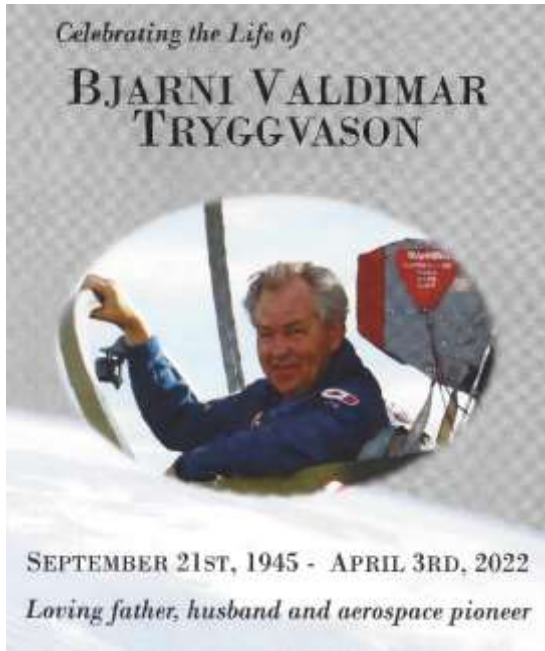


## Remembering Bjarni



It is with profound sadness that we learned of the passing of our President, Bjarni Tryggvason, on April 5, 2022, at the age of 76.

Bjarni was passionate about CHAA and our many volunteers who help keep CHAA going. He often spoke about wanting to keep the Harvards flying up to their 100th anniversary and led lively conversations at the Board about our need to plan for the future so that we could keep our yellow birds flying for as long as possible. His leadership will be missed by everyone on the Board, and indeed throughout the entire CHAA family.

Bjarni enjoyed flying aerobatics in the Harvard and doing formation flights, where he was a newly qualified FAST Lead. At our most recent Board meeting, Bjarni announced that he would be stepping down at the end of the year to retire to where he grew up, British Columbia, so this would be his last year flying the Harvard. Sadly, he was unable to fulfill that dream but his final flight was in one of our Harvards, HWX, doing a return to service maintenance flight just a

couple of weeks before his passing. I'd like to think that he was sent on his way with memories of the Harvard fresh in his mind. Godspeed Bjarni! - *On behalf of the Board, Allan Paige, Chief Operations Officer.*



CHAA was well represented at Bjarni's Celebration of Life at Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton. The emcee was fellow Canadian astronaut Dave Williams while Robert Thirsk, one of the original Canadian astronauts, also shared stories of his relationship with Bjarni. Son Michael and daughter Lauren each provided emotional tributes to their father while Bill Shepard delivered remarks on behalf of CHAA.

The celebration included two remarkable flypasts. The first wave was an ITPS L-39 flown by Marco Rusconi, the Waterloo Warbirds Mako Shark CT-133 flown by Derek Hammond and Peter Stewart, and T-28 flown by Alf Beam. Then, seven Harvards participated in the Missing Man formation. They included C-FNDB (Dave Hewitt), CF-WBS (flown by Mackenzie Cline & Greg Burnard), C-FNAH (Pete Spence), C-FMTA (Dave Martin), C-FHWX (Allan Paige), CF-VFG (Hannu Halminen) and C-FRZW (Scott McMaster). Thank you to all who participated!



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