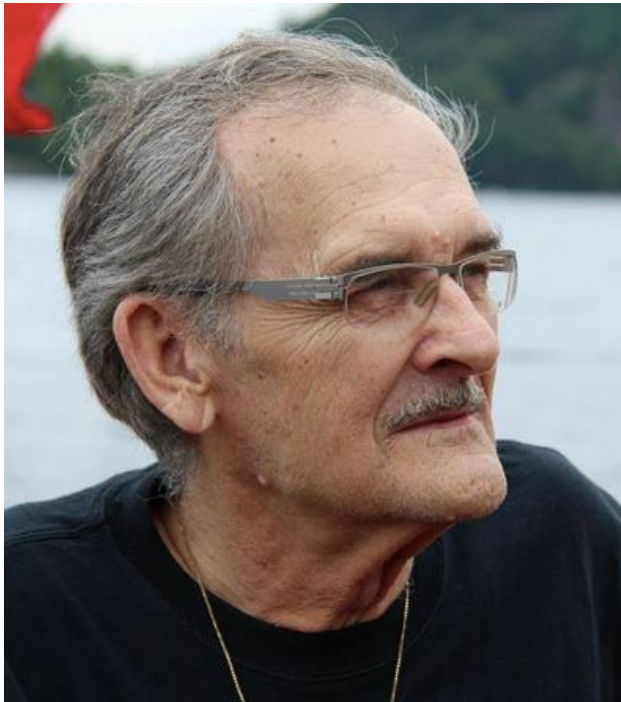


Andrey (Andy) Germuska

Information provided by Barry Copp 6/13/21



His portrait has the name Alex Newman tagged on it so I assume he took Andy's photo.

Obituary Overview

In Loving Memory of Andrey (Andy) Germuska

Andrey (Andy) Germuska passed peacefully with family by his side on Thursday October 24, 2019 after a long struggle with cancer.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday October 29th at the Glen Oaks Funeral Home, 3164 Ninth Line, (corner of Dundas St West) Oakville Ontario L6H 7A8 from 1-2:30pm. 905-257-8822
Family will then attend his gravesite for burial.

Andy was born in Toronto on April 28, 1933 to Anton and Anna Germuska. They lived mostly in the vibrant Kensington Market area of Toronto, and six years after Andy was born his sister Irene (McMullen) arrived. Andy learned his technical and drafting skills at Central Tech High School, where he could often be found building and flying and floating model planes and boats. The pride of his career was being the youngest draftsman hired to design and construct the Avro Arrow in 1957. He was there when the prototypes were destroyed after the Canadian government stopped funding the leading-edge fighter jet, and like all who worked on it the destruction of the Arrow broke his heart. He later found work at the National Research Council in Ottawa, and ORTECH in Mississauga. It was there he met the love of his life, Sheila Newman, who pre-deceased Andy in 2013. Andy's precision as a draftsman translated into a mid-life career as a realist painter. His canvasses were large, and his subject matter tended toward the mechanical or scenery. Several of his works were purchased by individuals and corporations.

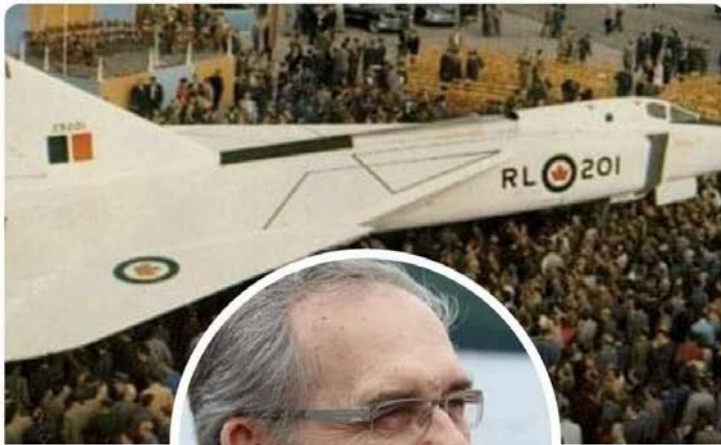
Andy was loved by many nieces and nephews and their children from his sister Irene's family: Debbie Bain (Alannah and Jenna), Marie McMullen and Les Krause, Teresa Keys (Christine and Michael), Phil and Susan McMullen (Kevin, Ryan, Olivia) and Jim and Lisa McMullen (Taylour). He also lived much of his life with Sheila's children, Kevin Newman (Wife Cathy, Alex and Erica), Kelly Back - predeceased (Breanna), and Debbie Lewis (Partner Jeff and Brody).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Andy's name to: Hamilton Vintage Warplane Museum.
<https://www.warplane.com/donate/monetary-donations.aspx>

12:00



Timeline Photos



Andy Germuska



Jim McMullen

Today we said goodbye to my Uncle, [Andy Germuska](#), Andy had a passion for airplanes stemming from his work as a draftsman for the Avro Arrow, he was an accomplished realist artist, painting scenes on large canvasses, capturing places at specific moments in time forever. Andy was opinionated and would value your opinion if it was the same as his. He fought cancer to the end, deciding that last Thursday he would leave on his terms. May he rest in peace until we meet again, you've earned your wings Andy, may you soar and rest in peace.

Timeline Photos · 29 Oct at 20:13 ·

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Avro Arrow: History and Future of the Legend



Andy Germuska

September 21, 2017 · 🌐



I just read somewhere that the Sabre pilot with the Arrow first flight was wearing a helmet with a camera attached. I am the one that designed it. After I did I thought that there wasn't enough room under the canopy. THEY DID USE IT. nobody told me. So much for somebody else taking the credit Son of a bitch. My boss ?

👍 😮 😂 22

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Alan Wilkinson

Incredible. What a shame you were left out of the loop.

Like · Reply · 3y



Robert Ryall

12 more days to go !

Like · Reply · 3y



Robert Ryall

Will be 60 years!

Like · Reply · 3y



Dave Marsden

Yeah, there's a pic in the Arrowheads' "Arrow" with Jack Woodman wearing it. You just found out?

Like · Reply · 3y



AVRO CANADA Stuff

His work on the Avrocar:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/630474167009225/permalink/1705615089495122>

Public group

[Andy Germuska](#)

February 17, 2018 ·



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The Avrocar (somewhere down in the States) Did some drafting work on it. Before it was on the first trial " flight " I got work at NRC Ottawa in the Aerodynamics group.

Good thing I went when I did. Would have been out of a job for sure. This " Flying Saucer " did NOT FLY.

Andy Germuska a Story of Canadian Heritage. It is an interview he did with some kid on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAWotdMTT-I&ab_channel=JamesDoyle

- [David C. MacKechnie](#)

A view from a "few" years ago.



[Christopher Joseph Garrett](#)

Where is this on display now?

[Richard David Van Roie](#)

National Museum United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio has the Avro Car

- [Andy Germuska](#)

Author

I believe there are two of them down in the USA (somewhere) I saw pictures of one that looked like crap because of the alterations and testing.

[Richard David Van Roie](#)

Western Canada Aviation Museum, Winnipeg, Manitoba has a full scale replica

[Andy Germuska](#)

There were two of them built at Avro. The one that looks like crap I believe is in "storage" in a hangar somewhere. Locked up, no visitors. I saw the information and pictures YEARS ago. I can not remember where.

Scott Olsen

That particular avro car is a replica that sit in the Canadian aviation museum in Winnipeg

Andy Germuska

The "Flying Saucer" that never "Flew"

Andy Germuska

Too bad it didn't fly. Quite a few people at Avro had their hopes on it.

Bill Tee

The one I saw was at Silver Hills, Va at the Smithsonian restoration and storage site . When I expressed surprise at seeing it the guide asked me to tell them something about it, which I did..

Mike McAllister

I bet you did Bill....like how to keep it from counter-rotating ? What year were you there ?

Bill Tee

There were 'puff ports' on each side for directional control in yaw. these were controlled with rudder pedals. Control stick controlled the anular rings that surrounded the craft, top & bottom of anular outlets. These operated on the coanda effect dir...

Andy Germuska

Early 70s ?? I thought the Avrocar was finished and contract finished around 1961. I left Avro before they test flew the Avrocar and got a job at NRC Ottawa in the Aerodynamics group (wind tunnels)

Donald Philpott

I remember seeing the Avro car outside the plant when I was a kid. I thought it was a flying saucer.

Andy Germuska

I worked on the "flying saucer" that didn't fly. Sad.

Bill Tee

AVROCAR, defintely.

Michael Marriott

OK that clears that up.

Ken Mist

One of the originals at the **National Museum of the U.S. Air Force** in Dayton, Ohio.



Andy Germuska

The Flying Saucers that Couldn't Fly. I didn't stick around to see, applied for and got a job in Ottawa , Aerodynamics Section, wind tunnels . Fantastic work. NRC.