

Manitoba plane crash: Savanna May Royes was "joy personified"



Savanna May Royes, 20, has been identified by her family as one of two student pilots killed in a mid-air collision between two small planes Tuesday morning near Steinbach, Manitoba.

PHOTO: FAMILY OF SAVANNA MAY ROYES



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Savanna May Royes has been identified as one of the two victims of Tuesday's mid-air collision in Manitoba. Her family says the 20-year-old had always dreamed of being a pilot and following in her father's footsteps.

Savanna May Royes was one of two student pilots killed when two single-engine planes collided Tuesday morning near Steinbach, about 50 kilometres southeast of Winnipeg.

In a statement sent to CBC/Radio-Canada, her family described her as “pure joy incarnate” .

“Savanna's faith and laughter will forever touch all those who were lucky enough to know her during her short life” , her family added.

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The accident occurred west of Provincial Highway 12. The bodies of the pilots were found in the wreckage of the single-engine planes, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in Manitoba said.

There were no passengers on board either aircraft. The two victims of the accident were students from the Harv's Air flight school .

One of them had only been in training for a few months, while the other was about to obtain her professional license.

The accident plunged members of the flight school and relatives of the victims into sadness.

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