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# **MAIN STREET**



## **Walter Gosling**

Walter Everett Gosling of 59 St. Peter Street, Lindsay, passed away on Jan. 11, 1971, at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay. He was 60 years of age.

Born at Oakville, he was the son of Mrs. Esther Gosling of Lindsay, and the late Francis Edward Gosling. He had lived in this locality for 56 years, having previously lived in Peterborough. He received his education at Victoria School, Lindsay and was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lindsay. He was a member of IOOF, Lindsay Lodge, No. 100.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lillian May Brasier, and children Francis and William, both of Lindsay; Nina (Mrs. Paul Grills) of Cannington; Carol (Mrs. Gordon Catt) of Fredericton, N.B., and Gordon of Peterborough.

Other surviving relatives are three sisters, Irene (Mrs. Perc Stainton) of Wingham; Edith (Mrs. Lorne Hoy) of Millbrook and Edna (Mrs. Toplis) of Toronto.

The funeral was held on Jan. 14, at 2:30 p.m. from the Mackey Funeral Home, Lindsay, with interment at Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay. Rev. David Lemon, of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lindsay, conducted the service.

The pallbearers, all brothers-in-law, were Charles, Albert, Walter (Dick), William, Francis and Leonard Brasier.

Edward Owen Ellison resides at 93 Russell Street, west. His mother insisted on calling him Edward but his companions in war days, his fellow workers on the railway and his fellow lawn bowlers stick to the name Eddie.

Ed Ellison's career as a young man in need of employment has a background of rail-roading. For years he held a good position with the Grand Trunk Railway Company in Toronto, and it was while he was earning a meagre salary in the Queen City that war was declared and being a warm blooded Canadian and a believer in the cause of England and justice, he signed his name on the dotted line and enlisted. When engaged in military training in Quebec he met the young French girl who later became his partner for life.

It was in Lindsay that he played a major role with the Grand Trunk and the Canadian National Railway and hundreds of railway men gained his acquaintance when he moved from Toronto to become chief clerk in the locomotive office at the Lindsay roundhouse and car barns.

In this position he was a very busy man, especially when hundreds of freight trains crossed Lindsay and big locomotives were "parked" in the roundhouse. Trains were being despatched north, south, east and west, in the days when long grain trains from Midland and big trains hauled thousands of cords of wood, through Lindsay from Haliburton.

Eddie Ellison well remembers the days when the "call

boys" were knocking on doors to inform men that they were to report for duty at the local station and the days when many steam engines filled the work shops and a mile of tracks in the vicinity of the roundhouse, and when the large majority of homes on the Durham, Melbourne, Glenelg, Cambridge, Sussex, James and Lindsay streets were occupied by railway men.

"These railway men and their families were a one time the 'heart of Lindsay' in the days when the railroad pay roll was a lucrative part of the livelihood of many Lindsay merchants."

In recent years Ed Ellison has been an asset to the Lindsay lawn bowling and served as president and at the same time Mrs. Ellison acted as president of the Ladies Bowling Club.

In other channels, Mr. Ellison was instrumental in founding the Lindsay Senior Citizen's Club, now an active Club which meets in the Armoury.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison have spent their winter months in Florida and anticipate further vacation days in the sunny south."