

*Memory of Captain  
Miles Selby, a 1991  
Graduate of Royal  
Roads Military College*



*Captain Selby died on  
December 10, 2004 in  
the crash of a  
Snowbird Training  
Plane.*





# Snowbird

FROM FRONT

Boundary Bay Airport's Pacific Flying Club.

Selby graduated from Royal Roads Military College, following in the footsteps of his father who attended military college in Kingston. Selby's grandfather also served in the airforce for several years.

After his graduation, Selby rose through the ranks to fly the CF-18 Hornet out of the Canadian Forces 441 Tactical Fighter Squadron base in Cold Lake, Alberta.

He flew with NATO forces in Kosovo as part of the Canadian contingent based in Aviano, Italy.

When he joined the Snowbirds, Selby was awarded the coveted number four Snowbird plane which is placed at the centre during the demanding "diamond" formation the



**Capt. Miles Selby**

nine-plane group performs.

"Last spring we went to Comox to watch manoeuvres. I've seen many airshows and you have to be afraid for the young people flying, but when it's your own grandson it's terrifying," said Kyle.

His grandmother told the young pilot that she prayed for him every night, but she said he was very nonchalant about it. "To him, it was like breathing."

A funeral with full military honours will be held today in Moose Jaw where Selby's wife Julie resides. A family service will be held in Tsawwassen, where

Selby grew up, on Friday.

*With files, photo, from the Surrey Leader*

## Tragedy claims pilot

*'Wonderful young man ...'*

**Laura Lavin**  
staff reporter

"A wonderful young man," is how Georgette Kyle described her grandson Capt. Miles Selby.

Selby, 31, a member of the Canadian Forces' Snowbirds team, died Friday when his jet collided with another in mid-air during a routine training flight near the team's home base in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

"We are very proud of him, he lived to be a Snowbird," said Kyle from her home in Sidney.

Selby had been with the famed flying team since November 6, 2003. He earned his glider pilot certification as a youth with air cadets and then a private pilot's licence at