

Obituary

H'don's Dr. Sandy Gaw, 81, will be well-remembered here

In the early morning hours of October 9, Dr. James Sandborn (Sandy) Gaw died at the age of 81.

His death, not wholly unexpected, still came as a shock to those who loved him.

Sandy adored his family: his loving wife Dorothy, their son and five daughters, and their 13 grandchildren. Their dining room walls are covered with photographs of every family gathering. He was concerned that his grandchildren should know their grandparents, listening and taking delight in the events of their young lives. There are photos of Sandy helping a granddaughter remove a nail from a board, or being not-so-gently awakened during an afternoon nap.

Another memory is that of Sandy and a granddaughter strolling through the autumn colors, sharing a bag of acorns slung on a stick between them.

When Sandy had some work done on his driveway, he noticed how much the grandchildren enjoyed playing in the sand, and had what was left moved into the backyard for them.

Loved his work

For more than 57 years, Sandy enjoyed his life as a veterinarian. In all weathers, and at all hours of the day and night, he went on his rounds, often accompanied by family members. In his work, he saw the range of births, deaths and everything in between. He never complained about long hours and heavy work load; he simply did his best for every animal he saw.



Dr. J. S. Gaw

Sandy was active in the community, supporting local businesses and serving on the town council. He chaired the police board and was involved with the school board for many years. His service was acknowledged by both the Rotary Club and the Town of Huntingdon.

Sense of humor

Sandy had a delightful dry sense of humor. Once, a future son-in-law was helping in the garden, running his hand through and sniffing at the contents of several buckets of seeds. The last one smelled strongly of turkey manure. Over lunch, Sandy recounted the tale and ended, "I was waiting to see if he was going to taste it too!"

A private man doing public work may suffer from inherent conflicts. Not Sandy. He insisted there was no such thing as being nervous. He and Dorothy taught their children well and were determined that boy and girls alike should receive good educations.

Funeral

Sandy died suddenly at home. Funeral services were held on Friday, Oct. 11, at the United Church in Huntingdon, Neil Wallace officiating. Pall-bearers were Jack Tannahill, Jim Brock, Nigel Hare, Heather Cleaver, Jesse Sturgeon and James Gaw.

His family, friends and community have lost a great friend. He will be sorely missed.

Births and Deaths

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

BORN

ELLIOTT - Allan and Nancy (née Brennan) are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Duncan Brennan on October 7, 1996 at St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal. Brother for Alanna. Grandparents are Martha and Thomas Brennan of St. Leonard, Hazel and Ross Elliott of Chateaugay.

DIED

FEARN, Francis (née Weir) at the Barrie Memorial Hospital on Oct. 21, 1996 aged 76 wife of the late Walter Fearn, survived by her daughter Judith (William Wesley), grandson D'Arcy and brother-in-law Wilson (Bill) Fearn. Predeceased by her brothers George and Frank and sister Marjorie. Funeral service from St. James Anglican Church, Ormstown, Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations to the Women's Auxiliary of the Barrie Memorial Hospital or Shagri-La, Franklin would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to McGerrigle Funeral Home Inc., Ormstown.

John and the late Helen. Pensioner of Merck and Bristol. Funeral Service at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23 from St. Luke's Anglican Church, Thence to Hemmingford Protestant Cemetery. Visitation at J.M. Sharpe's Funeral Home, 461 Champlain St., Hemmingford, Tuesday 2-4, 7-9 p.m. Donations to Hemmingford Ambulance Service would be appreciated by the family.

HAYTER, Alice (née Clitheroe) - At the Montreal General on October 21, 1996. Beloved wife of Leslie, and dear mother of Donna Bresee (Wayne) and Joy Kyle (Sidney). Beloved grandmother of Christopher and Erin Kyle. Sister of Winnie Clitheroe of Springfield Park. Pre-deceased by parents Emily and Harold, brother Gerald and brother Victor (RCAF killed in action WWII). Resting at the Kelly Funeral Home. Visitation October 22, 1996 7-9 p.m. Funeral service in the chapel, Wednesday, October 23, 1996 at 12:15. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown or the Montreal General Hospital would be appreciated.

LEFEBVRE, Victor - In Huntingdon on September 20, 1996 at the age of 89 years, passed away Mr. Victor Lefebvre, husband of Mrs. Lorenza Riel. Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn his children Monique, Aline, Mariette (Robert Rousseau), Jean-Charles (Claudette Vaillancourt), and Yves (Myrna Harrigan). Arrangements made by Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Inc.

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McALLISTER, Irene (née Céré) at Ormstown Barrie Memorial Hospital on October 20, 1996 in her eightieth year. Beloved wife of Willard. Cherished mother of Eva, Jim, Mabel, Arthur, Marcel, France, Robert, Suzanne & Richard. Will be sadly missed by her 15 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Also mourned by her brother Marcel and sisters

PETCH, Katherine Ann - Aged 66 of Hemmingford, after a courageous battle with cancer, died at the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Ormstown, on October 16, 1996. Wife of Charles M. Petch. Mother of Chandler (Rita) of Brockville, Ont.; Christopher (Shelley) of Edmonton, Alta; William (Joy) of Belleville, Ont. Also 6 grandchildren: Amanda, Diana, Bryn, Karli, Miriam and Joel. Sister of Joel (Shirley) of Burlington, Vt. and a sister Jane (Hale) Wilson of Rouses Point, N.Y. Also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins. Her request was that there would be no funeral or calling hours and that her friends remember her fondly. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations to the Cancer Society would be sincerely appreciated.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all my family, friends and neighbors for their gifts, cards, visits and phone calls while I was a patient at the Barrie Memorial Hospital. Also thanks to the nurses and therapists of the 3rd floor.

Linda Sutton

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The family of the late Mrs. Wilfrid Saumier (Juliette Moriarty) would like to thank most sincerely relatives, friends and neighbours for their visits at the funeral home at the time of the death of our dear mother and grandmother. Special thanks for floral tributes, mass offerings, donations, sympathy cards, telephone calls and food; thanks also to Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Funeral Home for Ambulance service, for their excellent and personal assistance at the time of our mother's death. A special thank you to Dr. Lemieux for his home visits to Mom and to the emergency of the Barrie Memorial Hospital. All was greatly appreciated.

Estelle Ann & Alex Roy, Morris & Aline Saumier, Jean-Maurice & Bianca Line Saumier

Our most sincere thanks to our relatives for organizing a "Surprise Family Dinner" in celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary at the Rod and Gun Club on Oct. 6, 1996. Also for flowers, gifts, cards and good wishes. Your kindness will always be treasured.

The Gaw family

Our sincere thanks to all our family for organizing the celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary Party. A special thank you to all who came from near and far, for cards, gifts, flowers and good wishes. We appreciated your thoughtfulness and are left with many treasured memories.

Glenn & Grace

I would like to thank all my friends, neighbours and family for the flowers, cards and calls. All was very much appreciated. A special thank you to Linda and Manon for all the food.

Pearl Carrigan

Died



Edmund Deschambault Ste-Agnès de Dundee on October 11th, 1996 passed away Mr. Edmund Deschambault aged 52 years, son of Mr. Albert Deschambault and Mrs. Elizabeth Russell. Survived by 5 sisters and 5 brothers. Burial at Ste-Agnès de Dundee Protestant Cemetery. Funeral arrangements by Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils., Huntingdon.

Wedding Reception

in honor of

**Amanda Murphy and
Doug VanDoran**
Saturday, October 26,
8:30 p.m.
Cabane à Sucre L'Hermine
St-Chrysostome
Everyone Welcome