

Bonter, Kenneth Charles
(Charlie)

Charles Bonter^J Dies in Hospital, Ill Long Time

Funeral Oct 19/61
Kenneth Charles Bonter, owner and manager of the Marble Products, Ltd. of Madoc, brilliant flyer and prisoner of war in the Second Great Conflict, died in the Belleville General Hospital early this Thursday morning after being a patient for the past ten days. He has been in failing health for the past two years, due principally to war wounds.

Mr. Bonter was born in Leney, Saskatchewan, 48 years ago, being the son of Mrs. Helena Bonter and the late George S. Bonter and has been a resident of this city since his return from overseas. Four months ago he moved with his mother to Madoc, where he could be closer to the scene of his operations.

He enlisted with the RCAF in 1940 and took his basic training in Brantford and received his wings the next year. Proceeding overseas in 1942 he was attached to the RAF and immediately went into action on bombing raids on Germany. After making a number of sorties he was shot down in August of that year in the North Sea and with a companion spent nine days on a raft before being picked up by the Germans. He remained a Prisoner of War for the duration but found time to escape three times but each time was recaptured. When he was shot down he was severely wounded and underwent many operations both overseas and in this country but he bore his scars without a murmur.

EXCELLENT CURLER

In his social life he enjoyed the friendship of a wide circle. His hobby was curling and he was a charter and enthusiastic member of the Quinte Curling Club. He was ever ready to instruct the new members in the art of curling and in competition was a tough contender. In the club house he was affable and friendly and he will be sadly missed. He was also a member of the Bay of Quinte Country Club and the Quinte Yacht Club.

Charlie Bonter liked to be among friends and they were legion in all parts of the Quinte district. In his business he enjoyed a wide clientele and he was a successful operator. Many of the buildings in the province are finished in stone from his quarries.

He was a member of the United Church.

Mr. Bonter who never married, is survived by his mother, Mrs. Helena Bonter, the former Helena Lummiss and two sisters, Mrs. William (Muriel) Wallis of Port Colborne and Mrs. Wilfrid (Dorothy) McKeown of Burlington. His father, the former, George S. Bonter died a short time ago.

The funeral will be held on Saturday from the John R. Bush Funeral Home with interment in Belleville cemetery.

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