

Davis William George Flt. Lt.



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William was born on April 22, 1923 in Amherst, Nova Scotia, his parents were George Austin Davis from New Brunswick and Isabel Fleming from Ireland. He had a sister, Margaret Jean Chabassel, religiously the Davis family belonged to the United Church. After successfully completing High School in Amherst with "grade 11", William followed a commercial course. In 1940 he joined the Royal Bank of Canada in Amherst as an employee. William spoke English, but also had knowledge of German and French. He practiced various sports, but fairly moderately.

From November 1939 William served as a private with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders as part of the Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada. On March 5, 1941, William enlisted in the RCAF and developed into a skilled pilot during pilot training. As a flight lieutenant he carried out many missions in Germany and the occupied Netherlands. Things went wrong on March 30, 1945. His plane, a Typhoon RB 435, was shot down and he crashed near Rheine (D), north of Münster. William's remains were found next to the burned plane. He was first at the age of 21 temporarily buried at the cemetery of Wetrtingen (D) and in July 1946 he was finally buried in plot 9, row H, grave 5 at the Canadian Cemetery in Holten.

