

Lionel Joseph Morris

(1923-1944)

Lionel Joseph Morris graduated from Westmount High School in 1939. He was a pilot officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII and he died in a plane crash in 1944 (1944-08-07) at the age of 21.

Lionel Morris, son of Michael and Eva L. Morris, grew up in Montreal and was educated at Roslyn Elementary School and Westmount High School, where he participated in many sport teams, which include basketball, ski, water polo and leader's corps. He was also part of the Westmount Gym Team, as he was an athletic person. Lionel Morris had two siblings, a brother, Norman Morris of the United States Navy, and a sister, Frances of Montreal. Lionel was one for laughs and joy, as he says "good humor is the health of my soul". His favorite expression was, "I'm a ma-o-ron" which could have become a meme in his generation. His personality traits include being humorous and humble. After he finished high school, he attended Queen's University, in Kingston, Ontario, far from home. He graduated in commerce and prepared to pursue a career in either business, sales management, accounting or finances.



"Good humour is the health of my soul."

LIONEL MORRIS "Li"
Fav. Exp.—"I'm a ma—o—ron."
Pet. Avers.—Having to walk home from school.
Pastime—Arguing with Robin.
Ambition—Your guess is as good as ours.

Activities—Jr. Basketball '36; Jr. Ski Team '36 (Champs); Leaders' Corps '36, '37, '38, '39; Gym Team '37, '38, '39; Int. Water Polo '39; Sr. Basketball '39.



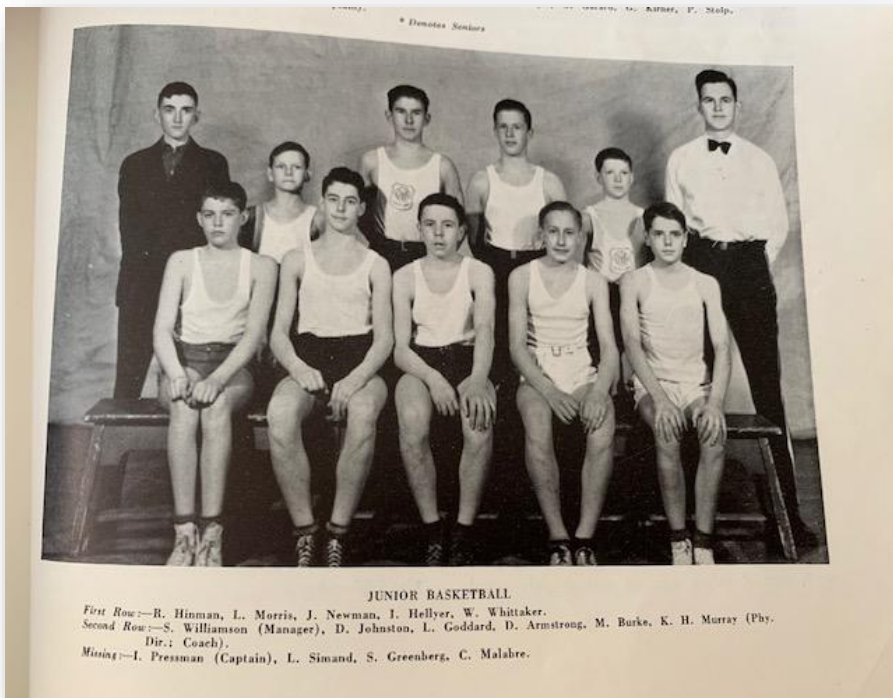
-1939 Yearbook

(Graduating Class)



-Basketball team

(Lionel is number 7)



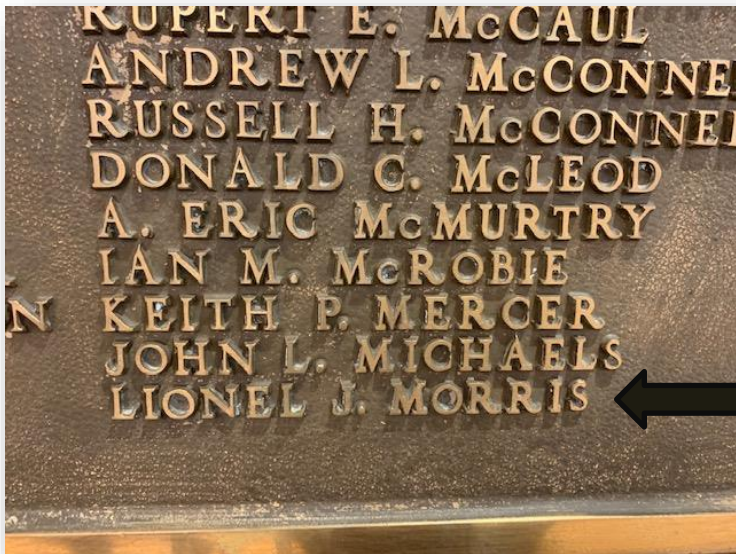
-Junior Basketball team (Lionel is the second one from the left sitting in the front row)

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

First Row:—R. Hinman, L. Morris, J. Newman, J. Hellyer, W. Whitaker.
Second Row:—S. Williamson (Manager), D. Johnston, L. Goddard, D. Armstrong, M. Burke, K. H. Murray (Phy. Dir.; Coach).

Missing:—I. Pressman (Captain), L. Simand, S. Greenberg, C. Malabre.

Lionel J. Morris was a Westmount graduate whose name today is found in the lobby of Westmount High School, and is honoured and remembered among the others who bravely fought for their country in WWII and lost his life.



PO. LIONEL JOSEPH MORRIS
21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Morris, 8 Grenville avenue, Westmount, was killed in an airplane crash at Greenwood, N.S., yesterday. Details of the accident are unavailable as yet, but it is believed that the aircraft in which PO. Morris was flying crashed in mid-air with another.

Educated at Roslyn and Westmount High Schools, PO. Morris attended Queen's University where he graduated in commerce. He enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in October 1942 and graduated from Camp Borden in April of this year.

Besides his father, who is financial administrator of the Wartime Price and Trade Board, and manager-director of A. Hollander & Sons, PO. Morris has one brother, I. Norman Morris of the United States Navy, and one sister, Frances, Montreal.

The funeral service will take place tomorrow at the Chapel of William Wray, Inc., 2075 University street, to Shaar Hashomayim cemetery.



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