

the Central Ontario Railway. He became foreman of a section gang before moving with his wife, Essie Emma Morton (1888-1975) to a farm on Lot 20, Concession 9, Rawdon Township. They had seven children: Arthur, Walter, Percy, Claude, Marjorie, Evelyn and Ernie.

Ernie attended the 9th Line school and Kemptville Agricultural College. Ernie (1926-2004) married Lois (Peggy) Groves (1926-2000) on November 16, 1946. He worked as a cheesemaker at Enterprise Cheese Co. from 1945 - 1951 and at Evergreen Cheese Co. from 1951-1957. In March of 1957 he purchased The Evergreen Cheese Co. from shareholders and began to make improvements to the factory by installing a can washer and a bulk milk tank truck. He also owned approximately 300 acres in Lots 1 and 2, Concession 1, Rawdon Township. Part of this land was used for the irrigation of whey and in later years was used for beef farming. In June of 1977 Evergreen Cheese Company was sold to Dr. Ramish Jolly who operated the cheese factory for a short time. The building is now the home of "Bargain Bailey."

Ernie and Peggy built a new home on the Ridge Road at the outskirts of Stirling in 1961 and they lived there until Peggy's death in 2000. Ernie then built a new house at 58 Church Street where he lived for four years until his death in 2004.

Ernie was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Past Master of L.O.L. #110, a volunteer firefighter for Rawdon Township, a member of the Stirling Fair Board Finance Committee, Past President of the Stirling Curling Club and was a councillor and deputy-reeve of Rawdon Township during the 1980s. Peggy was an active member of St. John's Anglican Church, serving on the Altar Guild and the ACW. She was also Past Mistress of L.O.B.A. #655.

Ernie and Peggy had three children: Ronald James, Gary Ernest and Kathy Lois.

Ron (b. May 8, 1947) was educated at the Ridge Road School and Stirling Rawdon District High School. He received his Dairy Diploma at Kemptville Agricultural College in 1967 and made cheese for a period of eight years with his father. He worked for the Ontario Conservatory of Music for one year before accepting employment at Stirling Motors (1972-1977). He and his wife Kathy owned and operated Reid's General Store in the hamlet of Sine from 1971-1976. He has been employed by McKeown Motor Sales since 1977. He is a member of St. John's Anglican Church, past member of Stirling Rotary Club, Chairman of the Stirling Homecoming Committee for three years, past President of the Stirling Fair Board, Chairman of Stirling's 125th Anniversary Committee and Fund-raising Chairman of the Hastings County Museum of Agriculture Heritage.

Ron married Kathy Sine (b. July 5, 1949). Kathy is the daughter of Carl and Pauline Sine. She has just recently retired after 28 years of service as Clerk



*Ernie and Peggy Reid*

and Clerk-Administrator for the former Township of Rawdon and the amalgamated Township of Stirling-Rawdon.

Ron and Kathy have two children: Michael John (b. October 21, 1970) and Angela Kathleen (b. April 24, 1974).

Michael attended Stirling Elementary Schools, Centennial Secondary School and Durham College in Oshawa. He married Shari Vandervoort on February 14, 1998. Shari is the daughter of Robert and Cheryl Vandervoort. Mike and Shari live in Kimberley, British Columbia, where he works as fixed operations manager for Alpine Toyota and she is the regional manager for The Brick. They have two sons: Cameron Roger (b. March 22, 2002) and Ethan Robert (b. November 2, 2005).

Angie attended Stirling Elementary Schools, Centennial Secondary School and Loyalist College in Belleville. She married Brad Boomhower on April 24, 1999. Brad is the son of Carl and Linda Boomhower. Angie and Brad live at R. R. #3, Stirling. Brad is a lineman with Hydro One and Angie works in sales and advertising with *The Community Press*. They have two children: Blaire Elizabeth (b. April 26, 2002) and Reid Jackson (b. October 17, 2006).

Gary (b. January 22, 1951) attended school at the Ridge Road School, Stirling Public School, Centre Hastings Secondary School and Kemptville Agricultural College in 1969. He worked in the family business at Evergreen Cheese until 1977. From 1978 until 1981 he managed the Union Star Dairy Co-operative in Renfrew County. In 1981 through 1982 Gary was