



Birth and Deaths

Card of Thanks, In Memoriams, Engagements

DIED

BARR, George Beattie "Bea" - Peacefully passed away with dignity and grace after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's on Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at the age of eighty-one. He leaves to mourn his brother Charles, his sisters Nessie, Jennie, Helena and nieces and nephews. Visitation was held on Friday, February 4, 2005 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. & 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Sharpe's Funeral Home, Champlain Ave., Hemmingford, QC. Funeral service was held on Saturday, February 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Wesley Knox United Church on Covey Hill Rd., Hemmingford. Friends and family wishing to honor his kind and gentle soul might consider a donation to the Canadian Alzheimer's Society.

DINEEN, Harold Michael - Passed away in Huntingdon on February 1, 2005. Harold Michael Dineen aged 56. Predeceased by his parents and his nephew Justin. Best friend and soul mate of Shirley Smith. He leaves his brother Austin (Sarah Vander Heyden), his nephews Patrick, Danny and his niece Sabrina. Dearest nephew of Helen Cosgrove, son-in-law of Aline Smith, brother-in-law to Don (Jane Harris), Philip (Susan Scott), Marian, and Shawn (Connie Gauthier). Favourite uncle to Jody, Jamie, Stephanie, Jeffrey and Matt. Friends, relatives, neighbours and all who knew him because of his kind heart and gentle spirit will sadly miss him. Visitation was held at Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Inc., 170 Chateauguay St., in Huntingdon on Friday, February 4, 2005 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. also Saturday, February 5 at 9 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. in St-Joseph's Church in Huntingdon. Burial at St-Joseph's Cemetery in Huntingdon. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or charity of your choice would be appreciated.

VAN BLANKERS, Hendrikje (née Bos) - Passed away at the Barrie Memorial Hospital, January 24, 2005, in her 97th year. Predeceased by her husband Aart and son Heimen and wife Christina and grandson Gerry. Survived by her children George (Ann), John (Eileen), Jennie (Bruce Mather), Henry (Judy) and 21 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren. A private funeral was held Saturday, January 29, 2005 at J.M. Sharpe Funeral Home in Franklin Centre. Donations in her memory may be made to the Women's Auxiliary of the Barrie Memorial Hospital.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Paul Bernatchez would like to say thank you to all of our dear friends, neighbors, and members of my bowling league for all of their many kindnesses, cards, food, and memorial donations. Your gestures of support following our loss are so very much appreciated.

Geri Bernatchez and family

Following the death of Mr. Joachim Lettre on December 22, 2004, at the age of 90 years, the family wishes to thank everyone who expressed sympathy. Please consider these thanks as personal. A special thank-you to Mr. Réal Bergevin, as well as to Mrs. A. Leslie and her group for the lunch served at the Legion Hall.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Edwin Baskin would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the nursing third floor staff, Dr. Blonde and the volunteers at the Centre d'Accueil, Ormstown, our appreciation for making his life better while he was living there. We would like to thank Rev. Crisp and Nelson Weippert who shared special times with the family and friends, we were deeply honoured. Thanks to family and friends for phone calls, lovely cards, food and e-mails, your prayers, thoughts and kindness were so much appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

BEATTIE, William - February 10, 2003
*Time speeds on, two years have passed,
 Since death its gloom, its shadow cast,
 Within our home, where all seemed bright,
 And took from us a shining light.
 We miss that light, and ever will,
 His vacant place there is none can fill,
 Down here we mourn, but not in vain,
 For up in Heaven we will meet again.*

Forever loved, forever missed.

Monique "Mommy", Debbie (Chris), Tammy, Kelly (Francis), Lexis, Noala, Devon, Pierre, Kelsey, Kierra, Vincent, Olivia and Emma

CRAWFORD, Robert W. - In loving memory of a dear father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather, who passed away February 7, 2000.

*If tears could build a stairway,
 And heartache make a lane,
 We would walk the path to Heaven,
 And bring you back again.*

Lovingly remembered,

Bill, Roberta, Mavis and families

ELLIOTT, Fred - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather who passed away 7 years ago on February 11, 1998.

*There is no night without a dawning,
 No winter without a spring,
 And beyond death's dark horizon,
 Our hearts once more will sing.
 For those who leave us for a while have only
 gone away,
 Out of a restless careworn world,
 Into a brighter day.*

Forever in our hearts, we love and miss you.
 Mary, Liz, Gerald, Brian & Pam

GRAHAM, Christena - In loving memory of a dear mother, mother-in-law and grandmother who passed away February 13, 2001.

*Sweet are the memories silently kept,
 We smile with the world, but never forget,
 We miss her help and cheery ways,
 With her we spent our most happiest days.*

Lovingly remembered,
 Melvin, Verna & family

McDOWELL, Elizabeth (née O'Neil) - In loving memory of a dear mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed away February 8, 2002.

*We often think of bygone days,
 When we were all together,
 The family chain is broken now,
 But memories live forever.*

Lovingly remembered by your family

Former Hemmingford resident and author passes away

Marian Kemp

ANNE RICHMOND FERGUSON (nee Byers) (1912-2005) lived in Hemmingford from October 31, 1945 to July 1, 1970. She passed away on Sunday, January 30. She was the wife of the late James Baillie Ferguson (1908-1977). From 1947 until they moved to Ontario in 1970, the Fergusson's operated a direct sales business out of their home, under the name of Ferguson Enterprises. They sold everything, or could get it - a veritable store on wheels.

Mr. & Mrs. Ferguson relocated their business to eastern Ontario in 1970 and she continued to operate it for several years after her husband's death. Mrs. Ferguson also continued to operate an antique shop that her husband started as a retirement project in 1973.

At about that time, she began a career as a writer. She published three books, "Beck's Corners", "Will You Make It Ten?" and "The Green Velvet Elephant", as well as numerous articles. She was a columnist in the Vankleek Hill Review, Vankleek Hill, Ontario. For two and a half years she was the seniors' columnist for the St. Albert Gazette, a weekly paper in St. Albert,

Alberta, near Edmonton. She moved to Edmonton in 1987 and made her home there until she returned to eastern Ontario in 1995. There she lived out the rest of her life.

Mrs. Ferguson was born in Montreal, attended Trafalgar School for Girls, and McGill University, earning two degrees in the 1930s. She lived and studied in Paris in 1933-34. Her whole life long, she continued to educate herself by reading, thinking, writing, working and devoting herself to her family.

She is survived by her two children, James (Joan Sweet), Marian (Philip Kemp), granddaughters Diana Healy, Dr. Hilary A. Kemp, Alison Kemp, and Laurie Benjamin. She is also survived by five great grandchildren, Katie, Liam, Erin, Nathan and Vivian, seven nieces/nephews, 11 great-nieces/nephews and two younger brothers.

Visitation was at the Morris & Munro Funeral Home, in Maxville, Ontario February 4, 2005, and the funeral was held at Kenyon Presbyterian Church, Dunvegan, Ontario on February 5, 2005. Interment will be at a later date.