

# Bruce Mountjoy

Cartwright lost a respected citizen when Bruce Mountjoy passed suddenly into eternal rest at his home in Blackstock on March 18, 1990. He died as he lived, quietly and peacefully. He was in his seventy-third year.

The service at Blackstock United Church was conducted by Rev. Dale Davis. "A Celebration of the Life of Bruce Mountjoy." His niece Heather Manning played a tribute by violin, niece Linda Kyte was at the organ, and grandson Allen Hudson played a bagpipe farewell at the graveside.

Bruce Norman Mountjoy was born October 2, 1917 to Norman Mountjoy and Margaret Ferguson, the first boy after four sisters. He was the namesake of his uncle Bruce Ferguson killed in action months previously.

He spent his boyhood years on the family farm on Concession 2 of Cartwright Township, and attended No. 1 Cartwright Public School and Blackstock Continuation School.

Life on the farm where horse and plow were preferred was not for Bruce. He was fascinated all his life by airplanes and everything mechanical and motorized. "If I could not fly a plane, I would invent one," he said. Instead, he spent four years during the war at De Havilland Aircraft Plant assembling wooden Mosquito bombers.

In 1942 he married Jean Manning, a graduate from the Toronto General Hospital School of Nursing. They resided for twelve years at Langstaff. Bruce went into the home building business there and in Thornhill and he continued this trade at Blackstock where he and Jean came to live with their five children in 1956. He also served the community by maintaining the Cartwright High School, the Union Cemetery, Cadmus, and the Blackstock Arena.

Bruce had a quiet zest for life and took pleasure in simple things. Early family nature walks became retirement camping trips with Jean throughout Ontario and the Haliburton Forest. He keenly

felt her death from cancer in 1989.

Bruce was an observer of human nature and had an enquiring, inventive mind. He was an appreciator of the past and became a student and collector of antiques and memorabilia in a wide interest range. Over the years he participated in and contributed to heritage events including the Blackstock Fair and the Scugog Shores Museum.

Bruce, with his friendly grin was a familiar sight in his Model A Ford on the biways and environs of Cartwright which he knew so well. He was a (grand)father who specialized in rides in the rumble seat.

In 1987 he led a motor cavalcade of Ferguson descendents to view the original homestead and lands of their forefathers for the 50th Ferguson Reunion Picnic. His own account of the event appeared in the Port Perry Star.

During his last year, a Memoir Writing course encouraged his writing skills. He took pleasure in making some of his stories and anecdotes into small books which he gave as gifts to family. One local recollection was published in the Newcastle paper. "He retained in his conversation and in his writing a youthful enthusiasm and sense of fun which many people leave behind when they become adults." With Bruce there were no generation gaps.

Bruce handed on his values of hard work and honesty to his children of whom he was very proud. His seventy-two years were a gift for which we are very thankful. Bruce Mountjoy was a man worth knowing.

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by daughters Elaine McShane of Brampton, Bonnie Hudson of Nestleton, sons Ray Mountjoy of Stouffville, Gary Mountjoy of Whitby, Paul Mountjoy of Brampton, twelve grandchildren, and sisters Lela Wannan of Burlington, Muriel Hoskin and Aileen Byers of Blackstock, and Audrey McNeil of Toronto. Predeceased by Ivan Mountjoy and Hazel Belyea.

**SLUTE, Leonard Keith** in his 71st year entered into rest on Thursday, September 27, 1990 at the Oshawa General Hospital. Leonard, loving husband of Verma (nee Coates). Dear father of John of Raglan, Grant and his wife Pat of Oshawa, Susan and her husband Danny Cosburn of Columbus. Beloved son of Evelyn Slute. Loved grandfather of J.J., Julie, Laurie and Ryan Slute & Lynsey Cosburn. Will also be missed by his 4 brothers, Merle and his wife Emily of Bowmanville, Cecil and his wife Doris of Raglan, Lorne and his wife Eileen of Utica & Lloyd and his wife Eileen of Raglan. A funeral service was held at the Wagg-McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Home (985-2171) in Port Perry on Saturday, September 29 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Pine Grove Cemetery. If desired a donation may be made to the Columbus United Church or the Canadian Cancer Society.

Betty McFadden and family wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends, relatives and neighbours for their support, prayers, cards, flowers, and many memorial donations received in the loss of a dear husband and father Robert McFadden. Special thanks to Palliative Care in Oshawa, Dr. Allin, nurses at the Port Perry Community Hospital for their excellent care, Home Care and Victorian Order of Nurses who gave such special care to Bob while he was at home. The ambulance attendants, Reverend Robert LePage for his comforting words, the U.C.W. for the luncheon served at the church following the service, our sincere appreciation. The Wagg-McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Home for their kind and courteous service.

Thank you

Several cousins from this area attended the visitation and funeral of Jack Simons of Downsview at Pickering Funeral Home. Sympathy is extended to his wife the former Shirley Vance and to their family Rodney and Leanne. *J.P. 9am Sept 1990*

# Earl Bradburn, 83

The community was saddened at the passing of Earl Bradburn, lifelong member of old Cartwright and the Blackstock area. Suddenly, but peacefully and quietly, death occurred during his sleep early Wednesday morning July 12, 1989 in the Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry. Earl had been incapacitated since November 12, 1973, when he survived a massive heart attack, and for 16 years, his determination to live kept him in our midst.

George James Earl Bradburn, second youngest son of David Wesley Bradburn and Mary Edith Bradburn, was born in the family homestead, 2nd concession, lot 10, of Cartwright Township, on June 4, 1906. He attended Archer Public School S.S. No. 1, until the age of 14 when he left to assist his father on the family farm. In 1931 Earl went to Egypt to farm for himself on the Herman and Eva Hooey farm while he lived down the road with his sister and her husband, Effel and William Forder, for seven years.

On June 4, 1938, Earl married Marjorie Whitfield, daughter of Teasdale Whitfield and Margaret Lathangue, in the Anglican Church in Bowmanville, with the Rev'd. C. R. Spence officiating. Earl and Marjorie settled on the Trewin Scott farm, Tyrone, but at the end of the second year, upon the death of his father, they were invited by his brother Ray to return to the homestead to live with Ray and their mother and to share in the family farm.

On September 15, 1943, Earl and Marjorie purchased the Rupert and Gertie Byers farm at Purple Hill where they raised their two sons, Donald and Ivan, and where they all worked together on the

farm. For the following 46 years his family and farm brought great enjoyment to Earl and were the centre and meaning of his life. Always a lover of animals, he was noted, in his early years, for the breeding and raising of fine horses. In later years he was known for his hereford cattle. He was a quiet and gentle man with a keen sense of humor, known as a good neighbour, always willing to lend a hand. Of Methodist faith and tradition, Earl was a member of Blackstock United Church.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his beloved wife Marjorie, sons Donald of Peterborough and Ivan, grandson Mark and granddaughter Lisa of Bethany. His sister Effel Forder and Brothers Fred, Roy and Ray predeceased him.

The funeral arrangements were at Wagg Funeral Home in Port Perry on July 14, 1989, and the service was conducted by the Rev'd. Dale Davis. The beautiful floral arrangements and the many donations to the Building Fund of the Community Memorial Hospital were genuine tributes to the life of Earl Bradburn. The pallbearers were Roy Cowling, Glen Grove, Clint Brown, Ronald Bradburn, Bill Oxley and Bradley Watson. Following the interment service at Devitt's Cemetery, relatives and friends met with the family over refreshments in the Christian Education room of Blackstock United Church.

"Let me hold your hand as we go downhill;

we've shared our strength and we share it still.

It hasn't been easy to make the climb,

but the way was eased by your hand in mine."

# Robert McFadden

Following a lengthy illness, Robert McFadden passed away at Port Perry Community Hospital on Saturday, March 31, 1990 in his 61st year.

Robert was born in Toronto, June 11, 1929, and was raised in Manchester by Dolly Roberts. He received his education at Manchester public school and Kingston high school. He returned to Port Perry and was employed and lived on the farm of Wm. Tripp. Robert moved to Oshawa in 1946 and was employed in the soft drink business for 27 years.

On July 31, 1954, he married Laura Joanne Brydges of Guelph, Ontario. Robert and his family resided in Oshawa until September 1973, at that time he became proprietor of the car wash and laundromat on Scugog St., Port Perry. He was in business for the last 16 years

when he retired on August 17, 1989 due to ill health. Robert's most cherished hobbies were his wood-working and his gardening. Robert's ready smile, cheerful helpfulness, sense of integrity made him a multitude of friends. He is survived by his wife Laura (Betty), Sharon and Craig at home, Laura, Mrs. Michael McQuade of Port Perry, a twin brother Richard of Kingston. A complete service was held on Tuesday, April 3, 1990 at the Wagg-McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Home in Port Perry at 1:30 p.m. It was conducted by Reverend Robert LePage of Port Perry United Church. A Eulogy was given by Anne Franklin of Myrtle, Ontario. A private interment was held at Pine Grove Cemetery in Prince Albert. Pallbearers were Jim Brydges, Bill Tripp, Muray Franklin, Fred Dearborn, Roy Hodson and Mike Quido.

# Hugh Strong

Hugh Meredith Strong entered into rest June 20, 1990 in his 83rd year. He was the eldest son born to Rosena Jack and Joseph Strong of Cartwright Township. The family moved to the 5th Concession of Reach Township where they farmed for many years.

He married Ruth Ethel Stone of Seagrave June 24, 1933. Ruth and Hugh enjoyed marital blessings with the birth of six daughters, Marie, June, Ruby, Joyce, Isabelle and Betty (predeceased). Hugh and Ruth farmed many years while also delivering rural mail on R.R. 4, Port Perry for approximately 35 years retiring in 1978 from the mail delivery. He served as school trustee for the Manchester school for several years. Ruth and Hugh retired from the farm to the new home on the farm in the spring of 1968. Ruth died Nov. 22, 1971 leaving a large void in the lives of the Strong family. Hugh moved from the retirement home to Simcoe St. in Prince Albert. Ross, Hugh's only brother moved with him to Prince Albert where they enjoyed some travelling time together. Ross died in October 1979. Hugh met and married, Mabel Graham in April 22, 1978 and enjoyed married life in Prince Albert until her death in June 1988. Hugh moved to his apartment where he enjoyed the fresh air and many activities in the park and on the lake until his death in June 1990.

**STRONG, Hugh** at the Community Memorial Hospital, Port Perry on Wednesday, June 20, 1990 in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of the late Mabel Field and the late Ruth Stone. Dearly loved father of Marie and her husband Bruce Geer of Utica, June and her husband Garry McHugh of Port Perry, Ruby and her husband Harvey Dearborn of Prince Albert, Joyce and her husband Alan Ashton of Oakwood, Isabelle and her husband John Vernon of Seagrave and predeceased by Betty. Loving grandfather of 17 grandchildren. Great-grandfather of Carl, Ricky & Shelby. Brother of Ross Strong, predeceased. Step-father of Dorothy Hargrave of Willowdale and Vernon Graham of Winnipeg. Step-grandfather of 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held at the Wagg-McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Home (985-2171) in Port Perry on Saturday, June 23 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Pine Grove Cemetery. If desired, a donation may be made to the Port Perry Hospital Building Fund or the Canadian Cancer Society.

**MCFADDEN, Robert (Bob)** at the Community Memorial Hospital, Port Perry on Saturday, March 31, 1990 in his 61st year. Devoted husband of Laura Joanne (Betty). Loving father of Sharon & Craig at home, Laura and her husband Michael McQuade of Port Perry, & twin brother of Richard and his wife Lois of Kingston. Also loved by Dolly Roberts of Manchester. A complete funeral service was held at the Wagg-McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Home (985-2171) in Port Perry on Tuesday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Pine Grove Cemetery. If desired a donation may be made to the Palliative Care Unit of the Oshawa General Hospital or the Kidney Foundation.