

Madawaska Valley's oldest resident dies

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Lucy Perrier, believed to be the oldest resident of the Madawaska Valley, passed away early Sunday morning in St. Francis Memorial Hospital in Barry's Bay.

Mrs. Perrier, a native of Wilno, who had lived near Combermere since her marriage to Christopher Perrier in 1912, was in her 102nd year.

Mrs. Perrier had resided with her son, Reg. He said on Monday that his mother was hospitalized about two weeks ago when she contacted a mild form of pneumonia. She then suffered a stroke, in hospital, but her speech was not affected.

"She came out of the stroke but



Lucy Perrier, dead at 101

other complications set in. During the last week she didn't eat anything," he said.

Mr. Perrier said his mother didn't suffer with pain during her last days in hospital until the day before she passed away when she said she had pains in the chest.

Mrs. Perrier took a turn for the worst at about 4 a.m. Sunday and died at 6:15 a.m.

"She had a peaceful death. It was very quiet," Mr. Perrier said.

The former Lucy Lepinskie, she was born in Wilno on December 11, 1892 and was one of 14 children born to Jacob and Josephine Lepinskie.

At an early age she went to work for Adam Slominski who owned the hotel in Wilno. After her marriage in 1912, she and her husband

settled on a farm near Combermere.

Besides her son, she is also survived by daughters Dorothy Morgan of Oshawa; Clair Blais, Etta Yaraskavitch and Leona Mayhew, all of Combermere. There are also 25 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Perrier also has three grand nephews in the priesthood. They are Father Patrick Dobec of LaPasse; Father David Hale, chaplain at Kingston Penitentiary, and Father David Shulist, a Jesuit priest in Toronto.

A funeral mass was celebrated Tuesday morning in Canadian Martyrs Church in Combermere by Father Ric Starks. Interment was in the parish cemetery.