

George Wilfred Scott

March 22, 1924 - June 4, 2020

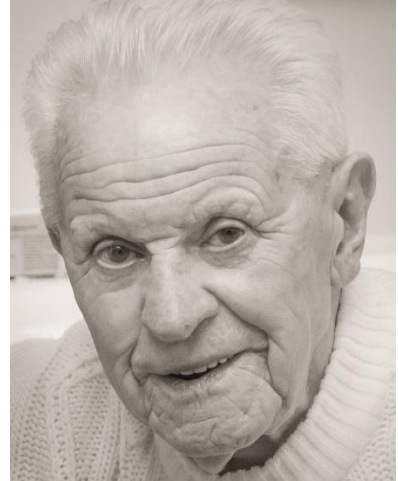
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AVRO Canada - worked on experimental projects at Avro

Obituary (online):

OBITUARY OF GEORGE WILFRED SCOTT

March 22, 1924 - June 4, 2020 George was born in Weston, Ontario and resided in Caledon, Erin and Orangeville. George passed peacefully of natural causes at Sunnybrook Veterans K3E Wing. He was predeceased by his parents Elsworth Scott and Viola (Holmes) Scott and his wife Shirley (Ware) Scott (2006), four brothers and one sister. He will be sadly missed by his four children: Barbara (Jack) Corbett, Nancy (Bob) Slack, George (Lorrie) Scott, Mary (Mike) Snell and his dear sister Eleanore Leonard. He leaves behind 10 adoring grandchildren: Eddie (Nell) Corbett, Cheryl (Huges) Tremblay, Rob (Kerri) Slack, Joe (Lisa) Slack, Penny Slack (Kal Mollison), George Scott, Candice Scott, Jeremy Scott, Michael Snell, and Laura Snell. He also had 9 precious great grandchildren: Weston, Grant and Hutch Corbett, Evelyn and Remi Tremblay, Kenya and Sawyer Slack, Evan Slack, and Lukas Scott. George had many adventures throughout his 96 years. He was on a construction crew that built the Alaskan Highway, helped build the Avro Arrow, and he fought overseas in WWII. He served in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands as a Lance Corporal. He was happiest when he was building or repairing something or regaling us with his many lengthy stories. He made friends wherever he went and was always ready to lend a helping hand to everyone. In later years he fulfilled a lifetime dream of being a pilot by building an ultralight airplane. Through his many adventures and life's trials he always came out a survivor! Thank you to all the staff at Sunnybrook Veterans for the wonderful care for the last three years. He was fond of you all. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, there will be no funeral. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour to serve the Scott Family.



<https://imfunerals.com/tribute/details/1166/George-SCOTT/obituary.html>

<https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/orangeville/name/george-scott-obituary?id=40641930>

Other:

The Day the Avro Arrow Died by Jeff Rollings Mar 21, 2009

Eighty-six year old George Scott of Erin worked on experimental projects at Avro. He says when the shutdown announcement was made, "I was standing beside one of the planes. People's hearts fell out. I'm sure there was some crying. It wasn't exactly a surprise though. There had been rumours for months."

George points out that many of the people who moved away after the cancellation were newcomers to begin with. "People with aircraft experience from World War II had been coming from England, all over," he says. "They had moved in throughout the area."



After Black Friday, George says, "Rumours spread that aircraft plants in the U.S. were hiring. Carloads of men were heading off to Georgia, California, looking for work. They'd get hired on somewhere, and houses weren't selling, so they were left empty. I know people who just walked away from their homes and mortgages. We never heard from them again."

"I had an office on the second floor overlooking the main hanger. From this debatable advantage spot I could see the Arrows being cut up by acetylene torches."

Wally Walsh, Avro Supervisor, Memoir, Peel Archives

"They cut the planes up in sections," he says. "The wings, the nose, the mid-section and the tail." Then they broke them down further with hand tools, offering George a chance to take part. "As I walked by, the wreckers would say 'Take an axe George.' I'd put my head in my hands and say 'I can't.'"

Above from, In The Hills Magazine:

<https://www.inthehills.ca/2009/03/the-day-the-avro-arrow-died/>

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