

Carl "Pappy" Theiss, CD
April 15 1934 – 31 December 2008



Pappy Theiss passed away quietly on 31 December 2008 at the Cold Lake Medical Centre at the age of 74.

Pappy is survived by his wife Bea, nine sons and daughters: Candy MacDonald (Dave) Fort MacMurray, Lawrence Cantera (Mary) Edmonton, Rene Smyth (Glen) Victoria BC, Linda Northcott (John) Sherwood Park, Edward Cantera (Shirley) Cold Lake, Leslie Theiss (Debbie) Edmonton, Norma Kordac (Frank) Edmonton, Norine Ebel (Dwight) Orleans Ont, Steven Theiss (Corinne) Vermillion, 19 Grand children and 11 ½ Great Grand children.

Carl "Pappy" Theiss was born in Vancouver in 1934. He joined the RCAF in 1951, where he spent the next 33 years in the Air Force. He joined as an Aero Engine Technician, later he became a crewman and then received his Wings as a Flight Engineer. After completing his basic trade training in Camp Borden Ontario he went on to serve at the Air Force bases in Rivers Manitoba, Edmonton Alberta, El Arish Egypt, Comox BC, Edmonton Alberta again, Winnipeg Manitoba, and Cold Lake Alberta

Carl was a highly active member of the Air Force Association of Canada 784 Diamond Jubilee Wing, where he was President twice and also held numerous other positions. He became President of the Alberta Group of the Air Force Association of Canada. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 34 years. He also served as 1st Vice President of the Federal Superannuates National Association Cold Lake Branch. He was a member of 435-436 & Burma Squadron Association.

Pappy was one of those rare volunteers who gave his all and more to any organization he was involved in. Through his dedication, professionalism and initiative, Pappy's efforts have had a direct impact on 784 Wing, Alberta Group and the Air Force Association, the FSNA and Canada's military.

Pappy will be sorely missed by all that knew him; he's put his Flight Engineer's Wings back on and is currently flying somewhere in the wild blue yonder.

A Celebration of Life for Pappy will be held at the Cold Lake Agriplex on the 10th of January at 1:00 pm.