



Frank Stanley (Stainless) STEELE
Distinguished Flying Cross No.550
Squadron

May 13, 1919 - May 18, 2012

Still fiercely independent and on his own terms, Frank Steele left us in the morning hours of May 18th at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rita (Millette); survived also by his children Richard (Bonnie), Francine (Doug), John (Shirley), Barbara (Andrew); his grandchildren Shawna, Kyle, Jessica, (John predeceased), Jordan, Taylor and his great-grandson Nolan. Predeceased by his parents Charles Steele (Elizabeth Sullivan) of Wallace Bridge Nova Scotia; brothers Logan, Harold, Almon; sisters Anita and Helene. Survived by Jim, Laura, Edna, Marion, Shirley and Isobelle. "Stainless" Steele enlisted in the RCR in 1942 in London England, training with No. 31 EFTS. In 1943, he was commissioned and awarded the Queen's Coronation Medal. By October 1944, this dashing young pilot had completed 36 sorties. The post war years brought him the love of his life, Rita Claire Millette. F/L Steele was stationed in London Ont, Saskatoon Sask. and promoted to Squadron leader at St. Hubert QC., where he remained until retirement in 1967. A new life began with the purchase of his first home and a second career that would span 17 years with the Department of Air Transport, Licensing Division. During his retirement, Frank gave up the idea of buying a "plane" and spent endless hours walking, swimming and biking, meeting many friends along his route. He loved to chat and tell jokes - the naughtier the better! The last 5 years of his life have been spent completely devoted to caring for his wife who suffers with Alzheimer. It is with sadness that we bid you farewell Dad. We know you are flying high above the clouds, free at last. A celebration of Frank's life will take place at 11:00 am on Friday, May 25th at Pinecrest Remembrance Services, 2500 Baseline Road, Ottawa. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be gratefully appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.colefuneralservices.com



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