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Tribute to Ann MacArthur

BY CINDY LUNAU
NASSAGAWEYA

Anne MacArthur, lifelong resident of Nassagaweya, passed away of a heart attack on July 2nd, 1998. Friend, teacher, colleague, crusader - Anne was truly a woman of great character. For those who knew her well, she was also quite a character! As a politician, Anne shaped the landscape of our community. She touched the lives of literally thousands.

A Memorial and Committal Service celebrating Anne's life was held at St. David's Cemetery in Campbellville on July 11th. Friends gathered to share memories and exchange stories. MP Julian Reed recalled how she had tolerated his talents as a student and always encouraged his efforts. Mayor Gord Krantz recalled how she had taught him, both as a teacher and later as a colleague, calling her "tough, but fair." Former MPP George Kerr recalled how he arranged to have her meet Queen Elizabeth during her visit to Canada. Former Councillor Jim Watson recalled her single-minded determination.

Perhaps the most moving tribute came from Helen Scisizzi, a former student who became one of Anne's constant companions. In her eulogy, Helen recalled Anne's love of life and learning. Anne accepted her limitations by making new plans and continuing to enjoy what life offered.

Anne was born on August 19, 1909, in the family farmhouse (now the campground at Tremaine Road). Her teaching career spanned 36

years, including 27 years at Milton District High School where she taught Drama, Physical Education and History. She is remembered as a teacher who challenged her students. In 1973, almost 900 former students attended a reception upon her retirement.

Elected to Nassagaweya Council in 1965, Anne went on to become Reeve in 1969 and Warden in Halton County in 1973. In 1974 she became the first Mayor of Milton, the only woman to hold this position.

Anne's great-grandfather (a Campbell) first homesteaded on the Sixth Line, Nassagaweya where the Halton Country Inn now stands. Although now renovated, the original barn hosts many community events.

Some years ago, Anne explained that her involvement in politics resulted from a challenge by her husband Charles. When a second cut threatened the Escarpment,

she complained so bitterly that he suggested she run for Council. She won on both counts. She served 15 years on Council and there was never a second cut through the Escarpment. After campaigning for the Pits & Quarry Act in 1970, Anne became a founding member of the Niagara Escarpment Commission and subsequently served on it for 13 years.

For many years, Anne was part of Regency House, an antique dealership in Campbellville, first with her husband Charles and later son John. She always cared about her community, showing compassion for those less fortunate.

Anne loved Nassagaweya and her beloved Escarpment, the land and its people. Recognizing her failing health, Anne simply asked that the message be given "To all my dear friends and colleagues. I have finished the race."



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Public Information Centre

**Draft Approved Churchill Estates Subdivision
and Reconstruction of Guelph Line**

**150 M north of 15 Side Road to Cameron Drive
Town of Milton, PR-1479C**

A Public Information Centre will be held:

Date: Thursday, August 6, 1998

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Location: Nassagaweya Community Centre (Brookville Hall)
11264 Guelph Line, Milton**

A Public Information Centre is being held to provide the public with information with respect to the design and phasing of the Draft Approved Plan of Subdivision commonly known as Churchill Estates and the associated Guelph Line road improvements and new intersection construction north of 15 Side Road in Lot 16, Concession 4, (Nassagaweya), Town of Milton. Region of Halton and Town of Milton staff and the developer's consultant will be present to provide information.

Interested persons are invited to drop in any time during the above-noted hours to review and comment on the proposed project. If you are unable to attend and wish to obtain further information or provide written comments, please address your concerns to:

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Regarding Road Improvements on Guelph Line
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