

Howick memorial service for Robert H. Tolhurst, 67

Robert Henry Tolhurst lived his life with serene faith and faced his death with enduring courage. His Christian faith was a continuing component of his life. His quiet dignity, cheerful countenance and integrity of character were attributes that gave him stature, earning him the unqualified respect of those about him.

Bob Tolhurst was born in Cartierville, Que., on June 12, 1927, the only son of Robert Tolhurst and Mamie Egan. When Bob was only five his mother died; his father remarried when he was 10, and Nellie Kearns became his loved and respected "mother." The family was enlarged with two sisters: Anne and Norma.

In 1950, Bob moved to Howick where he started farming, a career that remained a consuming interest during his lifetime. Two years later on June 28, 1952, he married Thyra McKell of Howick. They raised their family of four sons on their farm on Rte. 138.

In paying tribute to his father at the funeral service, son Bob, on behalf of the family, spoke of his Dad being a builder - of his goals and projects. Barn renovations, the installation of a free-stall barn and milking parlor, and drainage projects were some of his

accomplishments as the farm holdings were expanded.

Sons Andy, Kenneth, and Brent, with their families, have continued the farm operation as Tolhurst Farms Inc. Bob Jr. is practising law and farming in Vankleek Hill, Ont. Even though Bob and Thyra "retired" to a family home on Rte. 203 in 1984, Bob's guiding interest in farming continued to be invaluable.

In his retirement years, Bob enjoyed the pursuit of woodworking, crafting numerous pieces that are now cherished items.

Throughout his lifetime, family life was of paramount importance. Bob and Thyra created a loving atmosphere for the nurture of their children. The welcoming warmth of family extended to their daughters-in-law and 13 grandchildren as the family circle grew: Andy and Sandi McRae (Mathew, Jennifer, Jayson, and Jeffrey); Bob and Diane Mode (Randi, Ashleigh, Curtis and Duane); Kenneth and Amy Goodall (Marcie, Christine, and Norma); Brent and Janet Brewer (Tristan and Noah).

Bob Tolhurst died at his home in Howick on November 1, 1994, at the age of 67, following a courageous battle with cancer.

A message of remembrance, sent from

the Reverends David and Marta Frascati Lochhead, former ministers of Howick United, was read at the funeral service. It spoke of Bob's deep Christian faith and firm moral integrity, his kindness, his hospitality and his laughter.

The Memorial Service, conducted by Rev. Beverley Burlock was held at Howick United Church on November 3. In giving thanks for Bob's life, she said, "We will remember and celebrate his life among us, give thanks for it and commend him to God's care with faith and hope." In seeking solace for our shared grief, Rev. Burlock offered these words: "Our question here today is not how or why Bob died, but how he lived. Life and death in themselves are neutral. How we live our lives and how we respond to death make them positive or negative."

Hymns sung were "Eternal, unchanging, we sing to Thy praise" and "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah." A combined choir sang "Amazing Grace." Scripture passages were from Psalm 27 and the Book of Philippians.

Prayers were offered to give thanks for the life of Robert Tolhurst, to bring comfort in our sorrow, to find peace in our hearts, as we rest in the knowledge of God's everlasting love. (J.F.)

Births and Deaths

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

BORN

SUTHERLAND - At Edmonton, Alberta, on November 11, 1994 to Laurel (née Nicholson) and Mac Sutherland, a daughter, Emily Christine, 6 lbs. 4 oz. All well and happy.

DIED

GOURLEY, STELLA (née Campeau) of Howick, Que., at the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, Que. on Wednesday, November 23, 1994 at the age of 86, beloved wife of the late Thomas (Tim), dear mother of Roy (Denise) and Jacqueline (Brent) of Tauranga, New Zealand and cherished grandmother of Steele, Samara and Kapri, dear sister of Rita, Marcel (Marion) and Yvette. She will be missed by many nieces and nephews and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

McEWEN, Donald H. - In loving memory of our dear husband, father, father-in-law and Grandpa who passed away nine years ago, on December 5, 1985.

Jean Betty, Rodney and family
Don and Lois
Bob, Marg and family
Kathy, Giles and family

DIED

STRAIN, Rose Evelyn - 80, Wolfville, N.S., died November 24, 1994 in the Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville, N.S. Born in Montreal, Québec, she was a daughter of the late William and Rose (Ewing) McLeish. She made a home for her family in Montreal, Toronto, and Huntingdon, Que. For the past five years she resided at Wolfville Habitat Co-op Ltd. (Tideways), where she was a member of the Board of Directors. She is survived by her children Margaret (Mrs. George Alliston), West Brooklyn, N.S.; Bill, and his wife Lorraine, Toronto, Ont.; Patti (Mrs. David Prowse), St. Bruno, Que.; Gale (Mrs. Paul Taylor), Mississauga, Ont.; Peter, Halifax, N.S.; sisters Mrs. Jean Murphy and Eileen (Mrs. Don Stadelman), both of Montreal, Que.; Helen (Mrs. Durward Smith), Victoria Beach, Man; sister-in-law Mrs. Winnie Atkins, Mississauga, Ont.; grandchildren Lisa Alliston Payhe; Lori, Rod and Andrew Strain (and their mother, Marilyn Strain); Karen Prowse; Alec and Eric Taylor; and great-granddaughter Demi Lynn Payne. She was predeceased by her husband, Bill; her infant son, John; and her grandson, Randy Prowse. A reception from 12:30 followed by a service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 1994 from the St. John's Anglican Church, Huntingdon, Quebec; Rev. Karen Buzzell & Padre David Prowse will officiate. Burial will be in the Huntingdon Protestant Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Diabetes Assoc.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank my relatives and all my friends in Ormstown and surrounding areas for helping me celebrate my 95th birthday. I also appreciate the flowers and gifts which I received along with your best wishes. See you again on my 96th!!
Jenny Baird

The family of the late John Alfred Kemp (deceased November 13, 1994 at Kingston, Ontario) wish to express their heartfelt thank-yous for the cards, flowers, phone calls and memorial donations to Rennie's United Church and St. Margaret's United Church, Kingston, Ontario. Your acts of kindness have helped to lessen the loss of a dear husband, father and grandfather. "Gone, but not forgotten."

Ila Grace Kemp
Don, Jill, Brent & Serena Frier
Fred, Judy, Ryan & Courtney Sharer

We would like to thank the nurses and staff of 3rd floor and Dr. Blonde of Barrie Memorial Hospital. Roy, Denise, Jacqueline and Brent

The family of the late Lester Fraser wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to relatives and friends for their visits, donations, floral tributes, donations of food and attendance at the funeral service. A special thank you to Rev. Neil Wallace for his comforting message, to Rev. Charles Carpentier, to the organist and choir for the beautiful music and to the Zion United Church Ladies in Dundee for the delicious luncheon following the burial. A sincere thank you to Mary and Paul-André Galipeau, Dr. Lemieux, 3rd floor staff at Barrie Memorial Hospital and 1st floor staff at Huntingdon County Hospital for the professional care given to Dad during his illness. Your personal concern and TLC will always be remembered.

Sincerely,
Winston, Jean and family
Cary, Anne and Family

Simpson-Séguin wedding held at St. Romain's Church

On Saturday Oct. 1, 1994 Colleen Simpson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Simpson, and Jean-Robert, a younger son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Séguin were joined in marriage.

Rev. Father Gilles Daoust performed the double-ring ceremony, at St-Romain's Parish Church. Wedding music, played by organist Karl-Heinz Pees, consisted of traditional and vocal pieces sung by soloist Elizabeth Churchill.



MR. & MRS. JEAN-ROBERT SEGUIN

Silver anniversary marked by the Lorne McNaughtons

A weekend of celebrations and surprises for Lorne and Shirley McNaughton marked their Silver Wedding anniversary.

First of all, they were treated to an evening of fine dining at the Foyer 45 in Huntingdon on November 5, enjoying good food and conversations with family and friends.*

On Sunday Nov. 6, they were surprised when a large group of

well-wishers arrived at their fertile Valley Farm on the Boyd settlement, to congratulate the happy couple on 25 years of marriage.

Church ceremony
Lorne and Shirley were united in marriage at a pretty ceremony in Rockburn Presbyterian Church on November 8, 1969 by Rev. McMichen. A dinner was served at the Franklin Elementry

School by the Rockburn Ladies' Aid, and a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Ronald and Hilda Williams, later that evening.

The McNaughtons are proud parents of three lovely daughters: Jennifer, Tiffany and Anastasia.

Bev Cocher provided two beautiful anniversary cakes for the two days of celebrations.

The McNaughtons were pleased to see so many people, and they will have many fond memories for years to come.

—D. Farquhar



SHIRLEY AND LORNE MCNAUGHTON