

Births and Deaths

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

BORN

HOOKER - Matthew & Janet (née Barrie) are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Cameron John, 7 lbs. 3 oz., on Saturday, August 28, 1993, at the Hotel Dieu Hosp. in Cornwall, Ontario. A baby brother for Thomas and Kristen. Grandchild for Rodger and Doris Barrie of Waterloo, Ont., and Milton & Judy Hooker of Ormstown. Fourteenth great grandchild for Bert Gomery of Brooklet. All well.

IN MEMORIAM

OUMET, Denis - In loving memory of a dear son and brother who passed away accidentally, September 6, 1991. Memories are like threads of gold. They never tarnish or grow old. These treasured memories keep you near. As time unfolds another year. No need for words except to say, Denis, you're still loved and missed in every way. Mom and Dad, Debbie and Daniel.

DIED

NEELY, Isabel Margaret - At the Barrie Memorial Hospital on Aug. 31, 1993, Isabel McDougall age 65 yrs. Wife of the late Allister Neely. Dear mother of Allis (Brent Simpson) and Colleen (Ken Jones). Funeral service was from the Kelly Funeral Home, Huntingdon on Friday, Sept. 3 at 2 p.m. Interment Gore Cemetery.

NEIL, Winnifred at the Foyer Florence Groulx, Winnifred Neil aged 88 years, beloved companion of Louis-Claude Jack Driscoll. A grave side service and burial in Henrysburg Cemetery on Wednesday, September 8, at 10 a.m. A very special thank you to the staff of Foyer Florence Groulx, for their admirable compassion.

ST-DENIS, Oline - Suddenly at her residence, Stuart Side Road, St-Anicet, Que. Oline St-Denis aged 32 years. Beloved wife of Denis St-Denis. Dear mother of Martine, Jason, and Stephaine. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danford Rocheleau. Funeral service was from Ste-Agnes de Dundee Church on Monday, September 6 at 10 a.m. Interment Ste-Agnes de Dundee Cemetery.

Howick's Brodie MacFarlane remembered with affection

Brodie MacFarlane was a man of gentle spirit, whose journey through life in a quiet, unassuming manner earned the respect of those who knew him.

His many interests found his days filled with activity, giving the years of his life meaning and worth, and the last days of his life, met with enduring courage and cheerfulness, serve as an example for all of us.

Brodie was a keen farmer, managing the land well and producing good crops. He had an inquiring mind and after reading about crops in other parts of North America he was interested to see if they could be grown in the local area. Thus in 1963 he was the first farmer to grow grain corn and in 1968 he pioneered the growing of soybeans in the Howick district.

As a dairy farmer he was a devoted Ayrshire breeder. In 1965 Brodie was awarded the Superior Breeder Certificate by the Ayrshire Breeders' Association of Canada. 4-H activities were a continuing life interest. When the Howick Calf Club was formed in 1933, Brodie was the first secretary-treasurer.

He liked nature and watching things grow. An ardent gardener, he produced an abundance of plants from his greenhouse and delighted in trying new varieties of flowers and vegetables. His delicious sweet corn found its way to many tables.

Another interest was woodworking; his workshop, a source of great pleasure, reflected his cabinetmaker's skill. He made many articles of outstanding craftsmanship that will long be cherished by family and friends. Brodie was interested in what was going on in the world and the many aspects of life about him. An avid reader, he found quiet pleasure in books.

Robert Brodie MacFarlane was born January 9, 1916 at Marbrae Farm, Howick, Que., the only son of Laura Brown and Albert MacFarlane. A sister, Violet McClenaghan, predeceased him in 1964.

He received his education at Riverfield School and Howick High School. Following graduation in 1933, Brodie remained at home pursuing his farming career. When his mother fell ill with cancer, he helped care for her, always remembering her suffering.

His family was always very important to Brodie and he was very proud of them. In 1943 he married Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Templeton. On the family farm at Marbrae they raised three children: Bruce, Lynn (married to William Bryson) with sons Alan, David, Robert, and Matthew; and Brian (married to Holly Mason) with children Dale and Rachel.

In 1985 Betty and Brodie moved next door to the original homestead and farm bought in 1835 by Daniel MacFarlane, Brodie's great-grandfather. From the ancestral home, Brodie continued farming and followed his other pursuits until ill health curtailed his life's work.

Brodie MacFarlane died at his home on August 18, 1993. His funeral service on August 20 from Howick United Church, of which he was a longtime member, was conducted by Rev. Beverley Burlock.

In paying tribute to Brodie she spoke of the rich store of memories left behind that will sustain and comfort. There's the assurance of the everlasting love of God who can turn the shadow of death into the light of a new day, a love which created us, which has surrounded us and which enfolds us in our sorrow. Rev. John S. Anderson read meaningful Scripture passages from Ecclesiastes 3 Luke 12. A combined choir led the singing with "How firm a foundation" as the processional hymn, also "Take time to be holy" and "Joyful, joyful we adore Thee." The anthem "How great Thou art" was beautiful. The pall-bearers were Kenneth Cumiam, Myron McClenaghan, Kenneth MacFarlane, Ralph Templeton, Roy Templeton, and Scott Templeton. Interment was at Riverfield Cemetery.