

On Missing Marty Bergmann

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I was shocked this week by the deaths of two men. One, Jack Layton, was a great Canadian whose passing stirred a great outpouring of grief across the country from all Canadians. Today we saw the funeral for Jack which was a fitting celebration of his life and accomplishments. He had a vision of a better Canada, a dream that we have been urged to pursue with passion and vigour. Thank you, Jack.

I was also saddened to hear of the death of a personal friend, Marty Bergmann. Twelve people, including Martin Bergmann, died when First Air flight 6560 crashed near Resolute Bay's airport in Nunavut. Marty, from Winnipeg, was on the Boeing 737 when it slammed into a hill while trying to land at Resolute Bay just before 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20. He was the director of Canada's Polar Continental Shelf Project in Resolute. I knew Marty while I was an ADM at DFO and had enormous respect for his talents, dedication and enthusiasm for research in Canada's Arctic. In 1998 I accompanied Marty and former Minister David Anderson on the icebreaker the Louis St. Laurent in Canada's Arctic. My thoughts and best wishes go out to his wife Sheila and their four children as they cope with this great loss. To express your condolences go to Marty's Book of Memories [here](#)

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