

# Birth and Deaths

## Card of Thanks, In Memoriams, Engagements

### DIED

**BAIRD, Janet Mary (nee Davies)** at the Centre Haut St. Laurent, Ormstown, on January 4, 2005 in her 106th year. Beloved wife of the late Andrew Baird and loving mother of Robert (Georgie), Alvin (Vera), Ruby (John Wilson), late Merrill, Russell and Ray (Shirley). She also leaves to mourn her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, family and friends. Funeral was held from the Chapel of the McGerrigle Funeral Home Inc., Ormstown on Friday, January 7. In lieu of flowers donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

**LOGAN, Verna (MacMillan)** - Passed away peacefully on December 28, 2004 at the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late Russell Logan. Loving mother of Phyllis Hanafin, John (Anne), Al (Jo-Ann), Barbara Batten (Mickey). She will be missed dearly by 7 grandchildren: Mike, Dave, Jeff, Jane, Kelly, Shawn, Colin, Linda and Valeri and great-grandchildren Sierra and Nicholas. A dear sister to Mildred Birchmore, Hilda Mooney, Margaret Graham, and late Frances Bradley and brother Stanley. Funeral service was held on December 31 at Howick United Church.

**MacDONALD, Violet (née Gordon)** - Passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, January 5, 2005. Wife of the late Stuart Macdonald. Survived by her daughter, Heather Macdonald (the late Marcel Sauvé). Her grandchildren, Lorraine (Joe Babin), Cheryl-lyn (Michael McDonald), Karen, Mark (Veronica Koehler) and 11 Great Grandchildren, Shantel, Dawna-Lee (Markus), Amanda (Chad), Carol, Justice, Matthew, Jonathan, Taron, Ryan, Brandyn and Brianna as well as 2 Great Great Grandchildren, Dante and Brayden. A private service was held. Funeral arrangements made by McGerrigle Funeral Home Inc., Ormstown.

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**PAUL, Harold Stewart** - (1929-2005) - Passed away at the Royal Victoria Hospital after a courageous and lengthy battle on Monday, January 10, 2005 at the age of 75 years. Beloved husband of Vera (Robidoux). Loving father of Kimberley (Scott Dodd) of Calgary, AB, and Kevin (Lori-Ann Cooke) of Waterdown, ON. Cherished grandfather of Tyler, Sarah and Brendan. Harold was predeceased by his parents George Pringle Paul and Charlotte Agnes Goodfellow. Visitation will be held at the Alfred Dallaire Wilson Funeral Home, 123 Maple Ave., Chateaugay on Thursday, January 13, 2005 from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at St-Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 33 Prince St., Huntingdon on Friday, January 14, 2005 at 2 p.m. Donations in his memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

**SANCTON, John William** - Former resident of Rivière des Outardes Road, Hinchinbrooke. Former city editor of The Gazette and longtime editor and publisher of The Westmount Examiner. Peacefully on December 28, 2004, at St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal, from a blood disorder, age 84. Survived by Mary, his devoted war bride of 59 years, and his three sons and daughters-in-law: Andy and Pam (Brown) of London, Ont., Ted and Zsuzsi (Kapas) of Montreal, and Don and Jean (Cameron) of Beaconsfield. Also survived by his sister Alice Davies and the grandchildren who gave him such joy: Rebecca and Derek, Robin and Lara, Kimberley and Matthew. A private cremation service was held. A public celebration of his life will be held Sunday, February 6, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. W. (at Lansdowne), Westmount. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Rotary Club of Westmount would be appreciated at 4646 Sherbrooke St. W., Westmount QC H3Z 2Z8.

### CARD OF THANKS

The Logan family would like to thank the caregivers at Centre d'Accueil Ormstown for the wonderful care Mom received. Also all the friends and relatives who visited over the year Mom was a patient there. A special thank-you to Dr. Kevin Brissette.

## Thank-you Laurent Fortier

His wife Yvette Lachance, his children Pierre (Louise Brisson), Paul (Danielle Boulerice) and Lucie (Claude Tanguay), his grandchildren as well as the Lachance and Fortier families, wish to thank all the people who expressed sympathy at the time of the death of Mr. Laurent Fortier on November 10, 2004, at the age of 71 years, either by mass offerings, flowers, visits and attendance to the funeral. Everyone who did not sign the register is invited to consider these thanks as personal.



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**80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**  
for  
*Marjorie Goodfellow*  
**January 15th,**  
12 noon  
Huntingdon United Church  
*Best Wishes Only*

## Tribute to Jennie Baird

Diane Carson

The Chateaugay Valley lost one of its oldest residents January 4. Jennie Baird of Ormstown passed away peacefully at the age of 105. She had been a resident of Centre D'Accueil since she was 90-years old.

Jennie was born in Riverfield, where she grew up on a farm and learned what hard work was all about at an early age. Her father passed away when she was a teenager and she helped her mother and family keep the farm operating until she married Andrew Baird in 1920.

Jennie and Andrew owned two farms in the Ormstown area; one beside Highway 138 and later they farmed beside the Rivière aux Outardes, where they raised six children - five sons and one daughter.

When the Bairds sold their farm and moved to the village of Ormstown, Jennie was not ready for retirement. She commuted to Montreal to work at Readers' Digest until the age of 65. Then she told her family she was still not ready to stay at home and do nothing, so within a short time Jennie became a cook at the local Barrie Memorial Hospital.

Her husband Andrew passed away at the age of 66 and Jennie carried on in Ormstown.

### Always active

Although Jennie worked long hours, she always had time for lots of fun and good times. Jennie played the fiddle and did step-dancing as well. Her granddaughter, Barbara, fondly recalls her grandmother

er playing the fiddle behind her back and step-dancing at the same time.

Whenever possible, Jennie attended dances and music events all over the Chateaugay Valley until the very last year of her life. In fact, she rarely missed a music night at the Brysonville School.

While music was the joy of her life, Jennie also loved to play cards and regularly attended card parties throughout the Valley.



Ormstown native Jennie Baird played the fiddle at her 105th birthday party this past November. (Photo by Diane Carson)

### Many roads traveled

Jennie loved to travel. She took every opportunity to visit a different place. Jennie traveled extensively across Canada, Europe, and had gone to Hawaii, as well as on several cruises.

### Birthdays to remember

When Jennie turned 100 a few years ago, her family held a wonderful evening dinner and celebration with country music and dancing that went until the wee hours of the morning. When Jennie was asked if she was

getting tired, she said with a smile, "not really. I was always the first to arrive and the last to leave at all the parties."

### Fondly remembered

Long-time friend Bill Arthur said he would remember Jennie's astounding ability of "playing the fiddle and her love of a good joke."

Her daughter Ruby expressed with great pride how well her mom raised her brothers and her and was the inspiration of making them what they are today. Jennie has passed on many good traits to her family, including longevity, the love of travel and music to name a few.

Jennie's age of 105 is exceptional and will be remembered by folks for miles around. All who knew her will sadly miss this special lady.