

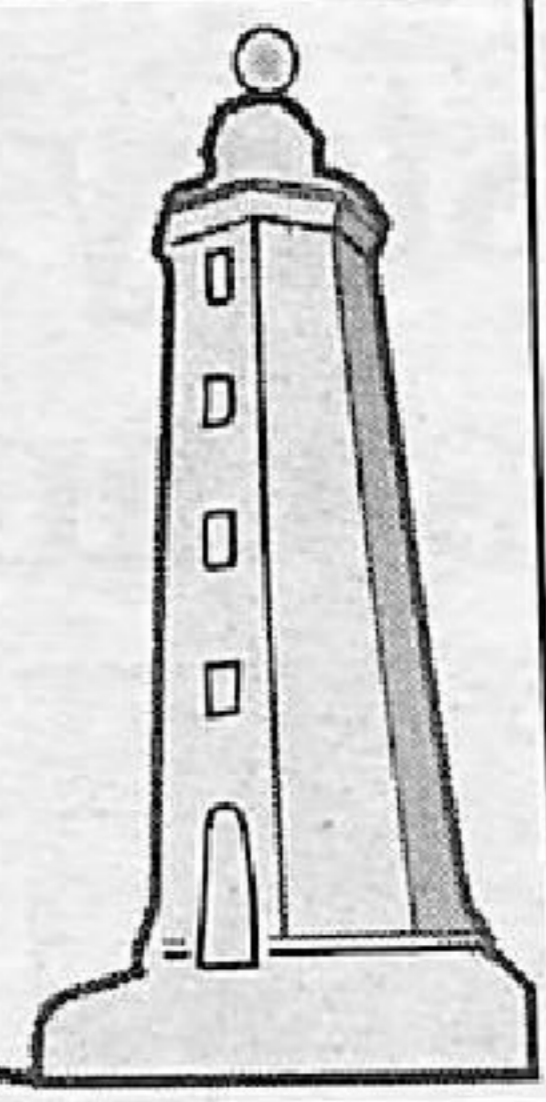
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Lincoln Alexander addresses Salem church

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Speaking during the 139th anniversary service at Salem United Church, the Honourable Lincoln Alexander, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, noted that "rural Ontario is the backbone of this great country."

Invited to be the guest speaker by parishioners Nancy and Alan Hubbs, Alexander spoke of his life growing up as a black man in Toronto in the 1930s.

His list of life accomplishments are staggering, but Alexander maintains he was humbled to be part of such a "historic occasion" in Salem.

Alexander reflected on his difficult early life in Toronto, as he was black, and from a broken home after his parents separated when he was in his early teens.

Alexander and his wife Yvonne were married on September 10, 1949 and were planning a trip to celebrate their 50th anniversary, but that wasn't in God's plans, says Alexander.

"Yvonne was taken from me just months before we were to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary," said Alexander. "I was angry with God, but I reached out to him and that made me feel better. And I continue to do that even now."



Speaking to a capacity congregation of over 125, Alexander touched on various events of this life, putting forth several anecdotes he felt those listening could relate to.

Alexander served in the RCAF from 1942 to 1945, but said there was nothing "heroic" about his actions.

"I joined because everyone else joined," said Alexander. "I couldn't spell the word democracy at that time."

Alexander made history in Canada when he became the first black Lieutenant Governor of Ontario - a post he held for six years.

Salem United Church is part of the Colborne Pastoral Charge, which includes Dundonald and Colborne, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. David Timpson.

Above, from left, Brenda Timpson & Rev. David Timpson, Hon. Lincoln Alexander, and Ian Wright. At right, Alexander chats with Brighton resident Basil McMaster.



Nancy Powers photos

STIRLING (GOODRICH), ONA CONSTANCE

At the Campbellford Memorial Hospital on Sunday, November 12, 2000. Connie Farrell, wife of the late Charles Walter Stirling and the late Claude Goodrich. Dear mother of Roy and his wife Elsie and Charlie and his wife Barbara of Smithville and Carman (Wally) and his wife Elaine of Brighton. Loving grandmother of Noah, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Carman, Laurie, Mary Lou, Lisa, Ritchie and Sharon and several great-grandchildren. Also survived by her sister Katherine Curtis and her brother Michael Farrell. Predeceased by four brothers and sisters. Funeral service will be held at the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, Colborne on Wednesday, November 15 at 2pm. Interment Lakeport Cemetery. Friends called at the funeral home on Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9pm. In memoriam donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the CNIB. Comrades of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary, Colborne Branch 187 met at the funeral home Tuesday at 7pm.

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BUGG, EDWARD (TED) VETERAN WORLD WAR II

Passed away after a long illness in Hamilton, Ontario on November 1, 2000 at age 83. Survived by his wife Joy, sons Wayne and Robert, daughters Bonnie and Sandra, also his beloved sister, Agnes Wilkinson of Cobourg, ON, nephew James Powell and many other nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents, brothers, William and Charles and sisters, Beatrice, Florence and Jessie. Interment and graveside service will be at Lakeport Cemetery on November 18th. Memorial donations to Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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CARTER, WILLIAM EDWARD

Suddenly at his Vancouver residence on Sunday, November 5th, 2000 in his 37th year. Billy, beloved son of Gloria Carter O'Flynn of Colborne Ontario and John E. Carter of Irricana, Alberta. Remembered by brother John and family and step-father David. Survived by wife Anne-Marie and son Jason. Also remembered by special friend Shauna and daughter Aleisha, also of Vancouver. A Memorial Service will be held at 3 pm, Sunday November 19th 2000 at Trinity Anglican Church, Colborne Ontario.

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