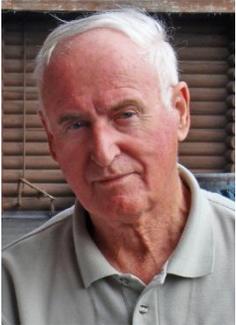


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KEN WRIGHT • PILOT • 180 SQUADRON



Ken Wright passed away 14 July after a brief period of care at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, in Nanaimo, BC.

Born in Hetton le Hole, Durham, England, Ken moved with his parents and siblings to Nanaimo, British Columbia in 1928 when he was five years of age. He was working as caretaker for the old Nanaimo golf course before enlisting in the RCAF during WWII.

He was posted to 180 Squadron at Dunsfold, Surrey in the spring of 1944 after OTU at Pennfield Ridge, NB. His first operation was 28 April 44; a raid on the Nantes Marshalling Yards that was scrubbed due to 10/10ths cloud over target. An op the next day was recalled due to weather but the following day he bombed a 'No Ball' site in Northern France.

D-Day was a night op for Ken and crew, followed a week later by Ken's 21st birthday. His tour was completed 01 September and he was posted to 13 OTU Finmere, then Flying Instructor's School at Lulgate Bottom (now Bristol Airport) and back to Finmere as a staff pilot and instructor.



l-r: Sgt Lloyd Shanks, Sgt W. Stuart, P/O Hank Clark, F/O Ken Wright.

By the summer of '45 Ken was back home in Nanaimo where he married Joan Davis and together they raised 3 daughters and a son. Ken continued with aviation, doing BC coast commercial flying (Cessnas and Beavers) for 35 years; then became an insurance representative. He was a volunteer flight instructor for the Nanaimo Air Cadets and organized the Nanaimo Air Shows in the 1970s. Ken was a long-time member of 2nd TAF MBA and served as Western Canadian Representative.

Ken was predeceased by his wife Joan and daughter Wendy. He is survived by his loving partner Lillian Weaver, daughters Linda (Ken) and Laurel (Neil) and son Ken (Brenda) and son-in-law Larry (Wendy) and ten grandchildren.

Lil is doing well and has the support of loved ones close by; she recently travelled to California to see her Daughter Carla graduate from So Cal with a doctorate in psychology.

JAN PIET KLOOS • NAV/B • 320 SQUADRON



Jan Kloos died of pneumonia in Geneva on 14 July 2014. He was a veteran of 320 (Dutch) Squadron RAF and was awarded the Air Force Cross OHK 'avec palmes' and diploma of honour of the French Republic (Normandy 1944).

Jan is survived by his wife Nadia Kloos-Manunza and sons Gérard F.W. Kloos and Robert P. Kloos.

Cremation has taken place in a private ceremony and Jan's ashes were transferred to the cemetery in Perly, Geneva 27 July 2014.

More detail will be available in the November issue of Dispersals.



*Appie Otten, Jan Kloos, Walter Bowman, Jack Lub.
Melsbroek 1945*

Jan Kloos photo



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