

Carson, Rodney Austin

Age: 31

Nationality: Canadian

Rank: Flight/Sergeant

Unit: No. 122 Squadron

Occupation: Air Frame Mechanic

Service No: A/4161

Birth: 11 May 1913,
Moosehorn, Manitoba,
Canada

Home Town: St. James, Manitoba,
Canada

Death: 13 November, 1944

Natural Causes
Jericho Beach Station Hospital,
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Burial: Brookside Cemetery,
Winnipeg, Manitoba



Biography

In 1936 Rodney Carson joined the RCAF in Winnipeg for General Duties, and served constantly until his death. He spent three years in No. 122 (AC) squadron in Manitoba, starting as a cook, followed briefly by an apprenticeship as a mechanic, and eventually, supervising an assembly line. In 1939, Rodney, by then a sergeant, was re-engaged. He attested in 1940 and in February 1941 was re-mustered as a master mechanic and promoted to Flight Sergeant. The remainder of his service was on the west coast.

His performance in the service had been exemplary as shown in his appraisal when he was recommended for re-engagement.

<p>6. Outstanding features of an airman's work in his trade:—</p> <p>An excellent senior Air-frame mechanic in all respects.</p>	<p>7. Specializes in his trade in:—</p> <p>1. General supervision and performance of overhauls and maintenance of Hudson, Bolingbroke, Stranraer and other aircraft.</p> <p>2. Hydraulics.</p>	<p>8. Promotion:—</p> <p>(a) Accelerated</p> <p>(b) Ordinary .. Yes</p> <p>(c) Retard</p> <p>Remarks: A very keen and hardworking N.C.O. who takes a great interest in aiding his juniors to solve their trade difficulties.</p>
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On 11 May 1913 Rodney was born in Moosehorn, Manitoba, to Austin and Mary Carson. He had one brother, Sherman and three sisters. The family was of Irish extraction.

When Rodney re-enlisted in 1939 his father had already died of throat cancer and he was partially supporting his mother. In May 1940, he married Lois Kathleen Gale and they had one son, also Rodney Austin, born on 19 August 1942.

Rodney fell sick with what seemed to be a severe chest cold in August 1944. In September, showing no sign of recovery, he reported to the Medical Officer in Coal Harbour. He was sick on and off from this point on and 8 February 1945 he was transferred from Patricia Bay to Jericho Bay Station Hospital, where, on February 12th he was diagnosed with sub-acute bacterial endocarditis. He remained in the hospital under treatment and, on 2 March 1945, he had a

seizure, became unconscious, and died.

On his death certificate he is described as being with No. 122 squadron in Patricia Bay.

Rodney was buried at Brookside Cemetery, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.



