

Allister and Isabel Neely mourned

It was with sadness that the community learned of the recent passing of two longtime Valley residents. J. Allister Neely, lifetime resident of the Rockburn-Dewittville Sideroad, died after a lengthy illness; his wife Isabel McDougall died just a few weeks later.

Allister Neely was born October 20, 1913, at Deeburn Farm, Anderson's Corners. He was the only child of John Neely and Carrie Crutchfield. His mother died when he was only two, so he was brought up afterwards by his aunt and uncle. Allister attended Gore School and Huntingdon Academy. When he was in Grade 11 his father died, so he left school to take over the farm.

Allister had a gentle nature and an air of contentment about him. He accepted what came his way and dealt with it the best way he could.

Allister was a member of the Gore Young People's Society and Gore United Church, serving as Clerk of Session. The Gore Farm Forum was another interest. He liked sports, especially baseball, playing on the Anderson's Corners team. He had musical talent and played the guitar at Brysonville Club House, forming a trio with Ruth Townson on piano and Howard Ried on violin.

Farming was the keystone of Allister's life and he had great admiration for Ayrshire cattle, taking great pride in his own herd. He never travelled far from home, but liked to go to the local shows to see the exhibitors. He was always happy to have visitors come to see his herd.

On September 29, 1956, Allister married Isabel McDougall in Ormstown Presbyterian Church, taking his bride to the Neely home farm (across the road from Allister's birthplace at Deeburn) which had been in the family since 1826.

They shared a common interest in farming and rural life, raising two daughters, Allis and Colleen, in a happy country environment.

Isabel Margaret McDougall was born September 7, 1927, on the family farm on North River Road, Ormstown. She was the eldest of six children of Allan McDougall and Alice Marshall. Isabel attended Ormstown High School, then the Macdonald College School for Teachers.

Upon graduation she taught at Ascot Corners, Royal George School in St. Lambert, and Huntingdon Academy. Also she spent some time at home helping look after her mother who was incapacitated with arthritis.

Isabel was a friendly, cheerful person and enjoyed the social aspects of the groups to which she belonged, the Dewittville WI and Huntingdon UCW. Knitting, sewing, and embroidery were among her handicraft skills. Gardening was another interest, with both flowers and vegetables flourishing in Isabel's garden. Literature, especially poetry, gave her much pleasure.

Both Isabel and Allister enjoyed the ordinary things of life - country fairs, playing cards and neighborly visits. They shared a love for and admiration of Ayrshire

Cattle.

When Allister became ill, Isabel cared for him during his lengthy illness, until her own health began to fail; then she began her courageous battle with cancer.

Allister died July 13, 1993 and was buried July 17. The funeral service from Kelly Funeral Home was conducted by Tim Nethercott, student minister of Huntingdon United Church.

Shortly afterwards, Isabel died on August 31, 1993. The funeral service on September 3 was conducted by Rev. Neil Wallace of Huntingdon United Church from the Kelly Funeral Home. During the service Rev. Wallace spoke about learning to accept death and paid tribute to the life of Isabel Neely. Some of her best-loved poems and Scripture passages were read.

One of her favorite Scripture passages was about running a straight race. She had always tried to do that in her life — to be honest, forthright, strong, determined and a hard worker. Rev. Wallace said, "Those are the qualities to remember and celebrate about Isabel."

Another passage that was special to Isabel was from Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*:

The quality of mercy is not strained/ It droppeth as a gentle rain from heaven/ Upon the place beneath: it is twice blessed: It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:—/ It is an attribute to God himself./ And earthly power doth then show likest God's/ When mercy seasons justice.

Allister and Isabel are

survived by their daughters Allis, married to Brent Simpson; and Colleen, married to Kenneth Jones. Isabel is survived by her brothers and sisters: Eric, husband of Hilarie Campbell; Thelma, wife of Gordon Lang; Calvin; Ruth, wife of Royce Beattie; Milton, husband of Bonnie James, also 13 nieces and nephews and two grand-nephews. She was predeceased by her sister-in-law, Doreen Wood, wife of Calvin, in 1992. The pallbearers for both services were neighbors and friends: Lachlan Cameron, Melvin Graham, Terry Mason and Melvin Thompson.

Isabel and Allister have been laid to rest in Gore Cemetery.

Births and Deaths

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

DIED

GENDRON, Marie Anne Riel - In Huntingdon, on October 24, 1993, died Mrs. Marie Anne Riel Gendron, at the age of 79 years, first wedding wife of the late Narcisse Gendron, and 2nd wedding wife of Omer Brodeur. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her children: Pierre (Pearl Wells), Carmell, Lucette (Léon Tattler), Françoise (Camil Savaria) and Solange (Robert Ponton). Funeral took place Wednesday, October 27, 1993, from Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Funeral Home, 170 Châteauguay St., Huntingdon, to St. Joseph's Church in Huntingdon, at 2:00 p.m. Interment Huntingdon Cemetery.

HÉBERT, Léo - At the Notre-Dame Hospital, Montreal, on October 21, 1993, Léo Hébert, aged 76 years, beloved husband of Victoria Vaillancourt, dear father of Gilbert (Barbara), Hélène (Hubert), Denise (Steve), Augustin (Carole), Maxime (Lyne), Denis (Michèle), André (Patricia), Annette (Raymond). Also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be held Saturday the 30th, at 2 p.m. in St-Romain Church, Hemmingford. Interment, St-Romain Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Quebec Heart Foundation would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements by J.M. Sharpe, 461 Champlain St., Hemmingford.

DIED

McCLINTOCK, Helen Adele (née Couch) - On Wednesday October 20, 1993 at the Trenton Memorial Hospital in her 78th year. Helen McClintock, beloved wife of the late Larry McClintock. Loving mother of Don and his wife Mary of Sarnia and Ken and his wife Barb of Carrying Place. Dear grandmother to Rob, Sheryl, Kevin, Kerri and Kelly. Dear sister-in-law to Erskine and Jean McClintock, Edith McClintock all of Ormstown, Que., Don and Terry McClintock of Mississauga, Ont. and the late Bill McClintock, and Marjorie and Harold Daniel. The family will receive friends at the Weaver Funeral Home, 170 Dundas St. W., Service will be held at King St. United Church, 100 King St., Trenton, on Saturday, October 23, at 1 p.m. Rev. George Saunders officiating. Interment at Whites Cemetery. Donations to the Trenton Memorial Hospital or to King St. United Church would be appreciated by the family. (Cheques Only Please)

STIRLING, Agnes - At the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Que. on Oct. 20, 1993. Dear sister of Ethel Chambers, Lily McConville, Margaret Barrie of Cornwall and the late John. Sister-in-law of Elsie Stirling. Also many nieces and nephews. Funeral service was from the Kelly Funeral Home, 19 Lake St., Huntingdon on Friday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. Interment Huntingdon Protestant Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to the staff on the third floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital during my stay there; also to my relatives and friends and for flowers, gifts, cards and visits.

Muriel Rowe

In Memory of Anne-France Leduc



During 18 years, you filled us with your presence and love. Your image and your remarkable smile are engraved forever under our eyelids. But much more, you left us with memories of your love for life and for your relatives. Many times you showed it...

Very gifted in your studies, you made your parents proud. Very original, always distinguishing yourself among others, you understood that you could not reach happiness simply by following the same path as everyone. In trying to create harmony around yourself and in your life, you flooded everyone's heart and each of your activities with a personal touch, in order to improve, in your way, the world. Your passage among us will have taught us generosity in friendship, because as you so well wrote it: "We never have enough of it". At the time of your death, we were able to see that all the minutes you have devoted to others were not fruitless.

To all the persons who shared our sorrow, either with visits to the parlor, masses, flowers or by attending the funeral, we would like to express our most sincere thanks. We are grateful to all those who continue to surround us with their warm friendship.

Your family:
Nicole Bourbonnais,
your mother
François Leduc,
your father
Léonard Lablanc,
your stepfather
Michel and Lise, Benoit
and Chantal,
your brothers and
stepbrothers
Alyssa, Marc-André,
Marilyne and Mariève,
your nephews and
nieces.

Rockburn resident Wm. Maither dies

William J. Maither, 93, of Rockburn, died suddenly Monday, Sept. 6, 1993, at the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown.

Born March 31, 1900, he was the son of James Archibald and Anna Cowan Maither.

He was a life-long member of Rennie's United Church. He was a dairy farmer until 1955, after which he worked part-time with the roads department. In 1960, he took over the duties of caretaker for Ken Johnstone, a freelance writer, and took up residence there.

He was married to Mary Levers in 1922. She predeceased him September 16, 1974. He then married Parepa Hoyer in 1976, and she predeceased him November 29, 1983.

Mr. Maither was also predeceased by two brothers, Leland in 1958 and Maurice in 1982.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Jennie Maither and Ernest and Rosalie Maither of the First Concession in Athelstan; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathryn and Clifford Cook of Burke,

N.Y.; a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Thelma Goldie Thomas and her husband, Virgil Thomas Jr., of Rockburn; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were made through the Kelly Funeral Home in Huntingdon. The funeral service there was conducted by Rev. Neil Wallace, pastor. Pallbearers were Jim, Barry, and Randy Maither and Robert Cook, all grandsons of Mr. Maither. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery on September 9.

Ft. Covington resident dies at 75 in hospital

Mrs. Pauline M. Lapage, 75, of Ft. Covington, died Sunday morning October 17, 1993, in the Alice Hyde Hospital Malone, where she had been a patient for less than a week.

Born in Ft. Covington on December 20, 1917 she was the daughter of George and Mary Le Claire Bashaw.

She Graduated from Ft. Covington High School and was married to Earl F. Lapage on October 7, 1940 in St. Mary's Church, Ft. Covington. Mr. Lapage predeceased her on April 4, 1975.

Mrs. Lapage was a homemaker and a communicant of St. Mary's Church, Ft. Covington and a member of the Alter & Rosary society and the Ft. Covington Senior Citizens.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jean Judith Legros of Huntingdon, and Mrs. Philip Gail Jock of Ft. Covington; also three sisters: Mrs. Germaine Nora of Liverpool, N.Y.; Mrs. Rita Neverette of Massena; and Mrs. Lou Trudeau of Ft. Covington. There are also six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a brother: Nap Bashaw and by two half brothers: Ralph and Raymond Rueadeau. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 20, in St. Mary's Church Ft. Covington, with Burial in the parish cemetery.