

Orville and Ruth Needham celebrate golden wedding Page 15

Orville and Ruth Needham of Vancouver, B.C. celebrated their golden anniversary on Saturday, June 20, 1981. Open house was held Saturday evening and afternoon at Kingarf Church. A lovely family dinner followed, held at Purple Grove community centre. Memorable gifts presented were a Needham family crest from the brothers; a \$50 money tree from the family; and a 50th anniversary plaque and red roses from the grandchildren and great grandchildren. These special thoughts were composed to help the

"bride and groom" remember these special years.

THOUGHTS FROM OVER THE YEARS

It was back in the start of the 1930's, that Ruth and Orville met. Just how is a secret, they haven't told as yet.

With a jazzy step, and a sporty Chevy too.

Orville courted Ruth, until he won her heart so true.

Then he popped the question, "Will you be my wife?"

Ruth said, "Yes, but you'll have to put up with me for life"

Then they set the date for 1931, the 20th of June.

And both proceeded to plan their honeymoon.

This was way back in the thirties, when years were rough,

But they kept on planning, even tho' life would be tough.

Happily they settled at Kingarf' to farm, and build a home.

But soon they decided they needed some family to give it a better tone.

On May 26th of 1932, Harvey, a red-haired boy was born,

An to and behold in that hospital nursery.

By a newborn girl, named Betty, his heart was torn.

Years later Betty and Harvey got together as man and wife.

And added several grandchildren to Ruth and Orville's family life.

Then time went on until 1938, when on October 25th, Gordon, a fair-haired boy arrived,

And being a handsome and debonaire lad, to win Pat, as a partner, he strived.

And so they too said "I do" and added three boys to the Needham Family Book.

Giving it a much fuller and happier look.

Remember how Orville through rain or snow always appeared to

gather eggs and cream.

While Ruth cared for boys, and made church work and cooking her daily dream.

Alas; in the month of July of 56, a terrible Twister badly damaged their barn.

But together they said, "We'll build again on our farm."

Then in 1960, Ruth and Orville decided on a new start.

And so to Western Vancouver life they did depart.

Later when finally settled in Vancouver

Orville looked for a job, that he could maneuver.

A janitor for a church was needed.

So Orville took the job, and to the ladies' fancy he always heeded.

Ruth took a hair dressing course,

And made that her income source

But life goes on and age creeps in

A less strenuous life for both is no sin.

Entertaining company has been their lot,

Thus at sightseeing in their city, they have been caught.

Ruth grows violets to sell, and enjoy their beauty by the score.

Struggles and strife for fifty years they have seen galore.

But are not about to be discouraged for many a year more.

So health and happiness to you both,

From your family, relatives and friends

The ones who love and respect you most.

In closing let this thought too,

Be our special "Golden Wedding Wish" for you -

"May the winds of God blow softly,

May the winds of God blow true,

From the East, and the West

Bringing all that is best

With joy, in the coming years to you".



Rev. H.F. Appleyard married the Needhams in Bervie and they resided on a farm in Kingarf.



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60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
FAMILY ROBERT AND ALLEN AND FAMILIES