

Obituaries

Bob Barr was former mayor and life-long resident of Franklin

Robert (Bob) Thomas Peter Barr was born July 1, 1900. Not only did we celebrate Dominion Day on July 1, we celebrated Bob's, Dad's and Grandpa's birthday as well. His birthday almost became synonymous with that day to all that knew him. He celebrated his 90th birthday this past year with his family and friends from near and far.

Bob was a loving husband, married to Edith Stuart in 1924. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 1974. Edith passed away in May of 1975.

Bob, in 1940, bought a farm on the Pollica Road in Franklin Centre. This is where he and his wife brought up their family of six children, became community members and where he resided until his health failed three years ago.

He was a dedicated father to Irene, Bob, Iris, Margaret, Jimmy and Hugh and a father-in-law to Norm, Dorothy, George, George, Dorothy and Cathy. He was a very caring father and father-in-law. He was sincerely interested in his siblings, their welfare, their health and loved each one dearly, as they him. He was always there to listen, no matter the subject or the circumstance. He was always there, to laugh with them, cry with them, to help them through a trying time in their lives — growing up or even in their adult years. He was more like a close friend than a father. He would never scold or scorn them. He would help them see their way to the light at the end of the tunnel.

He was a dear Grandfather to 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was loved and respected by each one of them from the oldest to the very youngest of the great-grandchildren. The youngest calling him "Grandpa Bob Barr". He was even called "Grandpa" by some who were not even related by blood.

Dad and Grandpa was never considered to be growing old by his family. He was always placed first on an invitation list when it came to a family get-together, because he played such an important role in all their lives.

No matter the occasion, he was always ready to be there. At the age of 75, he took his first plane ride ever. He flew to Lima, Peru, which is not exactly around the corner. Just this Christmas, he attended three different holiday celebrations and participated to the fullest. He was interested in people and places.

He was a brother to William who presently resides in Chateaugay and Jim, who lives on the original Barr homestead at Allan's Corners. Robbie, as known by them, took much pleasure in being able to visit the home and place where he grew up. There was always a Christmas dinner to go to and he never missed many of them during his 90 years. Two sisters predeceased him, Helen and Bella.

He was a definite community man. He was a member of the Rockburn Presbyterian Church and served as a Manager, he was a town councillor and Mayor of Franklin from 1961-1963 and a member of the Chateaugay Valley Historical Society.

He was a school bus driver for 10 years. His pupils, no matter their age today, are always happy to comment that "Bob" was their school bus driver.

He loved the land and farm on which he lived. He sat on top of the mountain. To the north he could see the St. Lawrence River, Lake of Two Mountains and the island of Montreal. To the south was the USA. He took land which was nothing, nurtured it, cultivated it and made it grow to what he became proud of. Many of his friends and neighbours can attest to the fact that he would sit for hours on his veranda with his friend "Cracker" looking over his land.

As his eyes failed him, he bought a powerful pair of binoculars so he could see the wondrous landscape. Even after he was not able to participate completely, he still had to drive the tractor, help throw off that load of hay, repair that machine, or go to the bush to make sure the wood was cut. He would even take a tour of the barnyard or his apple orchard in his wheelchair (known as his Cadillac). His interests and his life's dream will continue through his first and second generation.

After he took up residence at the Centre d'Accueil in Ormstown, he became well known by those who cared for him. He never complained about his condition. Those who cared for him always thought it was a pleasure because he was so kind and had such a good attitude about life even though he was confined. But even his confinement did not stop him. He was always ready



The late Robert Barr

to go for a car ride, to a get-together or a meal at the "good old house", as he once stated.

He sometimes thought he was being a burden to his family or those who cared for him. But he never was, because he himself loved life, he was loved and respected by all those who knew him or were associated with him. He lived life to the fullest — a man everyone was proud to love and know. He was an understanding man, a kind man, calm and serene.

He has touched all our lives in some way and makes us each better because of it. He passed away at the Barrie Memorial Hospital on Sunday, January 20, 1991.

The funeral service was held at the Rockburn Presbyterian Church on January 22, 1991. The pallbearers were four of his grandsons, Frank Dawson, Bruce Barr, Danny Atcheson and Scott Barr and two neighbours Donnie Baxter and Henry Wilson. Interment will be at the Hillside Cemetery in the spring.

Dorothy V. Barr

Reggie died in 1965, and Bob in 1988.

Her father, Tom, who was an employee of the old Grand Trunk Railroad (now C.N.R.) died in 1970 at the ripe old age of 92, and her mother in 1966, at the age of 90.

Alma was an employee of Dominion Textile for 37 years from the time of her arrival from East India, Ont. until her early retirement in 1962 to care for her elderly and sickly parents.

She was a devoted member of the Valleyfield Presbyterian Church until her untimely death, and for many years was a much loved Sunday School teacher of the young set.

A greatly anticipated event was the Church summer picnic, held by the river on Grande Ile, organized primarily by Alma.

She was very involved in all the church affairs, especially the Missionary Society of the church. Thanks to her efforts the Indian children of Kenora, Ont. received continual assistance.

She was a very loving selfless personality, always doing her best to assist the underprivileged. She never tired in her efforts.

Alma will be sadly missed in the Valleyfield English Community.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the remaining members of her family — two nephews and two nieces and their families.

Wayne Clifford of Coteau-du-Lac; Gerry Clifford, of Sault Ste-Marie; Joan Mandziuk (nee Clifford) of Alberta and Marilyn Partridge (nee Clifford) of Huntingdon.

Mayford Hooker celebrates 94th birthday

by Jean McEwen
Ormstown Correspondent

A special celebration for Mrs. Mayford Hooker's 94th birthday was held at Maple Hill Farm with about 40 family members and neighbours.

Grandma was given a deep pink carnation corsage and welcomed everyone as they arrived. A buffet luncheon was served, followed by a short entertainment.

Grandson Brent Hooker acted as emcee and thanked everyone for coming. He then called on Carolyn Cameron who read, "A welcome." Brian Tannahill composed and read "Granny's Place." Grandma Hooker recited "The Worth of a Smile." Raymond Elliott composed and read "Birthday Special #94" and Janice Neil read "Treasure This Day."

After the candles were lit and "Happy Birthday" sung, all the great grandchildren gathered around to help blow out the candles.



During the afternoon a pleasant time was enjoyed with music and song. Carole Tannahill and Raymond Elliott with violins, and Janice Neil at the piano provided music for a hymn sing.

It was followed by some toe tapping music. The children and some adults played other instruments, creating a lively sound for a happy celebration. We wish Grandma continued good health.

IN MEMORIAM

MCCORMICK, Helen - In loving memory of a dear sister who passed away February 22, 1990. God gave a beautiful sister. A life linked with my own. And every day I miss her more.

As I go about on my own. The tears in my eyes, I can wipe away. But the pain in my heart will always remain. Always remembered and sadly missed. Mildred

DIED

DONNELLY, Mabel - Suddenly at the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Que. on Feb. 12, 1991. Mabel Clark age 86 years. Wife of the late Walter S. Donnelly. Dear mother of Mae, Amy, John and Leslie. Survived by several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral service was from the Kelly Funeral Home, Huntingdon on Friday, Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. Burial in the spring.

KEITH, Archibald (Archie) - At Huntingdon County Hospital on Tuesday, February 12, 1991. Dear brother of Sarah Beaudin of Huntingdon, late Dougall, late Peter, late Florence, and late Barbara. Funeral service was from Kelly Funeral Home, 19 Lake St., Huntingdon on Friday, February 15, at 3 p.m. Interment Huntingdon Protestant Cemetery in the spring.

MCCUAIG, Emma - At Hemmingford, Que., Sunday, February 17, Enie Emma McCuaig aged 93 years, beloved daughter of the late Malcolm and Fanni McCuaig. Predeceased by several brothers and sisters. Survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral service at the J.M. Sharpe Funeral Home Center, 1483 Route 202, Franklin Centre, on Wednesday, Feb. 20th, at 2 p.m. Interment at Beechridge Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to doctors, nurses and staff of the Barrie Memorial Hospital.

Ron Lambert

I would like to extend thanks to Dr. Aikin, nurses and staff of the second floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the excellent care I received, while a patient there. Also thanks to family, relatives, friends and for cards. They were all very much appreciated.

H.J. Banning

We would like to take this opportunity to express sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us, at the time of the death of Wilber Arthur, (husband of the late Florence). To Gordon McIntyre, Rev. D. Lennox, Joanne Lambert and choir members. For flowers, cards, food and visitation to the parlors, at this time of our bereavement. We would also like to thank the Pratt nursing home and staff for the excellent care given Dad, during his stay there. A very special thank you to the Evening Aux. ladies for the delicious refreshments following the service. All will be remembered indefinitely. Please consider this as personal.

The family of Wilber Arthur

I would like to thank Dr. Thompson, nurses and staff of the recovery room and second floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the excellent care I received while a patient there. I would also like to thank all my family and friends for their visits, cards and gifts. It was all very much appreciated.

Marion MacMillan

CONGRATULATIONS



To Miss Stéphanie Martine who obtained her B.A.A. from the University of Sherbrooke and her C.A. from the order of accountants. Stéphanie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Martin of Dollard des Ormeaux and grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. René Forget, Ormstown.

Valleyfield

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Note of Sympathy

The Valleyfield Community was greatly saddened again, by the recent death of Alma Clifford, on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the age of 83 years.

Alma had been hospitalized in Le Centre Hospitalier de Valleyfield since early last fall, after being accidentally struck by a car, while crossing Boul. du Havre near her home. Due to the severity of her injuries she would have never walked again.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25, at the Valleyfield Presbyterian Church and attended by many old friends along with her remaining family members. Alma was the last of her generation in the family.

She was always a very quiet, unassuming person. She arrived in Valleyfield in 1925, along with her parents, the late Thomas and Eleanor Clifford (nee Watson), and three brothers, Reginald, Robert and Norman, all of whom predeceased her. The most recent was Norman, who passed away just a couple of weeks before Alma.