

# **Roy Charles Akins**

**MCC of C Member #2049**

**(September 2, 1956 – October 16, 2023)**



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On October 16, 2023, the Military Collectors' Club of Canada lost long time Member #2049, Roy Akins. To members of our Club and within the Military History and Militaria community in Western Canada, Ron was a well-known and respected collector, researcher and prolific writer.

Roy was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba to Harvey and Catherine Akins, the youngest of 3 children. He graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) degree. In 1987, he married Kerri, the centre of his universe. He went to work for Ford Motor Company of Canada shortly after graduating from university, remaining with them for 35 years. He was transferred to various cities in Canada with Ford. He retired 11 years ago as the Market Representation Manager, Western Region, in Edmonton.

Roy was passionate about military history and was a well-known figure in the online collecting community. He had friendships with people worldwide, who shared his passion for research and writing. and his fellow collectors have described him as kind, wise, enthusiastic, and trustworthy.

Roy joined the MCC of C in November of 1983, membership #2049, and maintained a 40-year membership in support of the Club. Ron was eligible for and received the 15-Year Long Service Medal and two 10-Year Bars to the 15-Year Long Service Medal. Roy was also a long time Member of the Calgary Military Historical Society(CMHS) and a friend to many of their members.

Roy enjoyed sharing his extensive knowledge with others as reflected in the numerous researched articles submitted to the MCC of C's Journal and more recently the CMHS's newsletter.

On behalf of the Club's Executive and membership, I would like to offer condolences to Roy's wife Kerri and the Akins family and acknowledge, his interest in and passion for military history and artifacts.

To family members and friends who were blessed to have Roy in their lives, cherish memories, celebrate life over a gourmet meal with good wine. Roy would very much like that.

Respectfully submitted by Martin Urquhart #3406

