



Birth and Deaths

Card of Thanks, In Memoriams, Engagements

DIED

LEFEBVRE, BURNFIELD, Janet - Of St-Urbain Premier, QC. Beloved wife of Jacques Lefebvre. Passed away at the Montreal General Hospital on Monday, April 5, 2004 at age 77 years. She leaves to mourn her sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends. Funeral service will be held from Beechridge Presbyterian Church at a later date.

QUENNEVILLE, Roger (Senior) - Passed away in Huntingdon on April 8, 2004 Mr. Robert (Senior) Quenneville aged 75 years. Beloved husband of Mrs. Mary Quenneville (née Deschambault). He leaves to mourn his children Ricky (Manon Leblanc), Randy (Anik Legros), Roger (Norina Alcorido) and Cindy (Kees Buermans), 9 grandchildren Marcel, Michelle, Richard, Rhonda, Patricia, Jérémie, Victoria, Keesey and Makayla, 2 brothers, 5 sisters and many relatives and friends. Visitation was held Tuesday, April 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. also Wednesday, April 14 from 9:30 followed by the funeral at 11 a.m. at the St-Joseph Church, Huntingdon. Burial at the Ste-Agnès de Dundee Cemetery at a later date. Donations to the Lung Association would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements by Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Inc.

CARD OF THANKS

Our family wants to thank all our relatives, friends and colleagues for their support, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society and flowers at the time of the recent death of Jocelyne Tremblay née Coalier. Our family also wants to thank all the staff of the Huntingdon/St-Chrysostôme C.L.S.C. and the Huntingdon County Hospital for their dedication and professionalism during the illness of our mother and wife. Finally, special thanks to Dr. Héti.

The Tremblay family
Reynold, Nancy, Dominic, Ghyslain and Eric

Oh how much we take for granted until all of a sudden our life style changes. During the past four months, I have learned to be grateful. Those who have taught me are Dr. Brissette and the nurses at the Barrie. We are so fortunate in having this hospital and its dedicated staff. Thanks to all of you who sent cards, flowers and phone calls. All were much appreciated. Although I was in Montreal for 3 months I never felt alone. Above all I want to thank my daughter Heidi who never gave up on me. She spent endless hours at my side just holding my hand and praying. Thanks to her husband John, who never complained about the time she spent with me. To Bill and Joan, Robert and Shirley, Ruth Brown a special thanks. They made my recovery worry free. Thanks too to Reve Fleuri and Familiprix. Prayers from so many were much appreciated and obviously answered. God Bless you all.

Very sincerely,
Joyce Bremner

A Tribute to an Auctioneer's Auctioneer

One of North America's finest auctioneers, Bill Hooker, passed away on October 21st, 2003. He was a most respected, honourable, conscientious, caring, comical and entertaining man, and was admired by buyers, sellers, co-workers, friends, family and children whom he loved dearly.

At any auction that Bill participated in, as the auctioneer or working the ring, he excelled in giving our profession a high level of excellence and respectability that I personally have never witnessed finer in my 48 years in business.

Bill was a graduate of the Reisch American School of Auctioneering, Mason City, Iowa on March 13th, 1948. The course was conducted by Mr. Joe Reisch at the time. Bill conducted auctions of every type imaginable, from the smallest of estates, that most auctioneers would walk away from, to large multi-million dollar equipment sales.

I personally have had the privilege and pleasure of working with Bill "The Happy" Hooker on many occasions over the past 30 years. I have been witness to many of his great expressions that would surpass the ones of the great Yogi Berra. The one that I enjoyed highly, when someone asked Bill after the sale, how did the sale go, his favourite reply was - "We lost a few dollars, but we made a lot of friends!" His son, Dean, who is following in his

father's profession, an excellent auctioneer as well, reminded me of another great quote of his Dad - "Rain or shine it's auction time, we sell the best and keep the rest."

In July 2001, I was given the honour at Bill's 80th birthday party to reminisce about his illustrious career. In excess of 300 people showed up to honour Bill on this occasion in his rural home town of Ormstown, Quebec. I presented him with a belt buckle from the Auctioneer's Association of Canada, bearing Serial #001 that I had been saving to be auctioned off at a fund raiser or presented to a deserving auctioneer that has given unselfishly of himself to our profession. I could never have found a more deserving auctioneer to have this buckle than Bill Hooker. He was too humble to wear it, but no one would have been more deserving and proud to own it than the late Bill Hooker. Bill had it placed prominently in his home for anyone who visited to see. His family placed the belt buckle along with his gavel, cane, microphone and cowboy hat beside his casket during the visitation at this residence.

We have lost a good man and a great auctioneer. His legacy will be remembered for many years to come.

Respectfully,
Col. Jerry Stein
Past President of the Auctioneer's
Association of Canada