

## Ira K. Gordon, 89, dies in hospital in Montreal

The community was saddened recently by the passing of Ira K. Gordon a longtime resident of the Boyd Settlement Rd., Huntingdon.

Ira was fortunate to enjoy good health at home, except for a couple of brief stays in hospital, until this September when he was taken to the Ormstown Barrie Memorial Hospital and transferred to the Royal Victoria in Montreal where, after only a few days, he passed away peacefully October 8 at the age of 89.

Ira was born August 25, 1906, at Corbin (near Hemmingford), Que., the elder son of the late David Gordon and Bertha Crawford. When he was six, the family moved to the First Concession, Elgin, where they bought a farm.

On February 10, 1932, Ira was united in marriage to Beatrice Boyd who predeceased him in 1952.

On September 12, 1953, he married Effie Middlemiss who survives.

He also leaves to mourn his passing his children, Eileen (John Feeny); Glenn; David (Barbara Wright); Lyall (Marilyn Darby); Bob (Sylvie Ener); Joyce, Allan (Brenda Derouchie); 22 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; his sister Eleanor (Allan Smellie) of Dunnville, Ont.; sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one daughter Helen (Maurice Feeny); one grand-child Shelley Ann; and his sisters Grace, Jean, Claire, and brother Charles.

Leaving home at an early age Ira worked for a few years in upper New York State,

then on farms in Ontario and Quebec. In 1947 Ira joined the Canada Bread Company and for the next 20 years was known as the "friendly breadman". It was during this time that he moved with his second family to the Boyd Settlement.

After leaving Canada Bread, Ira worked for McCallum's Wood Products, then for 15 years for Thompson's Tobacconist Shop and then at Galipeau's Hardware Store both on Chateauguay St. in Huntingdon.

Ira was a member of the Maple Leaf Grange when that organization was active. He was a charter member of the Chateauguay Valley Antique Association and an Associate Member of Legion Branch 81, when he and his stories will be sadly missed.

Ira was laid out at the Kelly Funeral Home. The funeral service was held at the Huntingdon United Church, with Rev. Neil Wallace officiating. Pall-bearers were Tom Quinell, Donald McGregor, Mac Blachford, Clarence Ouimet, Keith Curran and Gordon Ferry. An Honor Guard from Legion Branch 81 (members and Ladies' Auxiliary) flanked the front walk of the church. Ira's nephew, bagpiper Melvin Harrigan piped the family and friends into the church and played "Amazing Grace" during the service.

The floral tributes, charitable donations and the large attendance at the visitations and funeral showed the esteem to which the deceased was held.

Interment was in the Huntingdon Protestant Cemetery.

E. F.

## Alan M. Hooker, 90, remembered in Ormstown as active community member

It was with a deep sense of loss that Alan Hooker's relatives and friends learned of his passing on September 15, 1995 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Alan Hooker was a good man, cherished by his family and those closest to him, and respected by countless friends from all walks of life.

Alan Melbourne Hooker was born July 23, 1905 in Upper Ormstown, the fifth and youngest child of Catherine Carley and George Hooker. Earle, Margaret (Pearce McNaughton), Preston and Nelson were the other members of his family.

Alan's education began in the country school on the Upper Concession. He later proceeded to Ormstown High School where, as a strong student, he qualified for entrance to McGill University. He chose instead to become a business partner with his brother Preston in a farming operation that included the raising of Yorkshire and Tamworth hogs.

### Sports important

Sports always played an important role in Alan's life. With great skill, strength and enthusiasm he participated in every athletic activity available. A fine team player, he distinguished himself in hockey and football; an excellent track-and-field man, he honed his skills tirelessly, and in 1926 was awarded the trophy for Best All Round Athlete at an Ormstown-sponsored

Sports Day that included competitors from the Montreal Amateur Athletics Association. He was throughout his life a skilled hunter and an avid fisherman, and well into his 80s he remained a keen and valued curler. No spectator sportsman he!

In the late 1920s fox-farming came to the Hooker homestead, and Alan, with characteristic energy and enthusiasm, soon learned all the details of that flourishing industry. Eventually, he was appointed interpreter for fox inspectors in Quebec, and later he himself became an inspector of fox ranches in Quebec, as well as in part of Ontario.

A man of wide interests and remarkable versatility, Alan Hooker later spent 15 years as a mill manager for the Vilas Company. His easy and forthright manner earned for him the respect of those with whom he did business. The children who rode the school bus that Alan drove for some years also liked this good-natured person.

It was in 1934 that Alan Hooker married Willa McNeil, an together they shared the joys and the vicissitudes of 61-year marriage. To their union were born four children: Lyndon, Brian, Mary Catherine and Alanne. Brian, a graduate of Ontario Veterinary College, died in 1963 at the age of 24.

Throughout his life, Alan was a staunch churchman: he served as Clerk of Session of the Ormstown Presbyterian Church for 31 years. All their days he and Willa

shared to the full in the activities of their church, providing excellent leadership in all church undertakings.

In the years following Alan's retirement from Vilas in 1970, and Willa's retirement in 1968 from her position as a member of the teaching staff at Ormstown High (later Elementary) School, the Hookers spent many a happy day together in their retirement home in Savage Harbour, P.E.I. It was while they were enjoying the past summer there that Alan became very ill. Soon after admission to hospital in Charlottetown he passed peacefully away, surrounded by family caring and love.

Alan Melbourne Hooker is survived by his wife, Willa; by his son, Lyndon, by his daughters, Mary Catherine ("Trinkie") (Mrs. Garth Coffin), and Alanne (Mrs. David Kee) and by his grandchildren, Denton, Shawn and Kim Hooker, Judy, Brian and Tricia Coffin, and Vanessa and Christina Kee; and by his great-granddaughter, Jodie Hooker, daughter of Shawn and his wife, Julie. Mrs. Margaret McNaughten, Alan's sister, also survives. He was predeceased by his brothers, Earle, Preston and Nelson, and by his son, Dr. Brian Hooker.

Rev. John McPhadden, Minister of the Ormstown Presbyterian Church, led a service in celebration of the life of Alan Melbourne Hooker.

## Births and Deaths

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

### DIED

**CAMPBELL, Grace Agnes** - Wife of the late Athol Lester Campbell. Beloved mother of Gabrielle, Joan and Athol. Died October 21, 1995 in her 81st year at the Woodstock General Hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

**MONIQUE RAVELLI, Mrs. Madeleine** - At Key Biscayne, Florida on October 16, 1995 passed away Mrs. Madeleine Monique aged 71 years. Beloved wife of Mr. Alfred J. Ravelli. Survived by her sisters Loretta (William Crawford), Berenice (Donald Carr) and her brother Francis Monique. Funeral service was held Friday, October 20, 1995 in the St. Joseph Church at 2 p.m. Burial at the St. Joseph Cemetery, Huntingdon. Visiting hours were Friday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Funeral arrangements by Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Hébert and Lemieux and the staff of the Barrie Memorial Hospital. Also thanks to friends for cards, prayers, visits and to those who drove my wife to the hospital.

Thanks

Arnold Kahn

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of the Ira Gordon express their sincere thanks to everyone for sympathy shown them. All was greatly appreciated.

I wish to thank relatives, friends and working colleagues for cards, gifts, visits and get well wishes, while I was a patient at the Montreal General Hospital. All was much appreciated.

Hope Bouthillier

I wish to express my most sincere thanks and appreciation to my family, relatives and friends for the wonderful Birthday Party held in my honor. A special thank you to Huntingdon Legion, Br. 81 and everyone who helped with the celebration, also for the many beautiful cards and gifts I received. The decorations, cake and lunch were enjoyed by all. A birthday I will cherish forever.

Ruth McIntyre

## Janet Ion Clairmont, 76, mourned in Valleyfield

Janet Clairmont, (née Ion), died suddenly at the Valleyfield hospital, on Friday, Sept. 29 after a very brief illness. She was 76.

The funeral Mass was held Monday, Oct. 2 at Sacre Coeur Church, Valleyfield, with Fr. Gabriel Clement of St. Joseph's Church, Huntingdon, officiating. Many friends and acquaintances along with family members attended.

Janet was buried alongside her beloved last husband Jean-Noel Clairmont at the Cemetery in Rigaud. **Born in England**

Janet was born in Earby, Yorkshire, England on September 29, 1919, daughter of James-Duncan and Anne Ion, who emigrated to Canada in 1930 with their three children.

She attended the Gault Institute in Valleyfield and later worked at Dominion Textiles in Valleyfield, then at the Magog plant during World War II.

She met Noel Clairmont during a visit to Valleyfield, and they were married here on December 1, 1945. Noel predeceased her in July 1976.

The couple became proud parents of three children, Jim, Joanne and Elaine.

Janet was a devout Catholic, and long-time member of the St. Ignatius Guild. A generous and loving person, she was proud of her children and grandchildren. Despite her more recent handicaps, with a lot of pain and suffering, she was always cheerful, seldom com-

plaining and always ready to lend a helping hand or sympathetic ear to the problems of others.

She will be sadly missed by her loving family and many friends. Deepest sympathy is extended to her family: Joanne, her husband, Gerry McAdam and their two children, Jonathan (12), and Katherine (7), of Calgary, Ab.; Elaine, her two daughters, Jennifer and Andrea, and her husband, Dennis Hewett, of Scarborough, Ont.; and son Jim and his daughter, Sarah, of Vancouver; also to her dear sister, Peggy Filiatrault of Valleyfield and her two sons, Jerry and David of B.C. and David's family.

—E.M.

**EVENING IN HONOR OF THE  
APPROACHING MARRIAGE OF  
CHRISTINE &  
BRUNO TAILLEFER  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 - 8:00 PM  
JOYEUX LURONS HALL  
ST-ANTOINE-ABBÉ  
Lunch - disco = 10\$ pers.**

**50th Wedding  
ANNIVERSARY**  
IN HONOR OF  
**HERB AND BESSIE  
BANNING**  
Sunday, October 29th, 1995  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
AT THE  
HUNTINGDON LEGION  
Everybody Welcome - Best Wishes Only