



Jean-Marie was born on May 17, 1922 in Saint Onesine de Kamouraska, Quebec. He was the fifth child of Alexandre and Adeline Beaufien Dube. His parents were married in 1910 and had a rich marriage, Jean-Marie had 5 brothers and 8 sisters. Father Alexandre died at the age of 49 in 1937. Jean-Marie's youngest sister was then 3 years old. One of his brothers was also in the Canadian Army.

Jean-Marie dropped out of school when he was 13 after completing "grade 5". He worked as a day laborer on nearby farms. He was adventurous, loved playing softball and dancing, read detective novels and loved jazz. He visited the cinema every week. Jean-Marie also often went hunting and fishing. The medical report states that he was a heavy smoker.

On September 7, 1939, Jean-Marie enlisted in the army at the age of 17. During his training in Canada he was hospitalized 9 times for venereal disease or tonsillitis.

On November 30, 1944, he was embarked for the United Kingdom. From December 9, 1944 to February 23, 1945, he waited in England to be deployed at the front. On February 24, Jean-Marie was assigned to the Regiment Les Fusiliers Mont Royal, which had to push the Nazis back behind the Rhine with the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division. After the fierce battle in the Hochwald, this job was completed at the end of March. And his division was ordered to liberate the eastern part of the Netherlands and to advance to Groningen. Jean-Marie never reached that city. On April 7, 1945, the soldiers of the Regiment Les Fusiliers Mont Royal stood in front of the Schipbeek between Laren and Holten. The Germans had blown up the bridge and were defending themselves behind the stream. In the fierce fighting that day, Jean-Marie Dube was seriously injured, he was taken to the emergency hospital in Lochem, but died that same day from his wounds. He was 22 years old.

