



Fourteen-year-old Michelle Hofstee of Thickwood Boulevard, Stouffville, was prominent on stage, June 22, when Summitview Public School held its Grade 8 graduation ceremony. Michelle

received no less than 15 awards including The Jim Fletcher Trophy for Athletic Leadership and the Lions Club Trophy for proficiency in French. —Denise McDonald

Mrs. Catherine Thomas

Family and church were top priorities during her full life

MARKHAM — A long and rewarding life ended June 22, with the passing of Mrs. Catherine (Cassie) Thomas in Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

Mrs. Thomas, 95, had been in declining health for the past six months. She was admitted to hospital June 9.

Born Catherine Johnston, Sept. 9, 1891, daughter of Lachlan and Marion Johnston, she grew up in Thorah Township near Beaverton.

After attending Toronto Normal School, she began her teaching career at Painswick and later Campbellford before joining the staff at Franklin School, Markham, where she remained from 1914 to 1921.

It was while living on Albert Street in Markham that she met and later married Herbert W. Thomas, Dec. 27, 1922. They would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this year.

Forty-three years were spent on the family farm at Lot 16, Conc. 9, Markham. On their retirement, they moved to the Village Squire Apartments, Markham, where they've resided for the past 22 years.

While on the farm, Mrs. Thomas was actively involved in all areas of community life including the neighborhood Sewing Circle and Farm Forum. She took pride in her flower and vegetable gardens.

Mrs. Thomas had great love for her church. She was a member in

the congregation of the Markham Methodist and later St. Andrew's Presbyterian. Her unwavering faith in God was maintained to the very end.

On July 27, 1986, Mrs. Thomas turned the first sod for the new sanctuary but was never able to attend a service there.

She was a past-president and a life member of the Women's Missionary Society. She was a long-time member and worker with the Ladies Aid, and an enthusiastic supporter of the Women's Service Guild.

Mrs. Thomas was an accomplished electionist. She often recited at area garden parties, church and community functions. Her last selection was presented during a Presbyterian fundraising dinner held at Cedarbrae Golf and Country Club last year.

But above all these things came her husband Herb and family — three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Edna and Donald and Doris of Markham; Jim and Jean of Stouffville; one daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Norman Tapscott of Epsom; and fifteen grandchildren — Teddy, Mary, Mark, Gord and Martha; John and Ann; Susan (Mrs. Ron McMullen); Barry, Paul, Cathy, Neil and Mary-Lynn; Bradley and Grant.

Mrs. Thomas was predeceased by one brother, Robt. C. Johnston, in 1975.

Many former neighbors, close friends and family relatives vi-

sited the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home, Wednesday, to pay their respects, with the service, Thursday, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Allen Embree, the congregation's pastor and a close friend, spoke in glowing terms of Mrs. Thomas' contributions to her church and her community. Rev. John Tapscott, grandson of the deceased, shared in the service. This was one of Mrs. Thomas' last written requests. Seven grandchildren served as pallbearers. Interment was made at St. Andrew's Cemetery, Markham.



CATHERINE THOMAS

Harvey Byer

Hydro employee for many years

STOUFFVILLE — Hawthorne Avenue residents will miss seeing Harvey Byer and 'Nita' strolling along their street.

The two, Harvey and his dog, were familiar to all who'd come to know them.

Mr. Byer passed away June 18 in Uxbridge Cottage Hospital where he'd been a patient five days. He was 68.

Harvey Byer was born in Markham Twp., the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Byer. He was a long-time employee of Ontario Hydro, first as a stockman and later as a driver in the Forestry Division. Prior to retirement, he worked part-time with Satellite Automotive Supply Limited in Markham.

It was almost 44 years ago, (July 17, 1943), that Harvey Byer

and Ada Curlew were married. They moved from Etobicoke to 116 Hawthorne Avenue in 1964.

Mr. Byer was an excellent carpenter. He put this skill to good use at the Stouffville Missionary Church. Many projects there are the products of his handiwork. In addition, he served as a church trustee; was a member on the church board; and served as the church's representative to Parkview Home.

He enjoyed a wide circle of friends.

Rev. Douglas Gray and Rev. Jim Clubine shared the funeral service held June 22 from the Missionary Church. Participants also included the Rae family, Calvin

and Karen; Garnet and Dale. They sang the beautiful hymn 'Until Then'.

Pall-bearers were — Bill Corner, Carl Wideman, Willard Moyer, Laverne Housser, Charles Byer and Bill Byer. Interment was made at Dickson's Hill Cemetery.

Besides his wife, Mr. Byer is survived by two daughters — Mrs. Ruth Robbins of Kitchener; Evangeline Byer, Don Mills; three grandchildren, Joy, Karen and Dianne Robbins; two brothers, Levi of Clifford, Ont., and Alvin of Toronto; and three sisters, Sussanah Housser, Markham; Annie Werner, Wroxeter and Flora Byer of Port Perry.

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HARVEY BYER

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The dates are Monday, July 13 and Tuesday, July 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.; and Thursday, August 6 and Friday, August 7 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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