

BIRTHS & DEATHS

CARD OF THANKS, IN MEMORIALS, ENGAGEMENTS

DIED

LABELLE, Albert - At his residence on January 7, 2000 at the age 80, husband of the late Jean Lowden, father of Morris (Dorothy Angel) and Rene (Nancy Saunders); also survived by six grandchildren, as well as 8 brothers and 2 sisters, family and friends. Predeceased by his son Larry. Funeral service was held on Monday, Jan. 10 at St. Malachy's Church, Ormstown. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Barrie Memorial Hospital would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to McGerrigle Funeral Home Inc., Ormstown.

LANGLOIS, Ola (née Higgins) - On January 8, 2000 passed away Mrs. Ola Higgins at the age of 84 years. Beloved wife of Roger Langlois. She leaves to mourn her children, Leo, Frances (Marvin), Carmen (Yves), Adele (Jack) and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also leaves one brother, Thomas, one sister Bertha and was pre-deceased by her brother James. Visitation was held Monday, January 10, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service was held Tuesday, January 11, 1999 at 11 a.m. in St-Joseph's Church, Huntingdon. Arrangements entrusted to Kelly Funeral Home Inc., 19 Lake Street, Huntingdon, Quebec.

IN MEMORIAM

BORLAND, Archie - In loving memory of a dear husband and father who passed away five years ago on January 8, 1995.

*In a quiet graveyard
Where gentle breezes blow
Lives the one we love so dearly
And lost five years ago.
You never said good-bye to us
And did not see the tears
But you left us precious memories
We will treasure through the years,
Sadly missed by his wife Shirley, children and grandchildren*

CROOK - In loving memory of a dear son **Allan**, who passed away August 23, 1988 and husband **Tom** who passed away Jan. 8, 1991.

*We cannot have the old days back
When we were all together
But secret tears and loving thoughts
Will be with us forever.*

Always remembered by wife & mother, Ethel, Joyce and George

DEREPENTIGNY - In loving memory of our precious parents and brother who passed away - **Dad** on March 18, 1986 - **Mom** on March 19, 1997 and **Bruno** on January 5, 1993.

The tide recedes but leaves behind bright sea-shells on the sand.

The sun goes down but gentle warmth still lingers on the land.

The music stops and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains.

For every joy that passes something beautiful remains.

*Death comes sometimes to let us know,
We love more dearly than we show.*

*For love in death lets us all see,
What love in life should be.*

*So look around your garden Lord
They won't be hard to find,*

*With faces that are full of love
And hearts so good and kind.*

*When they turn and smile
Put your arms around them,*

*Tell them how much we love them,
And hold them for a while, for us.*

Loving you and missing you always

Lisette, Theo, Erich & Matthew

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank the doctors and staff on the 3rd Floor at the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the wonderful care that my late wife Mrs. Veronica Monique Tessier received during her stay there.

Marcel Tessier & family

I would like to thank everyone who expressed their sympathy at the time of Joe's passing by attending the funeral, visiting at the funeral parlour, sending flowers, food, cards, donations, the giving of masses and phone calls. Thanks to Father Clement and the choir of St. Joseph's Church for the beautiful service and to everyone who contributed in any way to the delicious refreshments served at the Legion after the funeral. Special thanks to those who gave so generously of their time to drive me to the Montreal General Hospital and the Barrie over the past several months while Joe was hospitalized. Sincere thanks also to the Doctors, nurses and staff of the hospitals and CLSC for their kind and compassionate care during this very long and difficult battle against cancer and stroke. The many kindnesses and moral support shown to me will always be remembered.

Shirley Zalopany

Following the death of Gérard Soucisse on November 23, 1999 at the age of 75, his children Francine, Jacques and Carole would like to sincerely thank everyone who expressed their sympathy either by their attendance, cards, donations, mass offerings or assistance at the funeral. Your condolences were very comforting. Please consider these thanks as personal. Also we would like to thank the staff of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the care given to our father.

The family of the late John Feeny wish to express their sincere thanks to friends, neighbours and relatives for their support at the time of his death on December 20, 1999, either by visits to the funeral home, attendance at the funeral, mass cards, cards, flowers, food or donations. Thanks to his friends who were there, and to the staff at the Barrie Memorial and Ambulance Montpetit for their care at the time of the emergency. A special thank you to Dr. Jeannie Rosenberg for past services, and to Gilles Serre and Steve Finnegan, also Father Ager, Chateaugay, N.Y. and to Father Clement and the St. Joseph's Church choir for the funeral service. Special thanks to Beryl Myatt for the delicious lunch served after the funeral. John will always be remembered for his good humour and his stories.

Eileen Feeny

Brian & Trudy Feeny

Judy & Jim Maitheir

Jo-Ann & John Soesbergen

and their families

and Kevin Feeny

LÉGER, Réal - Sincere thanks to our family, friends and neighbours, who by their acts of kindness, such as: food, cards, flowers, and expressions of sympathy, helped ease our sorrow. Donations were sent to the Cancer Society. Much gratitude to everyone.

Denise, Chantal, Serge, Judith Léger

Join us in celebrating

a 60th Birthday

&

Retirement Party

for

JAMES BARRINGTON

Sat., January 15 at 8 p.m.

at the Ormstown Legion Hall

Best wishes only

Two dead in January 5 blaze in Valleyfield rooming house

(Gleaner staff)

An investigation has been launched into the cause of a rooming-house fire which took two lives in Valleyfield last week.

A century-old building at 54 St-Laurent St. was destroyed by flames during the early morning hours of Wednesday Jan. 5. The structure housed a main-floor restaurant, Chez Jacques, and 20 rooms for rent on the top two stories.

Two elderly brothers, Lucien and Réal Benoit, aged 87 and 83 respectively, were burned to death in their third-floor room.

The rest of the tenants escaped, either on their own or with the aid of firemen from the Riverains, emergency service aided by the Melocheville and St-Timothée detachments. Four were treated at the Suroît Regional Hospital for smoke inhalation, and a couple more could not be found at first, but were later located, one at the home of a sister in Ormstown.

Spread rapidly

High winds fanned the blaze, which spread rapidly after it broke out on the second floor of the building shortly before 1 a.m. Wednesday. Firemen worked hard to prevent it spreading to adjacent structures, but a neighboring duplex and an ice-cream stand were also damaged. The fire was brought under control about 7 a.m.

Damages were estimated at \$500,000. Owners Jacques and Michèle Rivest, who ran the restaurant for the past 30 years with their 11 employees, have not yet decided whether they will rebuild.

Most of the building's tenants escaped with only the clothes on their backs and were housed temporarily at a nearby motel. Most carried no insurance.

The Riverains regional police force is in charge of the investigation.

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