



**Olive Malina Snow**  
**Royal Canadian Air Force**  
**AirCraftswoman 1<sup>st</sup> Class**

**Born:** 16 Oct 1936

**Died:** 26 Mar 2022

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

**Parents:** Captain James and Winnifred Snow

Olive, born in 1936 was the fifth child of seven born to James and Winnie Snow of Bay Roberts.

The 1945 Newfoundland general census lists the Snow family as residing in Bay Roberts. Father, James is 52, mother “Winnie” is 47 and the children are Ernest 21, James 17, John 16, Annie 12, Olive 9, Cynthia 5 and Calvin 1.

Olive’s dad, Captain James S, Snow was Captain of the Northern Ranger at the time, while brother Ernest was a steward on the vessel.

The newspaper clipping from the Evening Telegram dated 06 December 1956, notes that Olive is serving at Clinton Air Base at Clinton, Ontario.



From the clipping, it is known that she was serving in the mid 50's

An excerpt from Wikipedia provides the following information about the Air Base:

“**Canadian Forces Base Clinton, CFB Clinton** for short, was a Canadian Forces Base located near Clinton, Ontario. It initially opened in July 1941 as **RAF Station Clinton** under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan as a training unit for radar operators during a

period when radar was a top secret device. UK, Canadian, US and other servicemen were trained at Clinton, with practical flights being carried out at nearby RCAF Station Centralia. Clinton remained the primary radar training site for Canadian Forces personnel through the Cold War era, with continued expansions throughout the 1950s and 60s. As part of a centralization effort, CFB Clinton was closed in 1971, with the site abandoned by 1972. A number of buildings remain on the site, including a large "golf ball" radome."

Olive married Gordon MacDonald and together they had three (3) children, Calvin, Ken and Joe.

#### **Olive's Obituary:**



*MACDONALD, Olive Malina (nee Snow) passed away peacefully at age 85 after bravely combating Alzheimer's for over 10 years.*

*Olive is survived by her beloved husband Gordon of 65 years, sons Ken, Joe and predeceased by her son Calvin. She also leaves her sisters Ann Pike, Cynthia Mullaly as well as her brother Calvin Snow (Margaret)*

*Although Olive lived and raised her family*

*in Toronto for over 60 years, Bay Roberts, Newfoundland was always in her heart and considered home.*

*We wish to also recognize Westpark Long Term Care for their comfort and care of Olive while she resided there.*

*Funeral service and celebration of life will be held at Sanctuary Park Chapel and Cemetery 1570 Royal York Road, Etobicoke on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:00 am In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated.*

Olive was cremated and is interred at Sanctuary Park Cemetery C.C. range 18, Lot 62 and has a flat ground marker.

Below are 3 clippings from The Evening Telegram (St. John's, NL) which mention Olive.

**18 Feb 1955**

Miss Olive Snow of the Royal Trust Company spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. (Capt.) James H. Snow.

**15 Mar 1956**

Miss Olive Snow, daughter of Mr. and the late Capt. J. H. Snow left Monday for St. Jean, Quebec, where she has joined the RCAF.

06 Jun 1956



**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:** Model of Earth Satellite forms background for Airwoman Olive Snow of Bay Roberts, Nfld., as she holds one of the RCAF's latest pressure helmets designed for high speed, high altitude jet flight. The Earth Satellite model having its first showing to the Canadian public at RCAF Station Trenton on Air Force Day, Saturday, June 9, was built by popular Science Monthly from information made public to date. The U.S. government plans to launch from six to ten of these man-made satellites sometime after July, 1957. The actual satellites will be similar in size and amount of instrumentation to the model shown in the picture. The model was flown to Canada by RCAF aircraft and is being returned to its custodians, the Franklin Institute of Modern Science in Philadelphia, Penna., immediately following its presentation on Air Force Day. **(National Defence Photo)**