



David Marcel Hamel

Better known as 'Pappy'

March 6, 1927~October 7, 2007

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David 'Pappy' Hamel who died peacefully at home in Langley, BC on Sunday, October 7, 2007 leaving his beloved wife, Louise, and son, Justin.

Pappy was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, raised in Davidson, Saskatchewan having served in the Navy, RCMP (Air Division) Reg. #10955, later embracing his aviation interests along with his music.

He lived a full life having achieved recognition in four Music Halls of Fame (Country & Western Swing) and Aviator of the Year (Langley Aero Club, Canadian Museum of Flight). He has literally instructed thousands of pilots, both local and international, at Fort Langley Seaplane base over the past 40 years.

"The song has ended, but the melody lingers on."
A 'Celebration of Life' will be held at noon, Saturday, November 3, Shannon Hall, Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition, 6050A 176th St., Surrey, BC. Dress: Casual Attire. Musician and aviator friends are encouraged to bring a song and/or story. Contact: Louise Hamel, pappy@dowco.com (604) 534-3708

In memory of "Pappy" consider a donation to Canadian Museum of Flight, Langley Airport, Hangar 3 - 5333 216 St., Langley, BC V2Y 2N3.