

BIRTHS & DEATHS

CARD OF THANKS, IN MEMORIALS, ENGAGEMENTS

BORN

GABRIEL - Stefan, Claudia and excited big sister Sarah are proud to announce the birth of Matthew Stefan at the Anna Laberge Hospital on March 27, 1999 at 7:40 a.m., weighing 9 lbs. 1 oz. Proud grandparents are Ross & Adolf Gabriel from Huntingdon and Hedy & Willy Suter from Switzerland.

DIED

SMILLIE, Ethel C. - Aged 89 of Largo, FL, and summer resident of Somerville Park, Quebec, and formerly of Fort Covington, NY., died unexpectedly Monday, March 29, 1999, at the Largo Medical Center in Largo, FL., after being stricken at her home. Born in Lachute, Quebec, October 25, 1909, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Eleanor Wood Doig. She graduated from Lachute Academy and from Macdonald College in Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec. Prior to her marriage, she was Principal and also teacher at Dundee School in Dundee, Quebec for several years. She later taught in various schools in the Montreal area. On June 29, 1940, she was united in marriage to George C. Smillie in Lachute, Que. He predeceased her on April 11, 1984. From 1954 until 1967, Mrs. Smillie taught fifth grade at Fort Covington High School and later Salmon River Central School. From 1967 until 1974, she worked as a substitute teacher at Salmon River Central. She enjoyed spending her winters in Largo, FL. and her summers at her camp in Somerville Park. She was a member of the Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church in Florida and was very active in several women's circles. She was a member of the Orange Lake Village Community Center and a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed gardening, reading, crafts, shuffleboard, swimming, and visiting with family, friends and neighbors. Survivors include: three daughters and sons-in-law, Anne and James Russell of Fort Covington, Carolyn and Robert Smith of Massena, NY., and Sandra and Wendell Jock of Hogsburg, one sister-in-law, May Doig of Lachute, Que., nine grandchildren, John Smillie Hall of Norfolc, MA, David Russell of Waddington, NY., Nichols Russell of Fort Covington, Jessica Russell Hein of Bakersfield, CA., Bruce Smith of Arlington, VA., Amy Smith O'Malley of Stamford, CT., Ian Smith of New York City, NY., and Frederick and Alexander Jock both of Hogsburg, NY., six great grandchildren, one nephew and several nieces. Besides her parents and her husband, she was predeceased by two brothers, Gordon and Sharman Doig. Calling hours were held Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Cappiello-McKenzie and Cosgrove Funeral Home in Fort Covington. A funeral service was held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Covington, with Rev. Donald Alexander officiating. Burial will be Zion United Church Cemetery in Ste. Agnes de Dundee, Quebec later in the spring. Donations may be made in her memory to Love Thy Neighbor Fund, c/o First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 282, Fort Covington, NY., 12937, or to the Charity of one's choice.

LALONDE, Raymond - At the Montreal General Hospital on March 30, 1999, in his 65th year. Beloved husband of Carol Evans. Dear father of Steven (Lorraine Lamb), Stanley (Susan Kay) and Glenda (Peter McBride) of Ottawa. Much loved grandfather of Morgan and Rachel. Also survived by his brother Roger and his sisters Helen, Joan and Florence. Funeral service was held from the chapel of the McGerrigle Funeral Home Inc., Ormstown on Thursday, April 1 at 2 p.m. followed by cremation. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Heart Foundation or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

DIED

McCRACKEN, Francis J. - On Sunday, April 4, 1999 passed away Mr. Francis McCracken aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Ethel MacMaster. He leaves to mourn his sister Blanche Brooks (late Tom), also many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Predeceased by brothers Bruce (late Mabel) and Harold (Dorothy Sharpe). Visitation was held Tuesday, April 6. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at 2 p.m. in Kelly Funeral Home Chapel, 19 Lake, Huntingdon. In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

RINGUETTE, Conrad - In Huntingdon on April 1, 1999 at the age of 77 years passed away Mr. Conrad Ringuette, husband of Mrs. Irène Deschambault. Besides his wife he is survived by his children Gracia (Arthur Quenneville), Richard (Vicky Krajcar), Lucie (Michel Leduc), Madeleine (Philippe Lepage), Lise (Michel Farrell), Luc (Nicole Gratton), and Joanne (Michel Mercier), 12 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, his sisters Eva, Bibianne, Rachel and Gisèle, his brother Rosaire, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and many relatives and friends. Visitation was held Sunday, April 4 at Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Inc. Funeral service was held Monday, April 5 at 11 a.m. in St-Joseph's Church, Huntingdon. Burial St-Joseph's Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

The family late Roy Angell wish to express their sincere thanks to friends, neighbors, and relatives for food, visits and cards during his illness and after his death. Special thanks to Dr. Brissette for always being on call, to the CLSC for all their help, also to Amy Tolhurst and Peggy Landry for many visits, Ruth Graham for her evening care and Bonnie Mason for her support. All was very much appreciated.

Vernice Angell & family

I would like to thank Dr. Krotecki, Dr. Vantor and all the Second Floor Staff of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the excellent care I received during my recent stay. Also I extend my deepest appreciation to the Montpetit Ambulance staff for their extraordinary kindness and generosity. My heartfelt gratitude goes to my family, friends and neighbors whose visits, gifts and cards meant the world to me.

Anna Elliott Elder

The family of the late Wilfred McCartney would like to thank doctors and nurses of the Barrie Hospital and friends for their kindness during their recent bereavement.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the doctors at the Barrie Memorial Hospital in Ormstown, especially Dr. Blonde, as well as the Hinchinbrooke Firemen, a special thanks to Lillian Stark. Thanks also to those who sent flowers, cards, donations and phone calls in memory of my late husband, Albert Cain.

Mrs. Albert Cain

It is difficult to adequately express my feelings of gratitude for the many kindnesses which have been shown me since my surgery. To my family, friends and neighbours all I can do is say "thank you" for the many visits, cards, phone calls, flowers and food. I hope you know how much it has been appreciated. We realize how fortunate we are to belong to this community.

Jean McClintock

Obituary

Ormstown's Peter Collier set example for visually-impaired

Peter Collier, a long-time resident of Ormstown, died at the Huntingdon County Hospital on March 4, 1999. He was 79.

After losing his own sight, Peter worked for many years with the visually handicapped at the Montreal Association for the Blind. He was that organization's first contact with the hundreds of blind people who called to get help, encouragement and specially-designed equipment for everyday living.

Many callers would express their fears, despair, loneliness and frustration to him. His own sudden blindness made him a sympathetic and understanding listener. One of his great satisfactions was in seeing a frightened blind person emerging from rehabilitation training with more confidence and hope.

A familiar sight to residents of Ormstown was Peter walking along village streets with his guide dog, Pilot. Both he and Pilot underwent an extensive training period near New York City, learning how to make right and left turns, getting around obstacles, dealing with traffic situations as well as gaining skills for the use of escalators, revolving doors and public transit. Many former Valley students remember the day Peter and Pilot visited their classroom. Peter was a good communicator and enjoyed speaking to various groups.

Peter, himself, became an example to those with handicaps that life could be lived to the full. He regularly visited the YMCA where he enjoyed swimming and wrestling; he was a member of Toastmasters International and of the Ormstown Presbyterian Church where he was on the Church Session; he volunteered his time at the Centre d'Accueil. Peter travelled extensively with his wife, Mollie — a trip to Great Britain being especially memorable.

In an earlier career, Peter worked as a



Peter Collier with his guide dog Pilot.

journalist with the Canada-West Indies Magazine. His father, H.C. Collier, was founder and editor of this publication which sought to forge closer cultural, tourist and trade links between Canada and the Caribbean Islands.

The Carillon of the Ormstown Presbyterian Church, enjoyed by the people of the village, was given to the Church and community as a gift from Peter and Mollie Collier. It was dedicated in memory of Peter's aunt, First World War Nursing Sister, Annette Tate. At the time of his death, it was suggested that gifts in Peter's memory could be given to the Ormstown Presbyterian Church Carillon Fund.

Peter is survived by his wife, Mollie.

(J. McP/hj)