

## BIRTHS & DEATHS

### CARD OF THANKS, IN MEMORIAMS, ENGAGEMENTS

#### BORN

**KRAMELL-MARIER** Gisela and Sylvain are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a baby boy, Tyler, born on Monday, November 12, weighing in at 6 lbs. 6 oz. Proud grandparents are Frank and Margaret Kramell, 10th great-grandchild for Oma Kramell of Hemmingford and 4th great-grandchild of Nanny Duplessis of Montreal.

#### DIED

**DESCHAMBEAULT, Lawrence James** - On November 19, 2001, aged 54 years of Hemmingford died suddenly at home. Son of Albert Deschambeault and Elizabeth Russell. Survived by dearly beloved common-law wife Donna Watts, also survived by 5 sisters, 5 brothers and 5 children Lillia, Lorna, Larry, Nancy, Lawrence and 3 grandchildren. Resting at the J.M. Sharpe Funeral Home, 461 Champlain Ave., Hemmingford. Funeral service in the J.M. Sharpe Funeral Home Chapel Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001 at 2 p.m. Burial at the Hemmingford Protestant Cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. and will be held Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. May God bless you, we will miss you.

**LOWDEN, Lee Robert** - Accidentally on November 15, 2001 at Covey Hill, (Havelock) at the age of 39. Son of Roy and Margaret (McWhinnie) Lowden, brother of Len, Scott (Ann Faubert) and uncle of Caitlin and Britny. Visitation was held Saturday, November 17 at the J.M. Sharpe Funeral Home, Franklin Centre followed by funeral service in the chapel on Sunday, November 18. Burial Bethel Cemetery, Covey Hill Rd. The family received family and friends at the Havelock Town Hall following the service. In lieu of flowers donations to the Women's Auxiliary of the Barrie Memorial Hospital, Canadian Cancer Society, Heart Fund or Sun Youth would be appreciated by the family.

**O'NEILL, Ethel May** - Age 92, Montreal, passed away Monday, November 12, 2001 in the Montreal General Hospital, after a brief illness. Born in Toronto, she was the daughter of the late John and Harriet Locock. She, with her husband began their early family years together in Toronto, moving to Montreal in 1950. Her life was filled with her family, years together in Toronto, moving to Montreal in 1950. Her life was filled with her family, including many nieces and nephews, and supporting her husband's many interests and activities. Her own special interests and work were directed towards the United Nations Association, Home and Schools Associations and her local United Church. She is survived by her husband Ted O'Neill, daughters Marilyn Harrison (Reid), Nova Scotia, Linda O'Neill (Allan Smith) Hemmingford, sister Winnifred Browning, Toronto, grandchildren David Harrison, Ottawa, Janet Harrison, Dartmouth, Meghan Sanders, Julie Sanders, Victoria and three great grandchildren William Harrison, Ottawa, Janet Harrison, Dartmouth, Meghan Sanders, Julie Sanders, Victoria and three great grandchildren William Harrison, Ottawa, Lauren and Julie Dessureault, Dartmouth. She was predeceased by sisters Lillian, Florence, Doris, Mildred (in infancy), and brother Herbert. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Friday, November 23, at St. Andrew's United Church, Hemmingford, Quebec with reception to follow. Donations may be made to UNICEF Canada, 443 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Toronto, Ontario, M4S 2L8, or charity of choice.

**REED, Robert** - At Huntingdon on November 12, 2001 passed away Mr. Robert Reed aged 69 years. Beloved husband of Barbara Jones. Dear father of Debbie (Michel Parent), Paul (Cindy Church), Mark (Pauline Thies) and Tracey (John French). He leaves to mourn eight grandchildren, two brothers in England and many relatives and friends. Private funeral was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2001 in the Chapel of the Funeral Home. Burial at Huntingdon Protestant Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to A.L.S., 3958 Dandurand St., Montréal (Québec) H1X 1P7. Telephone 877-725-7725 would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements by Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Inc., 170 Chateauguay St., Huntingdon

#### IN MEMORIAM

**ELLERTON, Gerald** - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, and grandfather who passed away on November 25, 1988.  
*Thirteen years ago you left us  
 Life will never be the same  
 We continue with our daily chores  
 Trying hard to hide the pain.  
 You never said I'm leaving  
 You never said good-bye  
 You were gone before we knew it  
 And only God knows why.  
 A million times we've needed  
 A million times we've cried  
 If love could have saved you  
 You never would have died.  
 In life we loved you dearly  
 In death we love you still  
 In our hearts you hold a place  
 That no one can ever fill.  
 It broke our hearts to lose you  
 But you did not go alone  
 For part of us went with you  
 The day God called you home.  
 You were a wonderful husband, father and grandfather  
 And most of all our best friend.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Florence  
 your children Carmen and Brian, Linda and Danny,  
 Susan and Philippe,  
 your grandchildren Trevor, Kassandra, Krista and Aaron

**STARK, Carmen** - In loving memory of a beloved husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather who passed away on November 24, 1998.  
*We often think of days gone by  
 When we were all together  
 The family chain is broken now  
 But memories last forever.  
 Sadly missed and always remembered*

Forever in our hearts, your loving family  
 Ruth and Tommy Stark  
 Bruce, Anna and Karen Snair

#### CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Hector R. Prevost wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the many friends and family members for their many acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and charitable donations. Your support and thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated.

His nieces & nephew  
 & their families

We would like to thank Dr. Rosenberg, nurses and staff of the First Floor of Huntingdon County Hospital for the excellent care given Réjean Legault while he was a patient there. Thanks also to our children, relatives and friends as well as Father Gabriel Clement for all the love and support shown Réjean. All was much appreciated.

Réjean and Marie-Thérèse Legault

The family of the late Robert Reed wish to thank Jacques Montpetit Ambulance and Ormstown Hospital emergency staff for their prompt care and attention. Also a special thank-you to Dr. Krotecki, Dr. Lemieux and Dr. Rosenberg. Many thanks to friends and neighbours for the food, cards, flowers and donations to the ALS Society of Quebec. All was very much appreciated. Please accept this as a personal thank-you.

The Reed Family

Dear relatives and friends,  
 We would like to thank you for the love and support you gave us at the time of our mother's recent illness and death. Your telephone calls, cards, visits and other expressions of sympathy were deeply appreciated. We especially thank Harrigan's Nursing Home in conjunction with Dr. Hébert for their wonderful care of our mother over the last five years, as well as the staff of the Barrie Memorial Hospital. We are also especially grateful to Fr. Gabriel Clément, St. Joseph's Parish, and the C.W.L. for their prayers at the funeral home, the beautiful funeral service, and the lovely lunch afterward. We have been deeply touched by your kindness. Please accept this as a personal thank-you.

The family of Madeline (Bannon) McDonagh

#### Obituary

## Covey Hill folk will miss native son Lee Lowden

Lee Lowden's hearty laugh and his genuine interest in other people are qualities that so many Chateauguay Valley people will remember. His presence was always marked by a spirit of fun, whether with buddies at a party or pub, or with young children who liked his teasing.

As Kelly Daniel recalls, for many years at the Havelock Community Centre, "Lee was our Santa Claus."

Lee was a faithful visitor at many homes. Diane McDermott of Huntingdon says he would pull into their driveway every second Saturday: "You could set your clock by it." Next-door neighbors at Covey Hill corner remember his knock at their door on a winter evening or a mid-day chat by the side of the road from his tractor seat.

The late Jimmie Allen who lived nearly a century in Havelock enjoyed Lee's visits and was pleased that there were still young people who would take time to talk and were not in a rush like everyone else these days.

Topics of conversation with Lee could range from horticulture and farming techniques to current news events or memories of past happenings. He had a keen interest in nature and shared his observations of birds and wildlife spotted in the sugar-bush. He was widely read and although he was not one to discuss controversial topics like politics or religion, his mother Margaret recalls that the Bible was among the books he studied.

#### Good listener

A great deal of his knowledge and his stories came from listening to others, another of his traits that most of us have lost in today's busy world.

Although he spent all of his 39 years living on Covey Hill, Lee got a perspective on the outside world through occasional cross-country 18-wheeler travels with his cousin Ross Sutton to places like Boston and Texas. After the miserable month spent without electricity during the 1998 ice storm, Lee took off for a holiday in Cuba.

On the family farm, Lee worked alongside his father Roy through all of the seasons. Together they attended farm information meetings in the winter, tapped maples in the spring, pruned and sprayed



Lee Lowden (on tractor) takes a break from apple-harvest chores to chat with a visitor to the family's Covey Hill orchard. (Photo: PN)

the apple trees all summer, and harvested the orchards in the fall. They were innovative and unafraid to try new tricks for keeping deer out of the orchards or experimenting with new varieties and grafts. Strawberries, currants, asparagus and giant pumpkins were all grown under Lee's care at one time or another.

#### Fair director

Lee Lowden served as a director on the Havelock Fair Board and worked behind the scenes. This year was particularly hot and he was spotted carrying water to all of the volunteers on the grounds.

It's a good thing Lee was handy with engine and mechanical repairs because he was hard on machinery. His father recalls that he would drive a car until there was nothing left of it. Carol Lalonde of Ormstown remembers Lee leaving their home after a celebration and taking out their mailbox with his car. She says he drove down that driveway like it was the Trans-Canada Highway. Such tales of Lee's antics will be told for a long time by his close friends and his younger brothers Scott and Len.

As life-long neighbor Gregg Edwards said in his eulogy, the sun will rise a little brighter and a little warmer over the east slope of Covey Hill because of Lee Lowden.

(PN)

**25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
 In honour of  
**Leonard & Ida Poole**  
**SATURDAY, Nov. 24, 2001, 8 pm**  
 Ormstown Legion  
 Best Wishes Only • Everyone Welcome

**Retirement Party**  
 for  
**DONALD SUTHERLAND**  
**Sunday, November 25th, 2001**  
**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
 Howick Curling Club  
 Best Wishes Only