15
March 1956:**

AC2 David M Cave left Friday for London, Ontario where he will take a ten day test for the RCAF ground crew. David is the son of Mrs. John Cave of this town.

**Clipping from The Evening Telegram 22
November 1956:**

A-C David Cave left Tuesday last for St. Hubert Que., after spending a month's furlough with his mother, Mrs. Myra Cave.