

BIRTHS & DEATHS

CARD OF THANKS, IN MEMORIAMS, ENGAGEMENTS.

BORN

LAUSAS-DESCHAMPS - Martin and Lisa are very happy to announce the birth of their daughter Ashley Marie on April 3, 1998 at the Anna Laberge Hospital, Chateaugay. Proud grandparents are Violet and Renaud Deschamps and Ella and James Tallon.

DIED

ALBRIGHT, Seaborn - On Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at the Humber River Regional Hospital, Church Street Site, Toronto, at the age of 82 years. Predeceased by his first wife Margaret Ella Parks and his sister Marion Albright. Survived by his sister Mrs. Helen Jackson of Toronto, his son Andrew (Cynthia) of New Denver, B.C., his daughter Janice (Donald McDonagh) of Athelstan, Quebec, his nephew Angus Parks (Vanessa), his present wife Nell and her children Richard Pantin (Debbie) of St. John's, Newfoundland, Mrs. Gillian Sutherland (George) of Courtice, Ontario, Mrs. Roslyn McLean (David) of Niagara Falls, Ontario, his eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held in Toronto on Friday, April 10 followed by cremation. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends across the country.

COOPER, Dorothy Mildred (Aird) - Died peacefully at her home in Oakville, Ont. on Saturday, April 4. Devoted wife of the late Thompson Cooper, dear mother of Joan Reiffenstein, John and his wife Louise (Bégin), Barb and Peter Niggemann, grandmother of Margot, Sarah and Michael Reiffenstein, Krista and Joanna Niggemann and great grandmother of Joshua, Shannon-Marie, Amanda, Rachel, Taylor-Jade and Sydney-Paige, dear sister of Helen Lowles. She was pre-deceased by her parents Annie-Felicia Meikle and Harry Aird, by her brother Gordon Aird, her son-in-law Dr. Rhoderic Reiffenstein and her grandson Andrew Reiffenstein. In lieu of flowers a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

ELLIOTT, Garry - Suddenly at home on April 9, 1998, aged thirty-four. Beloved son of Pat and Merrill Elliott. Loving father of Jordan and Dylan. Also survived by his sisters Pam (Wally Dillabough) of Barrie, Ontario, his niece Karizma, his grandmother Hazel Newland, and the mother of his children, Judy McWhinnie. Funeral service was held from the Chapel of McGerrigle Funeral Home Inc., Ormstown on Saturday, April 11. Interment Ormstown Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Ormstown Union Cemetery would be appreciated.

DIED

GAGNON, Phyllis (née Tansey) - At Haut-Richelieu Hospital April 4, 1998, Mrs. Phyllis Gagnon. Pre-deceased by her loving husband Marcel Gagnon and her two sisters Mabel and Marlyn. Survived by her only daughter Lynn Sledge (Donald Tobin) and several nieces and nephews. Funeral at Notre-Dame-Du-Mont-Carmel church in Lacolle, Qué. Friday, April 17 at 2 p.m. Information: Rés. Funéraire Réal Laplante Inc., Lacolle.

CARD OF THANKS

A heartfelt thank you to all, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hart and their family of Rte. 132, Dundee. Our eternal gratitude of thankfulness for coming to the rescue of our son Steve, who overturned his car just before Robert's house. Robert's daughter had seen what had just happened and Robert and his son ran out to help, not knowing what they might have had to encounter. The only door that Robert could get open was the back door on the passenger side where he managed to pull Steve out. Steve sustained bruising to his insides and a very bad headache and was released from the hospital that same night. Robert: To you and your family from our family; Your acts of kindness will remain with us a lifetime. By the Grace of God and His Heavenly Angels I tucked my son in, kissed him good-night, and gave thanks.

With love, hugs and kisses... Stephen, his sister Sherry, and parents Ken and Bev Leblanc

IN MEMORIAM

CURRAN, Keith - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away April 15, 1991.

*We miss you still
And always will.*

Lovingly remembered John, Dorothy, Cheryl, Connie, Crystal

NUSSEY, Thelma - In loving memory of a dear sister who passed away on April 12, 1997.

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard and ever near,
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.*

The Nussey Family

MIXED SHOWER

in honor of

**Venelia O'Connor &
John Vander Heyden**

Saturday, April 18th, 1998 at 8 p.m.

Dundee Community Center
3296 M^{re} Smallman, Dundee
Donation: \$6.00 per person
DJ- Buffer - SAQ Permit

Howick man killed in Monday plane crash

Ultra-light craft plunges into field near Ormstown after losing wing

Judith Taylor
THE GLEANER

A 51 year-old Howick man died on impact when his ultra-light aircraft lost its wing and crashed into a field back of Ormstown's Upper Concession early Monday afternoon.

In the morning, Gilles Benoit of Logan St. in Howick had taken off from Ste-Barbe for a pleasure jaunt, after arranging with his wife to meet him at John Anderson's landing field off the 40th Range near Howick.

According to eye-witnesses David and Hazel Aikman, the pilot was following a flight path frequently used by small aircraft in the area, heading east along the backs of farms along the Upper Concession.

"We were talking while I hung clothes on the line in front of the house when we heard the sound of the motor," Hazel Aikman said. "We weren't too excited because small planes often pass over our fields between the house and the bush, but we decided to go to the back of the house to see if we could see it. The sunlight was very bright and we just caught a glimpse of the bright yellow wings of the craft. It was about 12:40 p.m.

Sound of motor changed

"Then the sound of the motor changed and the plane seemed to be tumbling down.

"Dave had time to run about 100 feet before the plane landed with a thud."

While her husband ran toward the downed ultra-light, Mrs. Aikman returned to the house to call for help. On the way she saw what she thought might have been a second plane sailing eastward over the fields to land three farms down. It was the wing of the ultra-light.

Hazel Aikman's call to the local ambulance service also brought firemen and police to the scene.

Officers of the Ste-Martine Sûreté du Québec detachment were followed by district coroner Dr. Gordon Thompson, who confirmed that Benoit had died instantly of multiple fractures. The body was transferred to the Montreal morgue for an autopsy.

As well as reports from the coroner and the police, an investigation by the Transport Safety Board of Canada is mandatory in such cases. Investigator Marc Fernandel of the Dorval office found that a mounting attaching the single wing to the body of the plane was broken. "There is a strong possibility that this caused the wing to separate from the plane in mid-flight, causing the crash," said Sgt. Gilles Martel of the Ste-Martine SQ on Tuesday morning.



The shattered wreckage of the home-built ultra-light plane lay in the field back of David Aikman's house, while the wing landed half a mile away along Ormstown's Upper Concession Road.

(Photos: JT)