

MacFarlane J-F

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**J. F. MacFarlane
Of Shannonville
Dies in City**

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One of the first funeral directors in the province and operator of a general store in Shannonville for over half a century, J. F. "Ferg" MacFarlane died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Sherry, Queen Street, early this Friday morning. He was born in Hastings county at Melrose, 90 years ago, being the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacFarlane and has lived his entire life in his native county.

At an early age he entered the business of funeral director and followed in the footsteps of three generations of the Pegan family, who conducted the business in the county. He went to school in Toronto and was one of the first men in the province to receive a licence as a funeral director. He came back to Shannonville and opened a general store in 1896 and for 51 years successfully carried on business in that community. He retired from business in 1947 and came to Belleville to live and after his wife, the former Lena Rivers Earle, died in 1956 he went to live with his daughter with whom he resided at the time of his death.

Mr. MacFarlane enjoyed a wide clientele in the district. He was a man of fair dealing, a firm friend and a staunch resident of his community. He took an active part in community affairs and was always ready and willing to assist in worthwhile projects. For many years he was connected with the Fair Board in the community and helped raise the status of that fair in the district. He was a member of the United Church and active in the welfare of the congregation. Fraternally he was a life member of Craig Lodge A. F. & A.M. in Deseronto, and also was a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Wilbur (Susan) Sherry of this city, two grandsons, John Ferguson Sherry and James Earle Sherry both of the city, and two sisters, Mrs. William (Maude) Coulter of Tupperville, Ont., and Mrs. William (Elizabeth) McLaren of Melrose.

The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon from Shannonville United Church.

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