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**BARKMAN: Walter Harry**  
Aged 85 died in peace Thursday February 26, 2009 at the Guelph General Hospital; his loving family was with him. Born in Tokushi Siberia April 23, 1923, his German Mennonite family fled Russia in 1929 settling in Kitchener. On the train leaving Moscow was his mother Katharina and brothers and sisters: Alice, Katie, and Martha Friesen and Agatha, John and David Barkman. Captain Walter (Wally) Barkman served with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment in WWII. He fought in France in Caen and Falaise; through Flanders and the Scheldt in Belgium and into the Netherlands. He was wounded leading B Company into the Hochwald forest in Germany. He returned near war's end and rode into Berlin to the Chancellery. He was awarded the Chevalier of the Order of Leopold II with Palm and Croix de Guerre with Palm. Walter kept Mabel Ellen Branton's picture throughout the war marrying her on June 29, 1946. It was a true love story. Graduating in Business at Western he worked for Brantford Roofing, Domtar and Dominion Bridge as a sales manager. He is survived by his wife; great grandchildren Paisley and Colby; grandchildren Tom, Jamie, Aiden, Claire, Ryan and Tianna, and children Nick Barkman (wife Diane), and Randy Barkman (wife Jenny), Diane Warren (husband Don) and Ellen Stanley (husband Stephen). A memorial service will be held March 21 3:00 at St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church 19 St. Alban's Drive, Acton Ontario. We all miss him so much.

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**DEVRIES: Bill**  
Country singer, Bill DeVries, has passed away at his home in Acton on Saturday, February 28, 2009, with his family by his side, at age 70. Bill (Auke) DeVries of Acton, formerly of Rockwood, dear husband of Joan Parker. Loving father of Sylvia and Paul Weber (Maryhill), Butch and Susan DeVries (Port Elgin), Dave DeVries (Margaret Buck) (Borden), Brian and Shari DeVries (Rockwood). Loved Step-Father of Christine and Tony VanDam (Hillsdale), Steven and Keri Parker (Thunder Bay), Monica and Shawn Galway (Acton), Margie and Dan Curtis (Georgetown). Cherished grandfather of 22 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Brother of the late Jantje DeVries, the late Sy and Myrtle DeVries, George (deceased) and Mae DeVries, the late Mary and Fritz deHaan, John and Barbara DeVries, and Gord and Audrey DeVries. Brother-in-law of Neil and Irma DeWit, Betty & Jerry Ceman both of Kingsville. Loved by many nieces and nephews. Bill was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Wellesley Horseshoe Club, but, most will remember him for his legacy in country music. He performed with the Country D's, Now and Then Country and A Touch of Silver. He has recorded several collections of music. Bill has been cremated and a memorial service in celebration of his life was held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Acton Branch 197 on Tuesday March 3, 2009 at 1pm. At Bill's request everyone is invited to come and share their memories and enjoy the company of family and friends. Please feel free to bring along your instruments and voices to do what Bill loved the most. Remembrances may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or McMaster University Hospital, Oncology Department or a charity of your choice.

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**GOODCHILD: John Wesley Ferguson**  
(Veteran W.W.II)  
(Royal Canadian Navy)  
John passed away peacefully at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Veteran's Wing, Toronto on Monday, March 2nd, 2009 following a lengthy illness. He was in his 92nd year. John was predeceased by his beloved wife, Joan Elliott. He will be sadly missed by his great-nephew, Trevor Murray and his very good friends: Joanne Bottom of Irvine (California) and Gayle and Richard Gwilt (Acton). John served in the Navy during WW II, following his discharge he joined the Naval Reserve and rose to the highest rank of Commodore. After leaving the Navy, he went on to pass the bar and receive his law degree. John was the Aide-de-Camp for Governor General Roland Michener and Governor General George P. Vanier. Cremation has taken place.  
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**HODGE: Cicely Jane (Saunders)**  
Dec. 23, 1922 - Feb. 28, 2009  
Jane died peacefully in her sleep at home. Predeceased by her husband Bill Hodge (1981). Loving mother of: Frances (Michael), Richard (Charlene) and Susan; grandmother of Andrew, Christopher, Peter, Alexander, Benjamin, and extended family Kate, Glen, Bob, Jesse and Braedan. She will be missed by brother Peter (Valerie) and sisters Margaret and Sandra (Bruce) and their families. Jane was born and lived in Capetown, South Africa and her childhood was spent in both Africa and England. As a young adult, she lived in Jamaica where she met and married Bill Hodge. Jane and Bill moved to Canada in the early 50's, finally settling in the Acton area in 1963. Jane was an active participant for many years with the Georgetown Choral Society, the Acton Tai Chi Society, the Acton Community Seniors Centre, the Acton Golf Club, the Horticultural Society, the Erin Tennis Club, and the Cancer Society. She was a lover of great beauty in all things; she found tremendous joy in her flower garden, and the countryside in which she chose to live and die. Through her years working at Caroline's nursery garden and her various activities, she developed many close friends whom she cherished, and who were an extremely important part of her life. Jane also loved to travel, astonishing many with her zest for life and continued activities into her early 80's. Known for her grace and her wit, Jane was a good friend and admired by all who knew her. She wished us to say on her behalf, "It's been very nice - lovely. I've enjoyed my life and hope that all of you can do the same." Many thanks to all the friends and caregivers, especially from St. Elizabeth, Acclaim Health, and CCAC who gave so much assistance to Mum during this past year. Your genuine affection and care gave us all great comfort. Cremation arrangements have been made with the MacKinnon Family Funeral Home, in Acton. In lieu of flowers, please send us your favorite memories of Mum. Jane did not wish to have a formal service, however there will be a garden party in her honour in

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the spring. If you wish to attend, or send a recollection, please use the condolence page at: [www.mackinnonfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mackinnonfamilyfuneralhome.com)  
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**HILL: Stanley Roland**  
Stan passed away peacefully on February 24, 2009 in his 88th year. He was the much loved husband of Margaret (Swackhammer) for 69 years and the caring father of: Arline, Betty, Alvena and Jim. He was the devoted grandfather of: fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. He will be missed by his many nieces and nephews. Stan was predeceased by his parents, Ada and Charles, six brothers and seven sisters. The family will receive friends at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197, 15 Wright Avenue, Acton on Friday, March 6th from 1:00 p.m. until the funeral service to celebrate Stan's life, which will be conducted by Rev. John Bedell at two o'clock. Remembrances to Churchill Community Church R.R. #2, Acton, Ontario, L7J 2L8 or Wellington Terrace Recreation Fund 474 Wellington Road 18, Fergus, Ontario, N1M 0A1 would be appreciated by the family. On line condolences and donations may be made at: [www.mackinnonfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mackinnonfamilyfuneralhome.com)  
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**PRAYER**

**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands.  
J.F.

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