

Andrey (Andy) Germuska

Apr 28, 1933 - Oct 24, 2019

Worked For:

Avro Canada; National Research Council; ORTECH

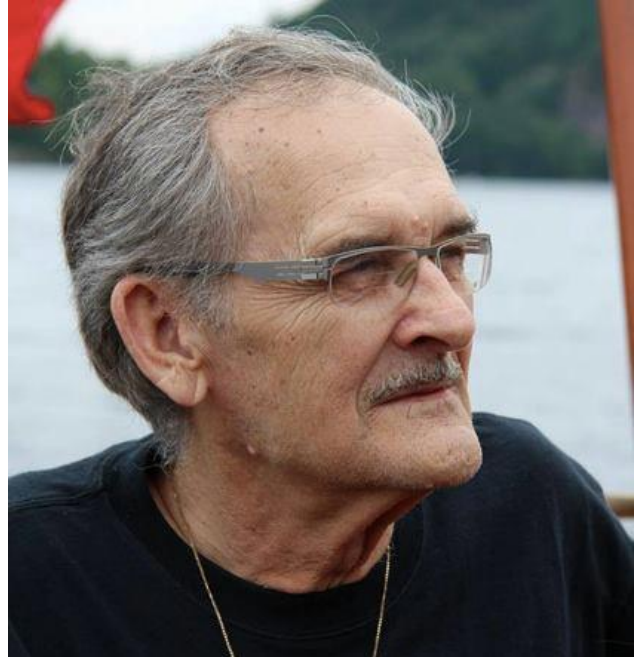
Position: Design draftsman with the Avro Arrow and Avrocar.

Obituary (online):

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. 647-490-8314
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>

<https://www.arbormemorial.ca/glenoaks/obituaries/andrey-andy-germuska/40571>

His work on the Avrocar:

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

Andy Germuska a Story of Canadian Heritage

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



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 ?



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.

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