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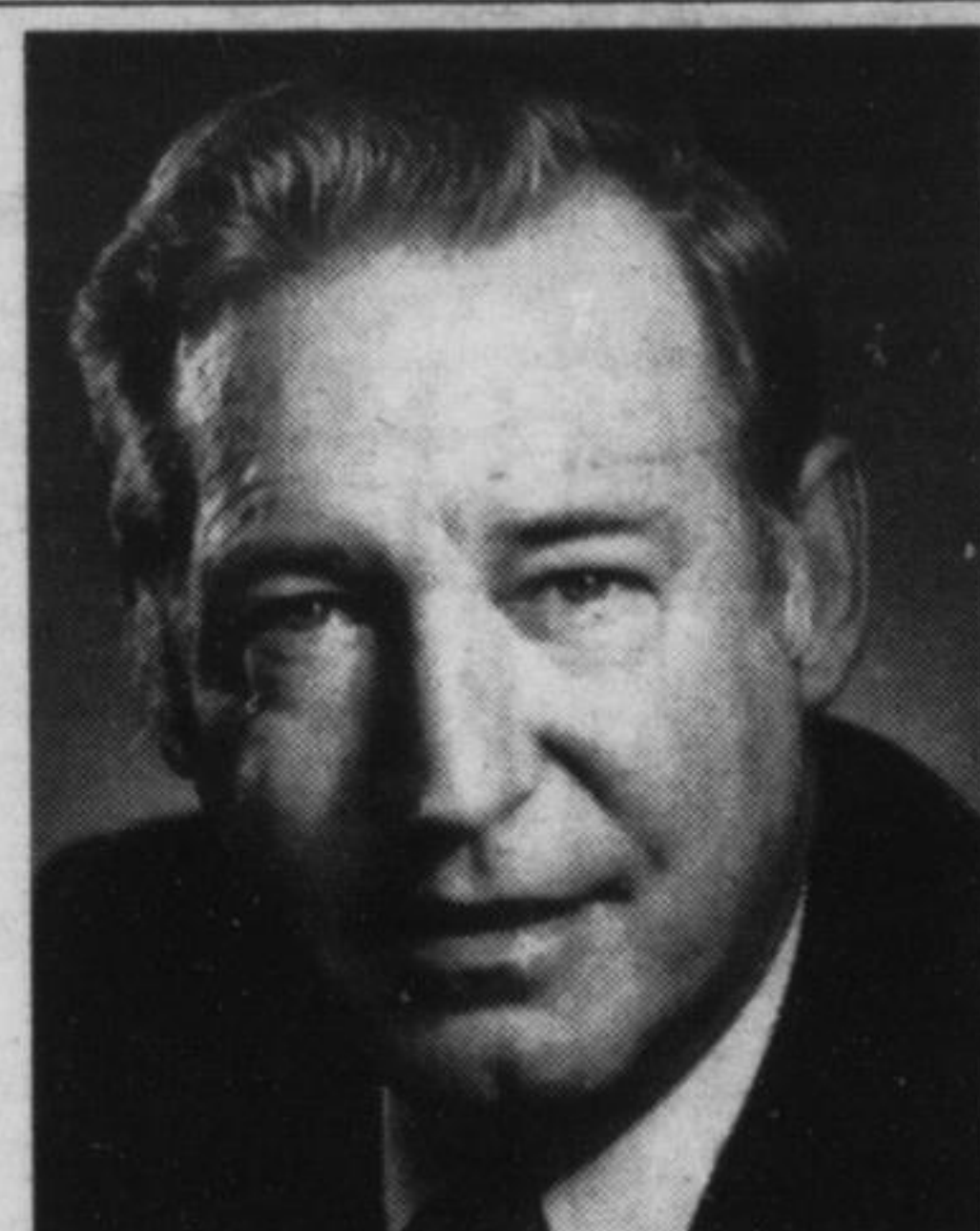
ARMITAGE, Neil

Neil Godfrey Armitage was welcomed into the Loving Arms of Jesus on October 8, 2014. He was joyfully met at the Gates by his father, William G. Armitage, his mother, Gena May Armitage, and his sister, Pamela Janice Armitage. We know that there will be much celebrating at his arrival in Heaven! Neil touched so many lives in his 61 years here on earth. Gifted with Downs Syndrome, he shared love with everyone he touched. Neil just radiated joy. Neil spent most of his life in and around the Milton area. For over 20 years, he could be found packing groceries and picking up carts at the local Loblaws. He loved his job, because he got to interact with people all day long. And you could not come into contact with Neil without your day becoming just a little bit brighter. His smile and hugs were infectious. Neil's life would not have been nearly as magical if it were not for the extremely high level of compassionate care he received from all the tireless efforts of those that work for Community Living. He was "family" to so many people. He never tired of sharing his photo albums with anyone that came within his reach, or singing along with Shania, Anne Murray, or Johnny Cash. Music was his passion. Neil could be found Sunday mornings dressed in his suit, playing the bells and singing along with the choir at Grace Anglican Church. His faith in God was absolute. Twice each year, Neil travelled to join his family in Calgary for the Calgary Stampede and Christmas. He shared his happiness with the multitude with which he came in touch. Most days back in Milton, he could be found wearing clothes that represented his favorite teams, the Calgary Stampeders and the Flames. The last 6 months Neil has spent in the loving care of the excellent staff at Allendale. They made his transition to Heaven painless and comfortable. The Armitage family will be forever thankful. Neil is survived by two sisters and a brother: Nadine Caskey, Delbure, Alberta; Daphne Matthews, Croyden England; and Paul Armitage, Calgary, Alberta. He will also be deeply missed by a significant number of nephews and nieces, their children, and all the people who can say "I knew Neil". The funeral service was held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Grace Anglican Church. As expressions of sympathy, a donation in memory of Neil to Community Living North Halton would be appreciated by the family.

Letters of condolence, shared stories and memorial donations may be left for the family online at www.mckersie-kocher.ca



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SWAN, John (Jack) Alexander

Jack passed away at the Milton Hospital on October 10, at the age of 88. Beloved husband of Lois, caring father of the late Karen (Matt) Haist, Jack (Connie) Swan, Mike (Kim) Swan, Bob (Cynthia) Swan and step-children David (Sue) Smith, Don (Shelagh) Smith, Debbie (David) Stone, demanding grandfather of 12 grandchildren and the beginnings of the next generation of great-grandchildren, and helpful friend and father figure to many. Jack graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in Chemical Engineering, which propelled him into a lifetime of achievement in building. As part of his professional career spent with Tate and Lyle and various subsidiaries, he was the head engineer for the Redpath Sugar refinery along the Toronto waterfront in the 1950's. In his personal life, as a strict non-vegetarian, he was always building boats, decks, houses/cottages, furniture and more. He had an uncanny ability to complete a complex project with only one visit for lumber and supplies and no spare parts. Everyone was happy to have something "Jack Built". For his quieter times he enjoyed travel, skiing, boating, reading, animals, and the "calming" effects of playing cards and golf. All young people feared the inevitable cross-examination when they returned from school as he would always ask if they got a 100 in Math. While few ever did, it never deterred him from being a loving and caring grandfather to them all. He saw this as important, as it was critical for future success and the capacity to extend Canada's place in the world. While never boastful, he accomplished much, set a high bar towards which all of us should aspire, and his memory will forever influence the lives of those he touched. A service to celebrate Jack will be held on October 18th, at 10:30 a.m. at **McKersie-Kocher Funeral Home**, 114 Main St. E., Milton, 905-878-4452. A reception will follow. Donations to the charity of one's choice would be appreciated by the family in lieu of flowers. Letters of condolence, shared stories and memorial donations may be left for the family online at www.mckersie-kocher.ca



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BELAND, Renee Robyn

August 13, 1969 - September 27, 2014
Renee passed away suddenly while alone at home. Her life was full of mystery and adventure. She was predeceased by her father Armand Beland and mother Wendy Sandford. Leaving her brother Michael Beland, and step brothers Reg and Dan Roach, all who have and are serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. She will be missed by her family and friends.

My last letter to Renee
You were in search of salvation. Running in life letting me know every so often how determined you were. We were destined to share life together however the time was oh so short and came when you needed a friend to look to. You are a soul to remember, how you changed me so. I tried so hard to show you trust where you felt your life was of a choosing that challenged you so. You forced me to relinquish the fears of life, we grew together challenging and supporting, exploring, living. You taught me about music, yet we didn't have the chance to take those lessons and play the guitars we so planned to. The concerts you loved and we shared as we explored areas of life. We just seemed to run out of time. I was away, and you reminded me there are two of us, we, and now again only one another. I hear your voice in every corner, look at the gardens you groomed so. In every sense of order we looked on to each day with an early morning sound of music and joy. The taste of the new dishes you loved to prepare and the organization you provided and taught me so. On the last day the words came from your heart.

*"It's from my heart Ron.
I love and miss you so."*

So do I Renee. Like you know so well. Alone again we go again. This time you were called to be with the father you missed and loved so. And you will finally know your mother as well. For you have found salvation, amongst the Devine.

~ Love Always, Ron Strohan.
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LEES, Elizabeth

On Tuesday morning October 14, 2014, Elizabeth Lees passed away at Allendale in Milton. Elizabeth was born on January 10, 1951 in Hamilton. She lived her life with the challenge of Downs Syndrome and lived a very interesting and exciting existence. She loved to travel, knit and crochet and she was a very good swimmer. Music was a huge part of her life. She had many favourites but enjoyed gospel music best. She has resided at Allendale for the last few years. Thanks go to all the people who cared for her in such a gentle and loving way. Also gratitude from the family for the efforts of Community Living North Halton on Elizabeth's behalf. Her sense of humour and love of people were infectious. Memories will linger long. Family and friends are invited to attend a service to honour Elizabeth at **McKERSIE-KOCHER FUNERAL HOME** 114 Main St. E., Milton, 905-878-4452 at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014. Refreshments and an opportunity to meet the family will follow the service. As expressions of sympathy, a donation in memory of Elizabeth to Community Living North Halton would be appreciated by the family. Letters of condolence, shared stories and memorial donations may be left for the family online at www.mckersie-kocher.ca

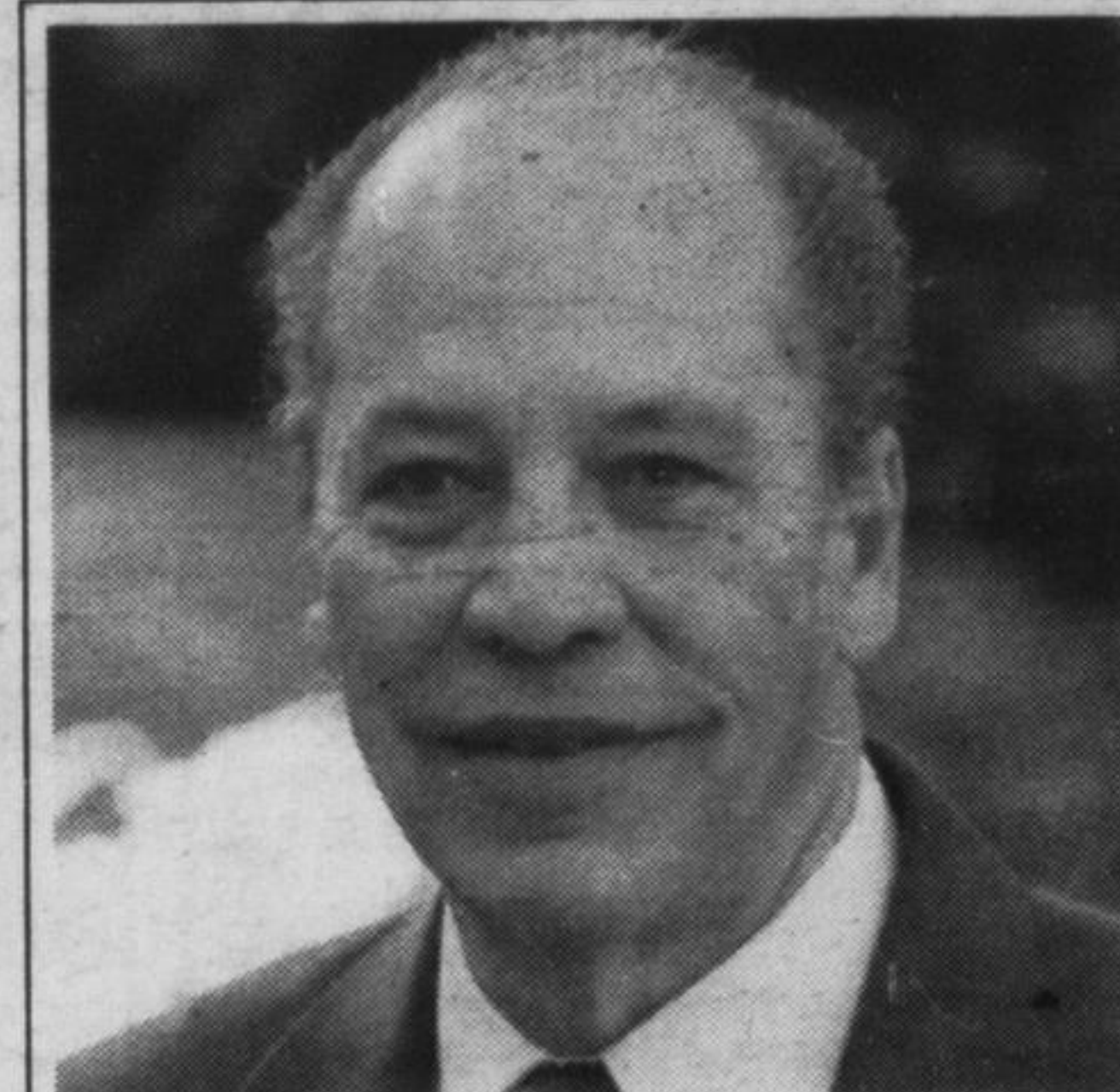


ATKINSON, Shirley Marie (nee Harrison)

On Thursday, October 9, 2014 Shirley went home to be with her husband George, sons Donald and Brian and grandson Clyde. Dear mother of Michael (Judy), Stephen (Judy) and mother-in-law to Lynda. She is also survived by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family will receive visitors at **J. SCOTT EARLY FUNERAL HOME**, 21 James St., Milton (905) 878-2669 on Friday, October 17, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be left on-line at:

www.earlyfuneralhome.com

In Memoriams



QUIN, David Aldridge

(ITR Canada)
August 5, 1941 - October 18, 2013

I Only Wanted You
They say memories are golden
Well maybe that is true
I never wanted memories
I only wanted you
A million times I needed you
A million I've cried
If love alone could have save you,
you never would have died
In life I loved you dearly
In death I love you still
In my heart you hold a place
no one can ever fill
If tears could build a stairway and
heartache make a lane
I'd walk the path to heaven
to bring you back again
Our time on earth has ended
and nothing seems the same
But when God calls me
to be with you
Our love will live again.
- We love you, we miss you,
forever in our hearts,
Penny and all of the children.



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to those who

have lost their loved ones.

