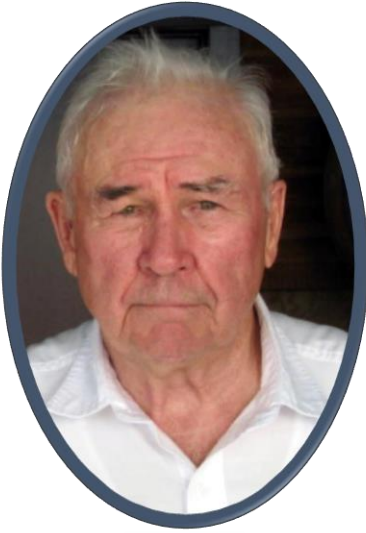


## Ed Bray



**Born:** June 21, 1929  
Macklin, SK

**Died:** April 30, 2023  
Langley, B.C.

**Family:** Wife Juliette, and  
4 Children 4 Grandchildren  
Pilot

Merchant Marine

Logger

**Alert Bay Air Service**

**Queen Charlotte Airlines**

Sailor

Edmund George Bray grew up in Alberta and joined the Merchant Marine during the last months of WWII. When he returned from the war he worked as a logger and then pursued his passion for flying to become a remarkable Canadian pilot.

Ed began his flying career in 1953 with **Alert Bay Air Services** and later moved to **Queen Charlotte Airlines**, both operating in the north of Vancouver Island. He was a pioneer, flying in the High Arctic and providing vital access to the isolated communities along the B.C. coast. He had a narrow escape as one of the few pilots to survive a forced landing in the Bering Sea. This incident is notable because surviving such a landing in the harsh conditions of the Bering Sea incredibly rare. It highlights Ed's exceptional skills and bravery as a pilot.

After he retired, Ed sailed a topsail schooner the "Del Viento" to Mexico and through the South Pacific, Hawaii and B.C. waters. He was known as an adventurous spirit with a warm heart and a great sense of humour.



*The Del Viento*

