

Maracle, Eva

Eva Maracle remembered as pillar of Mohawk band



Pallbearers prepare to lift the casket of Frances Eva Maracle, Wednesday, during her funeral.

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TYENDINAGA MOHAWK TERRITORY — The Mohawk community said goodbye to its oldest and one of its most respected elders Wednesday.

Frances Eva Maracle died Saturday at 102.

The funeral service was held in the ornate Christ Church, with Father R. Glendon Brant officiating, assisted by Father John Jeffries.

Maracle was born on a farm on the Territory Oct. 6, 1896 to Frank and Mary Brant. She married John Edward Maracle in Christ Church in 1920.

During her long life, Eva Maracle became a pillar of the community as a member of the Mohawk Agricultural Society (she attended the first Mohawk

In a eulogy given by Chief R. Donald Maracle, 'Aunt Eva' as she was known to many, was described as an 'industrious and active person, which was the hallmark of her entire life.'

with a pair of moccasins.

She received numerous honours during her life, said Chief Maracle, among them Canada Packers First Prize Special for quilting, the Governor General's Canada 125 medal and a Senior Citizens Award from the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

She drove a car until age 95 and was still entering exhibits in the Shannonville Fair at 100.

Maracle's daughter, Lorraine Brant, said her mother a "truly amazing person.

"Sometimes we don't see our parents as a person, we see them as mom and dad," said Brant. "Looking back, my mother was a wonderful person...a bundle of energy. Her mind was just so alert. All in all from, I think, the 20th of June until about the 12th of August (before she became

dery, beading, quilting and singing. Maracle was particular-