

May, Orville

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Born July 8, 1925 in Prince Edward County, Orville May was raised and attended school until he left to serve overseas from 1942-1946.

He worked at Baxter Canning in Bloomfield when he returned home from the war. It was here that he met Adelaide M. Hall, whom he married on June 7, 1947.

They would have six children: Orpha, Bonnie, Sanda, Rod, Dean, and Phil.

May began working at the Roblin Dairy in Belleville, delivering milk for three years before going to work for Bob Cox Shell in Belleville. He then leased his own Shell Station at the corner of Foster Avenue and Dundas Street, in Belleville, followed by a second two years later on the corner of East Moira Street at North Front Street. He operated both stations until 1958 when he purchased the property on Highway 2, east of CFB Trenton.

When he dropped the leases on the Shell Stations a year later, May Motors was born.

It operated as a Shell Station until the early 1970s, when he switched to Texaco, and then to Esso in 1990.

May enjoyed hunting and travelling until ill health caused him to give this up. He also had to give up the honour of playing Santa Claus in the annual Trenton of Commerce-sponsored Christmas parade; a role he relished for 11 years.

Many of his happiest hours were spent in company of as many as 30-40 family members, plus other relatives and friends.

Most Sundays he could be found at the cottage on the bay behind May Motors.

Family members say his death on Sunday, Aug. 20, has created a "huge void" in their lives, adding "he will be greatly missed by those whose lives he has touched, and on whom he made such an impact."

Funeral services were at the Belleville Funeral Home Chapel at 68 North Front Street in Belleville, Aug. 23 with interment at White's Cemetery.