

Bob Pogue



Born: 15 October, 1934
Omeme, Ontario

Died: 19 May, 2014
Chilliwack, B.C.

Family: Wife Shirley
Son Robert
3 Grandchildren

Pilot

Gulf Air

Air BC

West Coast Air

Bob loved flying and moved from Ontario to Chilliwack in 1958, to begin a life as a commercial pilot. One of the accolades he received with his obituary was:

"Bob taught me how to fly, as an air cadet in Chilliwack, 1958...A great and patient guy. Just realized that he was only 4 years older than me. Fly high Bob"

Bob had a 40 year career flying many aircraft, fixed wing single and twin engine, on wheels, floats, skis, as well as flying boats and helicopters. He moved from Chilliwack to Vancouver and became Chief Pilot for Gulf Air and later for West Coast Air, which was subsequently bought by Harbour Air. Transport Canada tried to hire him as an inspector in the early 1980's but it didn't pan out. In the 1990's He was in Campbell River flying a corporate Beaver for a logging company.

Bob was very well known for having pulled off an almost impossible survival manoeuvre. His Grumman Mallard, a big aeroplane to have out of control and loaded up with ice, rolled onto its back and began to plunge down into mountainous terrain. Bob fought back control and managed to save both the aircraft and himself. The plane had shed the ice while it was inverted.

Although he was always addressed as Bob, when talking about him, he was referred to as Pogue. He was very personable and very smart, a totally

competent pilot. He was also known to be a man of great integrity with a keen concern for aviation safety.

Travelling was a passion with Bob and he took his family to Fiji, New Zealand, Jamaica, and frequently to Hawaii. After he retired from commercial flying in Canada, he volunteered for the Israeli Army, toured Ireland and spent many Canadian winters in Mexico.



Grumman Mallard

