

BIRTHS & DEATHS

CARD OF THANKS, IN MEMORIALS, ENGAGEMENTS.

DIED

CAZA, Michel - In Huntingdon on September 22, 1997 at the age of 44 years passed away Mr. Michel Caza, son of Mr. Georges Caza and Mrs. Pierrette Brossoit. He leaves to mourn his friend Ginette Joly, his sister Renée, his brother Alain (Bonnie Baillie), his nephew Ryan, his niece Amanda as well as many relatives and friends. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, September 24, 1997 at 11 a.m. in St-Joseph's Church, Huntingdon. Burial Huntingdon Cemetery. Funeral arrangements Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Inc.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends who came from near and far to celebrate my birthday. To those who sent cards and letters, thank you for the memories and kind thoughts expressed. I also thank my children and grandchildren for planning this delightful surprise. Again thank-you one and all.

Nessie Deery

IN MEMORIAM

WHYTE, Mary E. - In memory of Mary E. Whyte who passed away 10 years ago in September.
*This day is remembered
And quietly kept
No words are needed
I never forget.*

Sadly missed Grant

ORR, Fred C. - In loving memory of a dear husband, who passed away September 26, 1995.
*When evening shadows are falling,
And I am sitting all alone,
In my heart there comes a longing,
If only you could come home.
My thoughts are always with you,
Your place no one can fill,
In life I loved you with all my heart,
In death I love you still.*

Forever missed,
Sheryl

HAPPY 55th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

to Pearl & Fred Kyle
SEPT. 26, 1997

With love and best wishes from their children and grandchildren

50th Wedding Anniversary



MARY & EARLE FENNELL

Sept. 27, 1947 - Sept. 27, 1997

Congratulations & best wishes
Love from your children
and grandchildren

Obituary:

Havelock's "Gompie" Allen, 97, lived life at gentle pace of yesteryear

Jimmie Allen was known to everyone around Havelock as "Gompie", a name bestowed upon him by his grandchildren. For all of his 97 years, his rural community was his world, and his greatest pleasures came from telling stories of the country living he knew nearly a century ago.

On August 29, about 150 friends and family members filled Trinity Anglican Church to pay a final tribute to him. A mix of English and French, Canadian and American, they came from nearby communities and as far away as Winchester, Ont.

Havelock Township was his life-long home and he and Margaret (Buchanan), his wife of 69 years, ran a farm on the flank of Covey Hill while raising their family of four.

Though times were never easy - cutting and drawing wood to Ormstown by horsepower in -40° weather, for instance - Jimmie was satisfied with his life and had no greater expectations. Margaret says he wouldn't have done anything different.

James Bertal Allen was born the only child of Annie (McCort) and Willie Allen and he attended the one-room Ball School through Grade 4. Although his formal schooling was limited, Jimmie had a natural ability for performing arithmetic quickly in his head and he continued to expand his world through reading. In the 1920s he ventured west to work the wheat harvest where he boarded on a Saskatchewan farm. Those Septembers were the only two years he missed attending the Havelock Fair.

Although most of us picture Jimmie tramping through the rocky bush of Covey Hill or tending to his garden or mule, he was equally at home driving to Montreal, riding elevators, and going to city theaters and to Belmont Park. And he was a ease in formal attire in front of a crowd, where he often found himself due to his longevity - and his 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries and a 90th birthday party.

Even in his 90s, Gompie maintained a valid driver's license and drove elderly friends to the bank or to seniors' luncheons. Daughter Dodie (Dora Bonhomme) jokes that he used to taxi a little Buchanan girl to school too (who was 10 years younger than him) and ended up marrying her!

Family drives

She recalls many family drives, too, such as by sleigh to Aunt Susie's in Valleyfield during the 1930s along the railroad tracks from Aubrey. The children would huddle beneath the buffalo cover around bricks which had been heated on the woodstove. And, in summer those same years, they drove to the village of St-Chrysostome each Saturday night in



Jimmy Allen in 1990 with some of the horses he loved.

(Photo: P. Norton)

the Ford sedan where Jimmie would treat them all to a one-cent chocolate pigs on a stick at Joe Emard's store.

Jimmie didn't think much of the phone, recalls Margaret. Because the lines were so often busy, he got it in his head that it was quicker to go see a person than to call. Electricity came to the Allen home in 1948.

Gompie was never opinionated or political, says granddaughter Kelly. French and English alike were good neighbors in his eyes.

Now, his family sits around the kitchen table, and recount his many stories with a laughter that brings tears. Among his things they find farm milk cheque stubs and old grocery receipts from Chas. Larocque Grocer and Baker. A 1906 post card with a one-cent stamp is addressed to the Allens at "Post Office, Vicars, P. Que."

As for his secret to health and long life, Jimmie stuck to a good, old-fashioned diet of potatoes (fried in fat), vegetables and beef. Each morning he drank a big glass of cold water and always ate slab bacon. Exercise, of course, was from the physical farm labor and his walking excursions into the bush where he would examine big trees, old foundations and fence rows, and pick thimble-berries.

He smoked as a young man until he found himself short of breath. He flung the pack of cigarettes into a field and took up chewing tobacco. An occasional sip of rye whiskey may also have contributed to Jimmie's endurance.

Dodie asked her father once if he'd like to live to be 100. He snapped back, "Are you ready to die?" She said no. "Well," he replied defiantly, "neither am I."

Through his four children, 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and all who knew him, Jimmie Allen's spirit will endure at least another 97 years. Although his ways were simple and his manner modest, his wit and one-time wisdom touched many and will continue to remind us that, just maybe, a slower pace of life is best.

Wedding Reception

in honor of
SHERRI BUCHANAN & MALCOLM CHISHOLM

Cabane à Sucre L'Hermine
212 Rang St-Charles,
St-Chrysostome

Saturday, September 27, 1997,
8 p.m.

Everyone welcome

THE FAMILY OF
MAC and JEAN ARNOLD

Invite you to an "Open House"

to help them celebrate their

50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, Oct. 4th, 1997

1:30 pm - 4 pm

Royal Canadian Legion, Huntingdon

20 Fairview Road

Best wishes only!