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Space flight pioneer dies at 75

WATERLOO, ONT. / Owen Maynard, a Canadian who helped engineer the first moon landing, died July 15 of heart complications. He was 75.

Maynard, a native of Sarnia, Ont., flew with the RCAF during the Second World War, then later earned a degree in aeronautical engineering at the University of Toronto.

He was a structural engineer on the famed Avro Arrow program, but when the project was scrapped in 1959, NASA enlisted him to serve on the Mercury and Apollo programs.

Author Christopher Gainor called Maynard "one of Canada's great space flight pioneers," citing his role as former head of systems engineering at NASA and chief engineer of the Apollo spacecraft program.

He played a major role in designing the lunar module.

