



## MAGEE, Sir William "Sam" James

CD, OMC, SSM (USA), BSM w/V (USA), BSM (USA)

FIRST SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE US-CANADA

"Devil's Brigade"

At Lakeridge Health in Oshawa, on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at the age of 91. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (née Fiddes). Loving father of Michael, Marci, Andrew (Shannon), Jennifer and predeceased by Paul. Devoted grandfather to Zoe, Kelly, Natalie, Kristine (Donald), Andrew Jr, Mark, Michael, Sawyer, Marlowe, and great-grandchildren Darwin, Stella, Ethan, Owen, Ava Lynne, Abel, Tayler and Landyn. Brother of Aubrey Magee (deceased), Ellen Montgomery (deceased), Shirley Izon, Sheala Aggett and Jack Magee. Predeceased by parents William and Euna Magee. Will be fondly remembered by Mike O'Shaughnessy and his son, Zachary. Relatives and friends may pay their respects at McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM FUNERAL HOME LTD., 152 King Street East, Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm. A funeral service will be held at COLONEL R.S. McLAUGHLIN ARMOURY, 53 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa, on Friday, September 26, 2014 at 1:00 pm. Interment Thornton Cemetery. Donations made in memory of William to any organization that supports children or youth, that you were involved with when you met William or any presently supported children or youth organizations in your area would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.makfuneralhome.com](http://www.makfuneralhome.com).

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## Condolences

Sep 22, 2014

**Eldon and Karen MacKay**

The Magee Family

We are thinking of all of you at this sad time. Your Dad most certainly has left his mark on the world. You can be very proud of what he had achieved. Whatever he set his mind too he gave it all. He will be missed.

Regards Karen and Eldon

Sep 22, 2014

**Col Bob Chapman**

My sincere condolences to the Magee Family.

Sam certainly was an interesting gentleman that I always enjoyed talking with, usually he would do the talking.

I will miss his cheerful smile.

Sep 22, 2014

**Rick Kurelo**

Sam was my friend and I admired his contribution to his country and community. My condolences to the Magee family.

Sep 22, 2014

**Lynn Williams**

I loved Sam, and I will miss his great smile and large personality. He was very informative to me in my pursuit of knowing what my father might have experienced and to have been like. I like to think he might have been a little bit of Sam.

Sep 23, 2014

**Young/Hodgson Family**

Our sincere condolences to Sam's family and friends on his passing.

We will all remember Sam very fondly and have happy memories of the good times we had when he visited England. We are glad to have known such a lovely man. Rest well, friend.

Jean, Laura and John

Sep 23, 2014

**Chris and Colleen Cox**

Your father lived such a full amazing life. I never had the joy of getting to know him well but I did get to hear how amazing he was from you Jenn. Sad for your loss but his spirit is living on through all of you. Love to you all.

Sep 23, 2014

**Herb Peppard (FSSF) and Family**

Dear Michael, Marci, Andrew and Jennifer

Our hearts are with you. Sam was the Bravest of the Brave as a medic in our FSSF, a respected comrade and friend. Please accept our deepest condolences from us who knew him.

Herb Peppard (1-1), Nova Scotia  
Rosalee Peppard Lockyer, Oshawa  
Lark Peppard Hewer, Ottawa

Sep 23, 2014

**Clay Samis. Cdn Airborne Forces Association**

My condolences to Sam's family. I met Sam at many airborne gatherings over the years. He was such an interesting character and I always enjoyed his stories. He will be missed.

Sep 23, 2014

**Maj Ray Howells CD**

When you knew SAM you knew what Duty. Honour. Country meant  
as Sam lived and breathed it and encouraged you to believe it  
a true patriot  
REST IN PEACE

Sep 23, 2014

**Aileen S tevens**

Sorry for you loss -your Dad/Grandpa was well-known in the local bridge 'family' - We knew of his interests and  
November 11th visits to local schools and his work with the boys' camps We always made sure to give him used  
playing cards as we renewed ours.

Sep 23, 2014

**Carolyn Bachler Derscheid**

My heartfelt prayers and sympathy go out to the family of this very special hero. My daddy was a member of the First  
Special Service Force and I know that every man that was a member was like a brother to him. The reunion in  
heaven just welcomed another wonderful angel. God bless and god's speed. FSSF Proud!!

Sep 23, 2014

**Vic Dingle**

Sympathy to the Family, Rest in Peace old Soldier.

Airborne

Sep 24, 2014

**Ralph O. McKay**

My condolences to the Magee family. I met Sam when I was 18 years old while taking my airborne training with The 2  
RCR and thereafter at reunions. I too will miss him. Airborne Ralph O. McKay

Sep 24, 2014

**CWO Brian Budden, CD - QOR of C**

My sincere condolences to the Magee family. Sam was a very proud Veteran and I was very honoured to know him  
and I will cherish The William "Sam" Magee 6-3 - First Special Service Force Madallion and certificate that he  
presented to me at The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Junior Ranks XMAS Dinner a few years ago. He was a great  
friend of the Regiment. Always enjoyed his stories and seeing him in Normandy and Holland. His KIDS for KIDS was  
one of many things that he enjoyed doing. A great role model to.

His motto...."Don't Let One Spoil It For The Rest"

We Will Remember Them.

God Bless, Brian

Sep 24, 2014

**Edward N. J. Lawrence**

My Sincere Condolences to the Magee Family ,,,  
I Met " Sam " on a Couple of Occasions and was Impressed with Him,  
He was a Fine Man Indeed ,, He Will Sadly Missed by His Family  
and Friends ,,,, Rest in Peace Sam ,, You Deserve It ,,  
Sincerely Edward N.J. Lawrence ,, Oshawa , Ontario ,, Former R.C.E.M.E. Reserve ,,,

Sep 25, 2014

**Sajgalik Family**

I know that we never lose the people we love, even when they pass. They continue to be in our thoughts almost daily. Their love leaves an imprint on our hearts forever. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. We can move forward by striving to be the amazing people that they were. Jenn I can say for certain that you and the kids are amazing people and already made him proud and I know you will continue to do so for yourself and in his honour.

Love Jennifer, Ray, Eric, Ryan and Viktoria Sajgalik

Sep 25, 2014

**Linda & Murray Austin**

We knew him as William, and played Bid euchre many, many times. We listened to his stories, and admired his involvement with youth. A proud and honorable man.

Sep 25, 2014

**Eleanor Mason-Beeke**

William was one of a kind. Always interesting to talk with.

The many children he took the time to speak with will never forget him.

We will be sadly miss him.

A life well lived, honourably and Proudly.

Sep 25, 2014

**The Maguires**

Deepest condolences

Sep 25, 2014

**David Parry**

The world is a sadder place due to Sam's passing. Remembrance Day will never be the same. He was quite a gentleman who I used to enjoy speaking with. My condolences to his family.

Sep 25, 2014

**Michele Fox**

It is with great sadness that we received the news of Sam's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very difficult time.

The Family of the Late Hector MacInnis (FSSF)

Sep 25, 2014

**Therese Maguire and Family**

The Maguire family would like to offer up our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. We were privileged to have known him through Big Brothers. What a life!

Sep 26, 2014

**John Hart**

To the family of Sam Magee:

The first time I met Sam, I quickly realized he was larger than life and he was one that offered much information on what it was like in the "Force" during and after the War. He gave all of us so much information that we will continue to use to remember Sam and the rest of his comrades. This will be passed on to the next generations. I will forever treasure the many phone calls over the years and his presence at the reunions.

Thank you Sam for the gift of your company and your life of giving to so many. You will always have a special place in our hearts.

There are many who are with you today, not in person but in support of your loss.

John Hart

President

First Special Service Force Assoc.

Sep 26, 2014

**paul & stephanie raphael**

To the Magee Family:

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of William.

He was our neighbour for a few years. I loved talking to him and enjoyed hearing about the amazing things he had done in his life.

I enjoyed his accounts of military life too. One day after a Remembrance Day service I asked him about his medals.

He took the time to explain them all. I also recall him golfing on July days in extreme heat. Tough as nails! Thank you William for being a good neighbour and for your excellent service to the community and your country. RIP sir.  
Paul & Stephanie Raphael formerly of Mitchell Ave in Oshawa

Oct 4, 2014

**Sgt MJ MCGraw CD (PERI Retired)**

My wife and I Send Condolences to the family of Bill MAGEE, Sir William "Sam" James. I met the Bill on one of my many Courses at Camp Borden.(Mens Sana In Corpre Sano). May he rest in peace!

Oct 8, 2014

**michael anthony hobin**

My condolences, I will miss talking with, and helping William during his card evenings at the Northview Community Centre.

Michael A Hobin

Evening Facility Supervisor NCC

Nov 6, 2014

**Hanna**

My sympathies on the loss of a man you didn't even know until it was obvious he as getting ready to pass and leave you money. The real person who should be sent condolences to is the woman that nursed him for years before you pushed her out. Sad for you, RIP William!