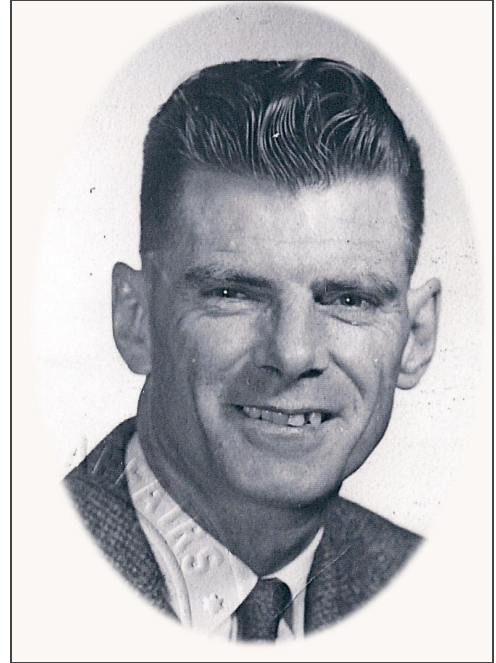


Robert Bomford Foster

NOVEMBER 19, 2013

Robert Bomford Foster, beloved husband of Dorothy Foster went to be with Jesus on November 19, 2013 at the Santuari Hospice at the age of 91. He will be dearly missed by his sons, Mark and Craig and his grandson, Justus as well as his sister, Joyce Fenton (Murray) and his brothers, Gordon and Ron (Bev) as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Isabel and James Foster and his brothers James and Richard and recently by his dear sister-in-law Priscilla. Robert was, born April 20, 1922 at Rockyford, Alberta. He was wounded in WWII where he served as a tank mechanic. After the war he worked at several jobs before settling into a successful career as an air traffic controller. He retired at 65 and enjoyed many years of hiking, skiing and volunteering at the Aerospace Museum. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. If friends desire, memorial tributes in Robert's name may be made to the Mustard Seed Street Ministry, 102 11 Ave S.E. Calgary, AB, T2G 0X5 ph. A Celebration of Roberts Life will be held on Thursday November. 28 at 1:30 pm at the Calgary Community Church 5136 17 Ave N.W.



Messages of Condolence

Sad to hear of Bob's passing.

I worked with him at Springbank from 198 until his retirement and saw him occasionally afterward at the Aerospace Museum.

Many good memories that I wish I could share at the Celebration but sadly we are out of town.

— **Rob Ibey**

Bob and I attended ATC course #8 in WG, Dec 1958 - Feb 1959. We were both transferred to YC Tower. Our first assignment was both of us drive to and visit all the hangars on the YC airport and the aircraft inside and outside. Also meet all those that work in the hangars and on aircraft and tell them you are new controllers and you want a tour of the facility. This was a familiarity tour so that when an arriving aircraft were to ask ATC for specific servicing or a specific hangar we then new the route to taxi the aircraft.

Over the years we worked the occasional shift together until he was transferred to BW as UC. I enjoyed his stories of his previous time in the RArmy driving tanks.

After our retirement I visited Bob a few times at the Calgary Aerospace Museum where he volunteered his time in the gift shop and doing the occasional visitor tour of the air museum.

Bob had a PPL and was offered the free use of a Cessna C-175. In the early 1960's Bob asked me to check him out on this C-175 with the geared engine. While we taxied out I jokingly asked Bob if he wanted to check me out first and then I check him out? He was stumped at my comment, so I told him that I had never been in one of these C-175's. He was about to turn around and taxi back to the hangar so I told him that it was OK. (back in those medieval days no checkout was required under 10,500lbs and current flying with a CPL). Bob's PPL covered him up to 5000 lbs and current flying. Which he wasn't familiar with these DOT rulings. So we did his checkout, (which really wasn't required :-)

Rules were changed and currently every pilot requires a checkout on type and a yearly Pilot Proficiency Check (PPC).

I enjoyed your company Bob.

Jim

— **Jim Hall**



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