



Douglas Coutts Ferguson

February 8, 1921 - June 30, 2020

Douglas Ferguson joined Peggy Matilda Ferguson, his loving wife of 77 years, on June 30, 2020. Peggy passed on February 5, 2020.

Douglas, born in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, was a decorated WWII veteran who served two terms as a navigator for the RAF/RCAF. His courage earned him a Distinguished Flying Cross which was presented by King George VI. After the war, he graduated from the University of Toronto as an aeronautical engineer, and among other notable accomplishments, contributed to the design of the Canadarm. He later taught graduate engineering at the University of Waterloo. Doug loved to pose questions and find practical solutions. One of his notable projects was the design and construction of the family cottage, an octagonal haven nestled in the woods of Haliburton.

Survived by his children, Iris Currell, Alan (Sue) Ferguson, David (Elsa) Ferguson, and Angus (Neni) Ferguson. Predeceased by son-in-law Don Currell, grand-daughter Jennifer Currell, and by siblings Helen Ferguson, Gladys (Harry) Harris, Lillian (Joseph) Marshall, Charles (Lenora) Ferguson, Donald Ferguson and Angus (Alta) Ferguson. Douglas and Peggy were blessed with 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. A special thanks to the very capable, compassionate staff of Willow Grove at St. Joseph's Villa who took excellent care of Doug and Peggy. The family will hold a celebration of Doug's life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St Joseph's Villa would be appreciated.

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Tribute Wall

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“ *FRANCE : F/Sgt Donald Alexander FERGUSON, February 28, 1943
Google Translation (French-English) it is not perfect.
Dear Madam, Dear Sir,
I extend my sincere condolences for Douglas, Donald's brother.
I am looking for the family of F/Sgt Donald Alexander FERGUSON (R101981),
427th Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF).
Donald FERGUSON was the Navigator of the Wellington III BK343 bomber shot
down by the FLAK (German air defence) on 28 February 1943 on a mission at the
German submarine base of St Nazaire in France. Of the six crew members, five
were killed, including Donald FERGUSON. Donald FERGUSON died at sea. I am
very familiar with the circumstances of his death because Sgt Edward ALLISON,
who was next to him, wrote his war memoirs.
Donald's four comrades are buried in a cemetery in our region in Pornic (44210)
in France.
I am part of an association that remembers the airmen who were killed in our
region. We have done several ceremonies with the presence of the British and
American embassies.
I am in contact with other families of the crew (USA, England) of this aircraft.
I'd like to contact you with the FERGUSON family.
Thank you for your response. Rene BRIDEAU*

Rene BRIDEAU - September 09, 2020 at 10:06 AM

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“ *My husband Doug was named after your Dad. I still remember (1968) when we
went to your cottage. We had to go by boat. I thought if this is I'll take it! When
Krista moved to London, I visited them a few times. He and Peg share a long full
life. Reta Pettit*

Reta Pettit - July 06, 2020 at 11:38 AM