

# Births and Deaths

Cards of Thanks, In Memoriams, Marriage Notices, Engagements, Announcements.

## ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holtendorp of Brantford, Ontario are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Ann to James Paul son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dobrik of Huntingdon, Quebec. The wedding will take place on Saturday, June 13, 1992 at 2 o'clock in Balfour United Church, Brantford, Ontario.

## BORN

REYNOLDS - Greg and Gayle (Hadley) of Chazy, N.Y. are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Marie, born April 2, 1992 at CYPH, Plattsburgh, N.Y., weighing 9 lbs. 6 oz. A sister for Kyle Anthony. Proud grandparents are Don and Alma Reynolds of Chazy and Wayne and Juanita Hadley of Hemmingford.

WARD - Rick and Dawn are delighted to announce the birth of their third child, a boy, William Russell Cullen, on April 4, 1992, at the Barrie Memorial Hospital. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Ward of Montreal and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Cullen of Howick.

## DIED

BEATTIE, Douglas John - Suddenly on Friday, May 1, 1992, at Mississauga, in his 53rd year, Doug, beloved husband of Gail. Dear brother of June Todd, Nelson and his wife Margaret, Helen Stewart, Frances Kerr and her husband Norman, Royce and his wife Ruth. Doug will be sadly missed by his many nieces and nephews and mother and father-in-law Barbara and John Nobel. Funeral Service was held in the Turner & Porter Chapel, Mississauga on Monday, May 4 at 3 o'clock. Followed by cremation.

MacDONALD, Delia (née Mary Bridget Grace) - passed away suddenly May 8th, 1992 age 66 years. Dear wife of William MacDonald. Survived by her beloved children Jody, Tammy (Jay Cavener), Star (Guy Picard), John (Patricia Frotton), William (Linda Riley), Linda (Charles Griffith), Evelyn (Wayne Grimbale) Edward (Clare Cannon). Stepmother to Bill MacDonald (Shari Wright), Ann MacDonald, Gail MacDonald (James Atkinson). Loving grandmother of 17 and great-grandmother of 2. Predeceased by first husband Edward Desmarais and son Philip. Funeral service was from the Kelly Funeral Home, Huntingdon to St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday, May 12th at 11 a.m. Interment St. Joseph's Cemetery.

SMITH, Harriet A. (Peggy) - Peacefully at Huntingdon County Hospital, Huntingdon on May 7th, 1992. Dear wife of late Arthur George Smith. Loving mother of Lorraine (Gordon Tannahill), beloved grandmother of Heather of Oakville, Ont., David (Jean Summerville) of Sarasota, Fla., and Elizabeth (John Bennie) of Burlington, Ont. Dear "Ganny" of Johanne Bennie and Lindsay and Kristin Tannahill. At the request of the deceased there was no visitation. Funeral was held from the Kelly Funeral Home, Huntingdon on Sunday, May 10th.

## CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank Dr. Vantor and the maternity staff of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for their excellent care. We would also like to thank our families, friends and relatives for the flowers, cards and gifts.

Rick, Dawn and Russell Ward

Relatives of the late James B. Elliot would like to thank friends, neighbours and hospital staff for the many kindnesses extended to him during his months in the Barrie Memorial Hospital and for the many expressions of sympathy, cards and donations at the time of his death.

I wish to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, food, gifts, flowers and plants that I have received since my surgery at the Montreal General Hospital. It was all much appreciated by the family.

Muriel Brunet

The family of the late Douglas Beattie wish to extend their sincere thanks to their friends, neighbours and relatives who visited the funeral home, sent donations, flowers, food and cards in the loss of our loved one. All is greatly appreciated and will long be remembered.

The family

The family of the late Mervin Jackson would like to express sincere appreciation to their relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy through visitations, floral tributes, cards, donations made in memory and attendance of the funeral service of our beloved husband and father. Everything was much appreciated. A special thank you to Ronnie and Younie Livingstone.

Elizabeth Jackson & family

My sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff in the Emergency and Second Floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the good care I received during my stay there. Thanks to family and friends for cards, visits and gifts. Thank you, Gary, for your help. I also wish to thank everyone who helped in any way while I was in the Montreal Rehabilitation Centre. Special thanks to Russell.

Gerald Henderson

## CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks to Dr. Aikin, Dr. Kuruvilla, nurses and staff in the emergency room, nurses and staff on the third and second floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital while I was a patient there; also to my many friends, relatives and neighbors for the lovely flowers, gifts, cards, telephone calls, visits and a special thanks to the Ladies of Rennie's United Church for the lovely card. All was much appreciated.

Mary McCormick

## IN MEMORIAM

CARSON, Ernest George - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather who passed away 10 years ago May 15.

Silently remembered by wife Marion, daughters Carol and Sherrill, son-in-law Don, grandchildren Kelly-Anne and Kristopher

THOMPSON-GRANT - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away May 7, 1991.

Nothing can ever take away the love a heart holds dear. Fond memories linger every day. Remembrance keeps him near.

Sadly missed by son Robert, Mildred and grandchildren Elizabeth, Rhoda, Bobby and Johnny.

RENNIE, Peggy - In loving memory of Peggy Rennie who passed away May 13, 1989.

In a quiet Country Graveyard where the gentle breezes blow lies the one we love so dearly who we lost three years ago, your resting place we visit often and put flowers on with care. No one knows the heartache when we turn and leave you there. Remembered by Willis and family



## CARD OF THANKS

Bigras, Gina 1971-1992

To family, friends and neighbors, please acknowledge our gratitude for your support and kindness at the time of our daughter and sister Gina's death. Your gestures of prayer offerings, masses, kind words, cards, visits and floral arrangements touched us deeply. We are especially grateful to all of Gina's teachers and classmates from grade school through University for their constant support. A heartfelt thanks to Mr. Leslie Orr and the St. Chrysostome church choir for the beautiful spiritual messages in song. Also to Fathers Payant and Cardinal and especially Father Guy Gosselin for the kind words spoken during the religious ceremony. Farewell beautiful one, one day we will join you.

Donna & Gilles Bigras  
sisters Michelle, Tammy & Joanna

## In memory of H. Gordon Green: Just give me a chance to say goodbye

May 8 is usually a day of great celebration for our family, but not this year I'm afraid. Grandpa passed away 5 months ago, almost to the day in fact. Although we have gone through a few special occasions without him, this one will be very difficult as today would have been his 80th Birthday.

In the eyes of his granddaughters he was the fellow who allowed us the opportunity to have a taste of life that not all could even wish for. He never gave us any money but he gave us a lifetime of wealth. He taught us about life, survival, and how to turn a simply horrendous situation into something comical. He sang us songs, mostly songs that one wouldn't teach three young impressionable girls, but we loved it. We loved him in the deepest sense and none of us I don't think, ever hesitated to invite ourselves to his farm for the summer. He made us work for it though. We threw enough hay bales to say we had worked for our keep.

Along with being a story teller, jokes were one of his favourite pastimes. Many times when the family got together at Christmas, long weekends, etc., there was never any T.V. or radio, Grandpa was usually our entertainment. We use to all sit together at his long table in his family kitchen and talk, laugh, sing or play some sort of a game or two. Little did we know then that these would be the memories that would remain so clear in our minds today.

Life is full of the unexpected but it is extremely hard for us to have lost our Grandfather, as I am sure we wanted to believe that he would live forever. Grandpa didn't really give his own children the attention they deserved while they were growing up but he did take the time for his grandchildren. He created strong bonds with each of us, in his own special way.

I wish I could have him back even just for a few minutes, so I could hug



Photo: Phillip Norton

The late H. Gordon Green at last summer's Russeltown Church celebration.

him and tell him I loved him just one more time, and to allow him to play one more practical joke and see the devilish grin and see the sparkle in his eye. I wanted to say all the things that one usually does when speaking with a dying relative. There were so many questions that I wanted to ask him before he died. One particular question stands out in my mind now and I'm sure even given a second chance, everyone of us would have asked the same question. We lost that chance, he's gone but let's hope that we all can finally say good-bye privately, as we place his ashes in his requested spot, like he asked us to do. Let's give him that !!! Let us give ourselves a chance to officially say good-bye and allow me to let go!

Arlene Paul (Granddaughter)

## Gina Bigras 1971-1992

It is very difficult for us to be brief in thanking everyone for their timeless support during the event of Gina's death. We as parents feel that we owe every king heart in this beautiful Châteauguay Valley a seek to Gina's celebration of life on earth. Please share with us the memory of a very special person who we will always remember with pride, love and affection.

Gina Bigras was born June 17, 1971 into the expert hands of Dr. Jerry Sutton. By the age of three she had mastered both french and english, (which subsequently led to her studying languages at university) Her love of music was evident at a young age. She started piano lessons with Mrs. Lucille Johnstone and continued on for seven years, until one day our little lady discovered ballet. From that time on, Neva Shelton became her mentor. Gina had a passion for ballet and one day Neva asked her to be an assistant on certain days. That was when our little gem decided that she wanted to work with children as a career.

While she was growing up Gina had a playful sense of humour and an undeniable ability to enjoy life. Whether nine or nineteen years old, when there snow on the ground she would frolic and tumble in our front yard, eventually coming in soaking wet, asking good ole

mom to make some hot chocolate. She loved an animate conversation with new found friends or a good argument at the supper table where, of course (energy spent) we were both right. In our home the supper table is our meeting place where everyone gets to speak his piece. Gina rarely had complaints (except when it was her turn to do dishes).

Always alert to new ideas and concepts, always proud of her accomplishments with a special courage never to give up. That was well proven when she worked during summer as a monitor at a local Centred'equitation. On her own she had to find ways to console a lonely child wanting his mother or help a little one who was wearing his supper at 10 p.m. after an all you can eat weenie roast around a campfire. Gina expected in others the self sufficiency that she displayed and indeed being around such a positive personality made one feel good. Her warm and radiant personality was contagious. Just to hear her high-pitched giggle would make us secretly smile, stop whatever and reflect on what life was all about.

Gina accomplished so much in her 20 years, almost as if she had a time limit and nothing was going to limit the quality of that time. She participated in life to the fullest extent involving a

tremendous amount of personal investment and expertise. She always made a point of exposing herself to a wide array of intellectually and culturally stimulating people, but at the same time exploring and trying things on her own. Gina believed in personal freedom in every aspect of life with due respect.

Our little girl seemed to embrace life as an on-going wonderful love affair. We cannot help but feel defeated over the loss of this vibrant person who loved hearts, roses and John Lennon.

Gina was attending University du Quebec à Montreal. She was studying for her bachelor in education.

All her stages were carried out here in the Châteauguay Valley. Teachers and students admired her effort and good work as a student teacher. She would have had her degree in the spring of 1993.

A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam. And for a brief moment its glory and beauty belong to our world. But then it flies on again, and though we wish it could have stayed, we feel so lucky to have seen it.

Thanks everyone that ever touched Gina's life in any way.

## MIXED SHOWER

in honor of

**FRANCINE FOURNIER and  
LÉONARD (Jr.) CASTAGNIER**  
**Saturday, May 23, 1992**

8 p.m.

Orchestra "Lawrence & Marco"

and disco

Tickets \$5.00 ea.

Lunch will be served

**Mr. & Mrs. Norris Sample  
are excited to announce  
the marriage of their daughter  
KIMBERLEY JO-ANNE  
to  
PETER LOUGAS  
of Willowdale, Ontario  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Mihkel Lougas.  
Wedding to take place June 6th, 1992  
at Mac Angus Farms  
Coveyhill Rd., Havelock, Quebec.**