

Last Flight:

David Allister 'Mac' MacDonald (02 November 1923 – 05 March 2025)



Allister 'Mac' MacDonald (centre) celebrating his 101st birthday at Legion Branch 457 in Stayner, Ont., on Sat., Nov. 2, 2024

Allister, a decorated Second World War veteran and longtime community leader, died peacefully in his 102nd year on March 5, 2025 at Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood with his family at his side.

Mac joins his beloved wife Violette (Vi) Kay MacDonald, who he married on June 29, 1945 and who passed on November 25, 2014. He will be dearly missed by his children Bruce (Susan), Kay Munroe (Donald), David (Julie) and Stuart (Lindsey). He was a treasured grandfather to Craig, Mike, Scott, Matthew, Jessica, Jasmine, Colton, Brody, Melissa, and Bradley. His many grandchildren and great grandchildren cherish his memory.

Allister was a great man who impacted everyone he crossed paths with. He served his country and his community for many years in too many ways to list and was an inspiration for many. He enlisted with the RCAF in 1941, working as an Aero Engine Mechanic with RCAF 429 (Bison) Squadron during the Second World War and knew everything there was to know about the Lancaster. Following the war, he worked for more than thirty years in the base construction engineering section at CFB Borden, served on town council for nearly a decade, served for two 4-year terms as Mayor of Stayner, sat as a member on the local housing authority, and operated “MacDonald’s 9 to 11 Convenience” store for many years. He was a lifetime member of the Stayner Legion Branch 457 and an honorary member of RCAFA 441 (Huron) Wing.

“He was always helping people out, helping people start businesses, helping people raise families, and he felt that his influence into the civic space, you know, just continued to grow,” his son Stu said.

A memorial service will be held at the Stayner Rec Centre at 1400 hrs on Sunday, 29 June 2025. His interment will take place the following day at Stayner Union Cemetery at 1400 hrs. In lieu of flowers, Allister asked for donations to be made to Campbell House, Collingwood Hospital, or the charity of your choice. To sign Mac’s Book of Memories, please visit www.carruthersdavidson.com