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KELLAR, Dorothy Mary Emma nee: Preston

Peacefully after a brief illness, Dorothy passed away on Tuesday January 31st, 2006. She was born in Trenton on December 14th 1918, the second daughter of Fred and Annie (Dainard) Preston. Dorothy began school in Wellington and later attended schools Queen Alexandra School in Belleville and SS#20 Thurlow. She worked as a domestic from the age of fifteen, made radios, grease guns and black-out lights at Stewart-Warner during wartime.

She married Merton Kellar on Aug. 20, 1942 and came to help on the Kellar farm at Huyck's Point where their children, Gail and Monty (Lawrie) were born. Merton became unable to operate the farm due to injuries suffered while overseas with the Hasty P's and in Dec. 1958 the family moved to Danforth Road, Wellington. Dorothy worked for many years in the canning industry for Martins, Bishops, Conleys and Greers Factories.

She became a member of the Wellington Legion Ladies Auxiliary (40 years), St. Andrew's Anglican Church Women and Wellington Women's Institute (34 years) and Wellington Senior Citizens. Dorothy baked fresh bread and buns for community bake sales and sewed for their bazaars donating lovely braided rugs over the years.

In 1969 Merton passed away and Dorothy summoned her courage to learn to drive which she enjoyed until 2000. In 1986 she and Lawrie moved into Wellington where they resided until 1998 when they moved with Gail to Picton.

Besides her family, her greatest pleasures included baking and sewing and travel to places like Las Vegas, Nashville, Atlantic City, England, Scotland and Wales; her porcelain dolls, Bingo, lottery tickets, Burnt Almond chocolate bars, a challenging game of cribbage and a certain St. Bernard named Tonka.

She will be lovingly remembered by daughter, Gail Ellsworth and son, Monty Lawrence Kellar of Picton; her grandchildren Debora (Geoff) Thompson of Courtice, Noel (Tami) Clark of Marysville and Anna Ellsworth of Carleton Place and her great grandchildren Matthew and Amanda Thompson, Cole Clark and William, Dalton and Carla Bulten; brother Ronald Preston of Toronto and sister Beatrice Rowbotham of Wilberforce. Predeceased by brothers Harry, William, infant brother Percy (David), sister Rosie Preston and infant granddaughter Nova Lynn Clark.

The funeral service was held at Ainsworth Funeral Home in Wellington on Friday, Feb. 3, 2006 with Rev. Blair Peever officiating. Grandson, Noel Clark and granddaughter, Anna Ellsworth offered personal tributes. A Spring Internment will be held at Christ Church Cemetery, Hillier.