

Obituary

John E. (Chris) Gardner

John E. (Chris) Gardner, master magician, retired, died Aug. 25, 1986, at Penetanguishene General Hospital in his 92nd year.

At the age of seven he started on stage as a singer in his native Scotland. In 1913 he enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry in Scotland. He served in

Ireland during the Home Rule riots, then in 1914 he went to France, serving there until 1919 and the Armistice. He received the Mons Star and Bar and the Victory Medal.

Following the war he worked as an apprentice to the famous magician Chan Lin Sue. He came to

Canada in 1923 and was in show business with travelling shows in Canada and the United States as 'The Mystic Marvel'. In the late 1920s he found his way to Midland and stopped travelling.

He was employed at the Midland Shipyard and as a male nurse at St. Andrew's Hospital for 10 years. During this era he made the first incubators for St. Andrew's which saved many infants' lives. In 1939 he joined the Canadian Army with the Governor-General Horse Guards and served until 1943 when he was discharged due to age. He was again re-employed by the Midland Shipyard.

Following the closing of the shipyard he was the first aid officer at Glen Mawrs Frocks in Midland, followed by retirement.

He was a member of the Masonic order, joining in Dundee, Scotland. Life member of Branch 80, Royal Canadian Legion, Midland, which he helped found. Life member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Canadian Originals' Club.

Co-founder of Midland AA. Past member of the Midland Harbour committee. For many years he was an active member at Knox Presbyterian Church, Midland, serving on many committees.

During his retirement he volunteered many hours entertaining Midland and area children with his magic and charm.

Mr. Gardner is remembered for the recital of his own poem 'The Buddy I Loved', at the Midland cenotaph on Remembrance Day. It is played annually on recording by CKMP. He wrote a series of 10 articles for The Linking Ring International Magazine on the subject 'Along the Highway of Magic'. This was a world wide magicians' publication.

He was predeceased by his wife Annie Stewart and survived by his son Jack.

His funeral service was held August 28. Interment, Lakeview Cemetery, Midland.

Services under the auspices of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 80, Midland, were held in

Nicholls Funeral Home. Memorials to the Salvation Army would be appreciated.

Urgel 'Red' Forget

The late Urgel "Red" Forget of Fox Street, Penetanguishene, died at Penetanguishene General Hospital on Aug. 25, 1986, following a lengthy illness, at the age of 87 years.

Mr. Forget was born in Lafontaine and lived most of his life in Penetanguishene. He had been employed as a stationary engineer at the Mental Health Centre for many years, until his retirement.

His funeral mass was held in St. Ann's Memorial Church, Penetanguishene, on Aug. 28, with Rev. D. Picone as the celebrant. Interment was at St. Ann's Cemetery, Penetanguishene.

His grandsons Ken, Brian and Bob Forget, Paul Maheu, John Juneau, and Bob St. Amant, were his pallbearers.

His wife Amelia "Pat" (Lamoureux) Forget of Penetanguishene, sons Raymond "Pete" Forget of Toronto, Andrew "Buck" Forget and Martin Forget of Penetanguishene, Maurice "Moe" Forget of Lafontaine, Tony Juneau of Penetanguishene (a brother-in-law that he raised as his son), daughters Helen (Mrs. Lefty St. Amant) and Lorette (Mrs. Len Maheu), both of Penetanguishene, Michelle Forget of Toronto, sisters Delina Curtain of Peterborough, Ernestine Laurin of Collingwood, Flora Robitaille of Midland, Marie O'Hallarn of Hillsdale, Alda Hocken of Port McNicoll, brothers Wilfred of Orillia, Clement and Henry of Wyebridge, Albert of Barrie, 24 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren, survive him.

His first wife Ella Mae (Juneau) Forget, his brothers Louis, Edger, Oliver, and Herman, and his sister Delima Pilon, predeceased him.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with tails and a boutonniere of white stephanotis from the bride's bouquet. The best man, Jim Comartin, and ushers John Campbell and Kevin Cowden, as well as ringbearer Micheal Cowden, wore white tuxedos with royal blue satin cummerbunds, ties and pocket puffs.

The bride's mother wore an ivory chiffon waltz length dress and a corsage of ivory cymbidium orchids at her waist. The groom's mother wore a black and turquoise dress of antique silk and a corsage of white cymbidium orchids.

Guests attended from Kitchener, Montreal, Van-



Cowden - Campbell wedding July 19

St. Paul's United Church, Midland, was decorated with candlebras and standards of white gladiolus, white daisies, bridal pink roses, pink gerberas, rhubarb lilies, white denrobium orchids, white freesia, blue iris, blue cornflower and gypsophila, for the July 19 wedding of Jennifer Kim, daughter of Pat and Ernie Cowden, and Robert Angus, son of Margaret and Angus Campbell of Peterborough.

The bride wore a white silk taffeta dress with a bodice of lace, beads and pearls. The train was trimmed with lace. Her fingertip veil was held by a crown of fresh stephanotis and pearls.

She wore a single strand of pearls that was her father's wedding gift to her mother on their wedding day, July 19, 1958. She carried a cascade bouquet consisting of white cattleya orchids, stephanotis, white freesia, bridal pink roses and gypsophila.

The matron of honour, Carolyn Rodd, and bridesmaids Margaret Campbell and Janet Scott, wore royal blue satin

cocktail length dresses and carried bouquets of bridal pink roses, pink alstromeria, pink gerbera, rhubarb lilies and gypsophila. Their halo headpieces were also made with gypsophila.

The flowergirl, Robin Blain, wore a white floor length dress with a royal blue satin sash and carried a bouquet similar to the bridesmaid's.

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cover, Newmarket, London, Toronto, and Peterborough.

Following the wedding there was a reception at the Highland Burgundy Room for 160 guests, where the same colour theme was carried out with flowers and candles. The French Connection layed for the dance which followed. The couple are now residing in Peterborough.

Beatrice Dumont

The late Beatrice Dumont of Champlain Road, Tiny Township, died Aug. 23, 1986, at Huronia District Hospital, following a brief illness, at the age of 55 years.

Mrs. Dumont was born in, and lived all of her life in, the Champlain Road area of Tiny Township.

Her funeral mass was held in St. Ann's Memorial Church, Penetanguishene, on Aug. 25, with Rev. R. Andrews as the celebrant. Interment was at St. Ann's Cemetery, Penetanguishene.

Oliver Deschambault, Larry Gervais, Chris Comisso, Eugene Carriere, All Haase, and Jim Tippett

were her pallbearers.

Her sons Joseph and Paul Jr., both of Penetanguishene, and Charles of Toronto, daughters Theresa Cook of Midland, Margaret Deschamps of Port McNicoll, Jeannette Welch of Perkinsfield, brothers Isidore, Pat, Dort, Carl and Alfred Dusome, All of Toronto, sisters Mabel Norris and Audrey Frandsen, both of Toronto, Doria Dumont of Sudbury, and 13 grandchildren, survive her.

Her husband Paul Dumont Sr., son Patrick and sister Margaret Norris predeceased her.

John Debow

John Ronald "Bud" DeBow of King Street, Midland, died at age 62 on Aug. 23, 1986. His illness lasted one week. He died in Huronia District Hospital.

The son of John Ward and Bernice DeBow (nee Courture), was born in Hamilton, Ont. He attend-

ed St. Jerome's College, Kitchener.

He married Marjory Keen in Hamilton on Aug. 23, 1947.

Before retiring two years ago he was in sales and management.

His wife Marjory Keen survives him, as do his sons John Michael DeBow of Oshawa, daughters Karen Debow of California, Susan (Mrs. Maurice Charlebois) of Penetanguishene, Michelle (Mrs. David McWhirter) of Whitby, MaryLouise DeBow, at home, and two grandchildren, Jonathan and Brandon Charlebois.

A funeral mass for the St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church member was held Aug. 26 in St. Margaret's Church, Midland. Father Wayne Manne officiated. Interment in St. Margaret's Cemetery.

Sons-in-law David McWhirter and Maurice Charlebois, and nephew Keith Ford, were pallbearers.

Parish prayers were held in Nicholls Funeral Home on Aug. 25.

Lydia Quesnelle

The late Lydia Quesnelle died Aug. 24, 1986, at Providence Villa, Scarborough, following a lengthy illness, at the age of 90 years.

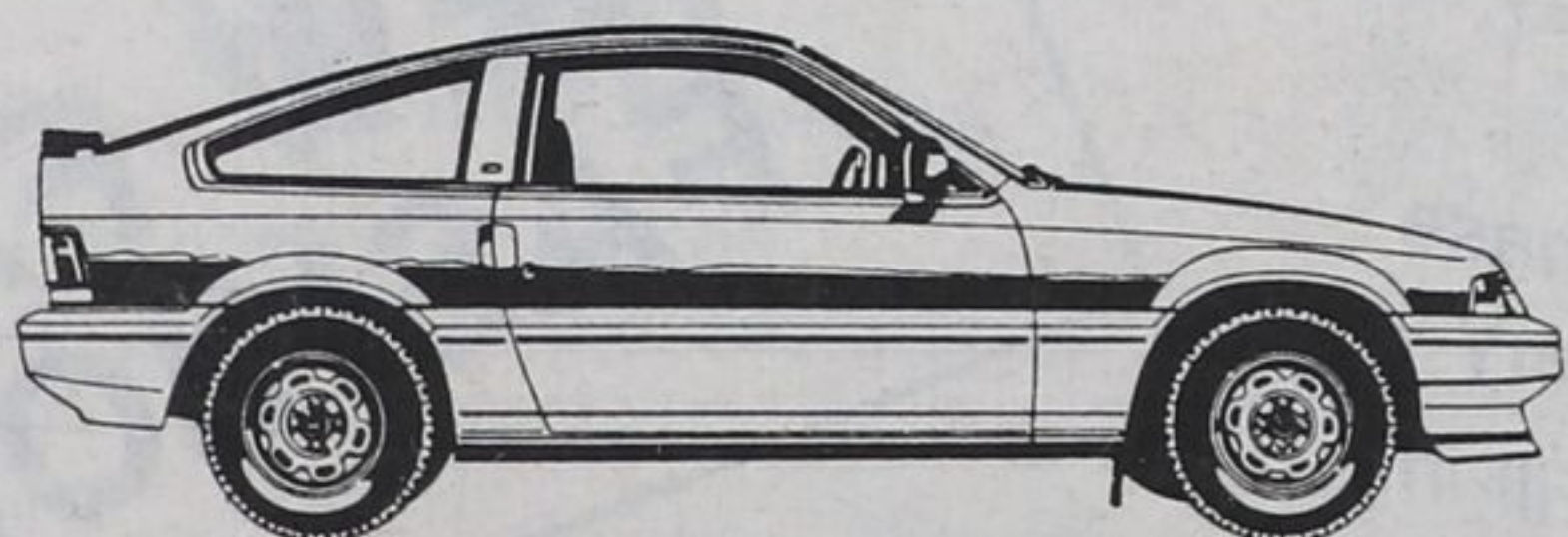
Miss Quesnelle was born in, and raised in, Penetanguishene. She lived most of her life in Toronto, where she was employed by Simpson's for 40 years.

Her funeral mass was held in St. Ann's Memorial Church, Penetanguishene, on Aug. 26, with Rev. L. Dignard as the celebrant. Interment was in the family plot at St. Ann's Cemetery, Penetanguishene. Pallbearers included Alvin Leroux and Raymond Robillard.

Her sister Viola St. Amand of Hamilton survives her.

Her parents Joseph and Emilie (Robitaille) Quesnelle, brother Edgar, and her sisters Anna Sheldrick, Hattie Robillard, Albina Bartlett, Clarice Quesnelle, and Adele Leroux, predeceased her.

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