

As a tribute to Mrs. Mary Hardy, the Glen Orchard W. I. Ladies each presented a single Red Rose at her Grave Site ...

The following words were read:

As a young woman, Mary was considered by all, to be a warm and caring person. Wherever help was needed, she'd be there! You'd always find her making a "SPECIAL" cake or knitting a warm sweater or preparing a large "Dinner" for those people less fortunate.

Her dedication and hard work was felt through her community, her Church and her Great Love ... The Glen Orchard Women's Institute

We (the W. I.) will remember always the fantastic stories she would write and read to us about all the pioneer settlers of our area. Her descriptive narrations would take us back in time and make us feel part of those days, long ago. Mary was not just our Tweedsmuir History Curator but in her long years of service, she took every office, from President through to District Director, a position which she enjoyed because it allowed her to be our "REPRESENTATIVE" at the District Level. She did not take these positions lightly and it was her hard work which has made our "Group" as strong as it is today.

Funeral at Glenwood Chapel for Mrs. Hardy

At Glenwood Chapel, Glen Orchard, on Thursday, Aug. 27, the funeral service for Mrs. Mary Kathleen Hardy was conducted by the Rev. William J. Berry. Interment was at Glen Orchard Cemetery.

Mrs. Hardy passed away on Monday, Aug. 24, at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital, as briefly noted previously in The Herald-Gazette. She had lived most of her life in the Glen Orchard vicinity, until Aug., 1990, at which time she became a resident of the Muskoka Nursing Home at Gravenhurst.

Mrs. Hardy was born in Medora Township, Muskoka District, on Nov. 29, 1917, a daughter of the late James and May (Bastedo) Aikens. On April 26, 1946, she and William John Glenmore Hardy were married, and made their home on White's Road, Glen Orchard. Glenmore Hardy is now living at Muskoka Nursing Home in Gravenhurst.

Mrs. Hardy was a dining hostess at several Muskoka resort hotels. She was an excellent cook, but her favorite creations were desserts.

A sister and brother predeceased her, Kathleen Violet Aikens and James Aikens, also a niece Keitha Aikens. Mourning her passing are Nieces Ruth McNeil, Beatrice Kulmala, Kay Marshall, Barbara Meyers and Mary Murray.



Mrs. Mary Kathleen Hardy

Mrs. Hardy was a member of Burgess Memorial Baptist Church at Bala, and was a member of the Glen Orchard branch of the Women's Institute, holding every office from branch president through to District Director. Mary also was Tweedsmuir History curator for Glen Orchard W.I.

She is remembered as having prepared many "special" dinners for those less fortunate. Her talents in knitting, crocheting, sewing and embroidery were much in demand.

At the funeral service the pallbearers were Glen Orchard, Stan Marshall, Don Dawson, Charles Hall and Karl Berry.

Although Mary had many other talents, one of her greatest joys was the "Culinary Arts" and her ambition in life was to some day own her own "Bake Shop" ... But Mother Nature was not KIND and in her forties, Mary was struck down with Cancer.

It was difficult, but being a "Survivor" Mary fought back and won this First of many battles. Over the next 25 years, her vitality was slowly drained away by many severe STROKES which towards the end left this wonderful human unable to Speak and her body twisted and racked with pain. How sad it was to see her in those last few days, but if you looked into her eyes, you could see her same old Sparkle and you knew she was still "DEEPING THE FAITH".

Thank you dear Lord for taking her home and to Mary "We will miss you dearly."