

Late Walter Pipher

Hundreds pay tribute to 'serving' resident

STOUFFVILLE — In recent years, it was one of Stouffville's largest funerals as residents from all walks of life paid their respects to the memory of Walter Pipher Saturday afternoon.

The O'Neill Funeral Home was filled to overflowing for the service; a tribute to a gentleman held in high regard by all who'd come to know him.

Mr. Pipher passed away Feb. 25 in Scarborough Centenary Hospital where he'd been a patient close to a month. He was 83.

Born at Lemonville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pipher, Walter received his formal education in that community. He later farmed there, also in Uxbridge and at Dickson's Hill. Forty-five years ago, he moved to Sunset Boulevard, Stouffville.

He was a member in the congregation of Ringwood Christian Church.



WALTER PIPHER

Mr. Pipher enjoyed the fellowship of several organizations, including the Stouffville Lions Club; the Oddfellows Lodge; the Silver Jubilee Club and the Friendship Club.

Every fall, he enjoyed the annual trek north with members of the Wildcat Hunt Club, missing this past year for a first time.

When health permitted, he would meet 'with the boys' for coffee every morning at Stouffville's Regal Restaurant on Main Street.

Most significant of all associations was that of the Lions Club. Membership there spanned almost 41 years.

Walter joined the Lions in May 1947. He served as secretary from 1950 to 1952 and president in 1959. He later went on to become zone chairman in 1960-61 and 1969-70. He was elected deputy district governor in 1961-62.

A eulogy, on behalf of Lionism, was spoken by member Ivan Harris while fellow Lions, both local and from a distance, stood silently close to the casket at the front of the chapel.

Said Ivan: "A Lions Club is a large family where each one should feel himself a part, should feel the need to enjoy in complete liberty the desire to aid and serve. It is a human chain, joining together the young and the not-so-

young, to maturely consider the one and to prevent the other from aging too rapidly. To serve faithfully, one must first learn to forget oneself; to help oneself by helping others."

Helping others was Walter Pipher's lifelong goal. He realized this ambition many times over.

Walter and Rae (Gower) were married 60 years ago, Dec. 1, 1927. Hundreds attended an 'open house' at the Silver Jubilee Club to mark this diamond anniversary milestone.

Mr. Pipher was extremely proud of his family — daughter and son-in-law Olive and Murray Daniels of Minden; son and daughter-in-law Murray and Isobel Pipher of Markham; four grandchildren, Robert and Cathy Daniels; Marilyn and Rick Miller; Doug and Jackie Pipher; Rod Pipher and six great-grandsons, Philip and Paul Daniels; Chris and Brad Miller; Mathew and Michael Pipher.

The service was conducted by Pastor Daniel Schut of Ringwood Christian Church assisted by former pastor, Rev. Jim Byrne. Jackie Pipher sang one of Walter's favorite hymns, 'Abide With Me.'

Spring interment will take place at Stouffville Cemetery.

Leaders urgently needed

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Lovely wedding in Stouffville Missionary Church

Mr. and Mrs. Mark William Busse sign the register following their marriage Saturday in the Stouffville Missionary Church. The bride is the former Sharon Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Moyer, Dickson's Hill. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Armin Busse. The bride's maid of honor was Lydia Brazan of Montreal, Quebec. Best man for the groom was Paul Vanderploeg of Mississauga. Rev. Doug Gray conducted the ceremony. The happy couple will reside in Scarborough.

—Jim Thomas

Late Leslie Wideman

Pride in his family brought him great joy

STOUFFVILLE — Les Wideman, one of Parkview's long-time residents, died suddenly, Sunday, Feb. 21, 1988 in Grace Hospital, Scarborough.

Mr. Wideman, son of John and Mary Wideman, was born in Pickering Township, May 28, 1899. He spent most of his first thirteen years in Toronto, attending school there.

He enjoyed playing baseball and selling newspapers. He often recounted how, on April 14, 1911, his paper sales soared. It was the day the Titanic went down. Mr. Wideman remembered reading how the passengers sang "Nearer My God To Thee" as the ship sank out of sight. It made a lasting impression on his life.

After moving to the Markham area, Les married Sussanah Ramer, June 30, 1920. They took up residence on a farm east of Stouffville where they remained

until moving to Main Street in 1960.

From 1933 to 1945, Les was the mail carrier on R.R. 4, Stouffville. His services were greatly appreciated because of his friendliness and dependability. No matter what the weather and road conditions, he accepted these as a challenge, delivering the mail to every home and farm each day.

Leslie and Sussanah Wideman were the parents of Lloyd, Stouffville; Grace, (Mrs. Mervyn Brethour), Stouffville; Edna, (Mrs. Gordon Brown), Stouffville; Jean, (Mrs. Floyd Schneider), Moorefield; Carl, Stouffville; Grant, Uxbridge and Stewart of Ringwood. He was a devoted grandfather to 20 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. On birthdays and family holidays he always enjoyed participating in family activities.

Following Sussanah's death in 1970, Les spent the next four years living with family members, then became a resident for 14 years at Parkview.

He enjoyed involvement in all activities there, as well as hobbies of reading and playing the piano. While physically able, he was always helpful to those less fortunate than himself.

During his life, he was associated with the Stouffville Missionary Church where his funeral was held Feb. 24 at 2 p.m., with Rev. Douglas Gray in charge. Special music was provided by Dick and Shirley Ohlman.

Pall-bearers were — grandsons Glenn Wideman, Brent Brethour, Robert Brown, John Schneider, Neil Wideman, Eldon Wideman and Keith Wideman.

Spring interment will take place at Stouffville Cemetery.



Couple sign the register

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adamson sign the register following their marriage, Saturday in the Stouffville Pentecostal Church. The bride is the former Lorell Zadow of Richmond Hill. Her maid of honor was Donna Zadow of Scarborough. The groom's best man was Steve Bojakra of Thornhill. Rev. Craig Pitts conducted the ceremony. The happy couple will reside in Richmond Hill.

—Jim Thomas

An ambitious project

STOUFFVILLE — He didn't win. However, if the students had been judges, he'd certainly have received an Honorable Mention.

Nine-year-old Ken Sandiford placed a beautiful exhibit in the Feb. 25 Science Fair at Summitview School. He called it 'Rivers'.

The entry, weighing 120 pounds, showed how glaciers melt at the tops of mountains and form rivers and lakes below.

"It took three nights to complete the working model," the Grade 4 pupil explained, "plus a night to do the paper work."

His father, (Ken Sandiford), transported the exhibit to the school in the back of his pick-up truck.

Why did he do it? "Because rivers are so important to us," Ken explained.

It was his first Science Fair project. It attracted much interest and prompted many questions.

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