Bunny Burton sells business to explore interests

By Bruce Stapley Correspondent

the first girl ever to take drafting path through life.
and woodworking at Toronto's Now, 30 years later, the Dor-

Danforth Tech in the 1950s, she man Dr., Stouffville resident is was simply serving notice she in- still surprising people with her

When Bunny Burton became tended to take an unorthodox willingness to try anything once, and to make room for as many activities as she possibly can in her life. Bunny sold her business of nine

years, Bunny's Flowers, to an employee earlier this month.

The reason? She claims the store was getting in the way of her other interests.

"I had to sell the store to get the time to do all the things I wanted to do."

And those activities include her interest in the balloon and party business, helping a local caterer, teaching line dancing to seniors at Parkview Home as well as waltzing to the students at Stouffville District Secondary School, and helping husband Bruce with his home renovation projects.

around," claims Bunny. "I can raise them for a few years. wield a saw and a hammer. I'd But she charged right back into early 1970s. never lack for a job."

Bunny's multi-faceted career Stouffville's Bob Lewis, asked started with a stint at General her to help him with a floral ar-Electric, working in the drafting rangment for a wedding. office for a few years in the 1950s. "But it was a man's world in the flowers. I got so excited about

that company then. It was just it I went to Guelph to take a too tough so I got out." She then went to work in the She recalls how she told them

Yellow Pages ads.

Former florist owner Bunny Burton has sold her business to pursue other interests. She and her

With her varied interests, she's sure to keep busy. husband may teach ballroom dancing lessons and

"I'm the best dry wall person three years, and stayed home to teaching her new found area of expertise for three years in the

the work world when a friend, She opened up her first flower shop, Lauralea, in Richmond Hill in 1969, then became the first lady president of a Flowers "Bob taught me how to arrange Canada chapter, taking over as

She opened Bunny's Flowers in Stouffville in 1980. Her extracurricular activities included advertising department at Bell she'd come back to teach the teaching floral arrangement at Canada, helping put together course some day after she the local high school, helping graduated. And like anything prepare floats for the Grey Cup Parade in Toronto, as well as assisting with every parade in Stouffville.

head of the Toronto association.

A tireless volunteer, Bunny has sponsored and arranged each Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville pageant, and her contributions to Music Mania are significant. Bunny and Bruce took ballroom dancing in 1979, earning their Bronze in latin and ballroom dancing, then their silver in latin.

"We were hoping to teach dancing lessons when we retired? says Bunny, adding that they were asked to teach line dancing at Parkview seniors'residence two years ago.

And is there anything she still wants to try?

"One thing I want to learn as computers. I bought a used one Florida.

And if the past is any indication of her determination and he ability to acquire new skills, But ny Burton will be a computer whiz within weeks.



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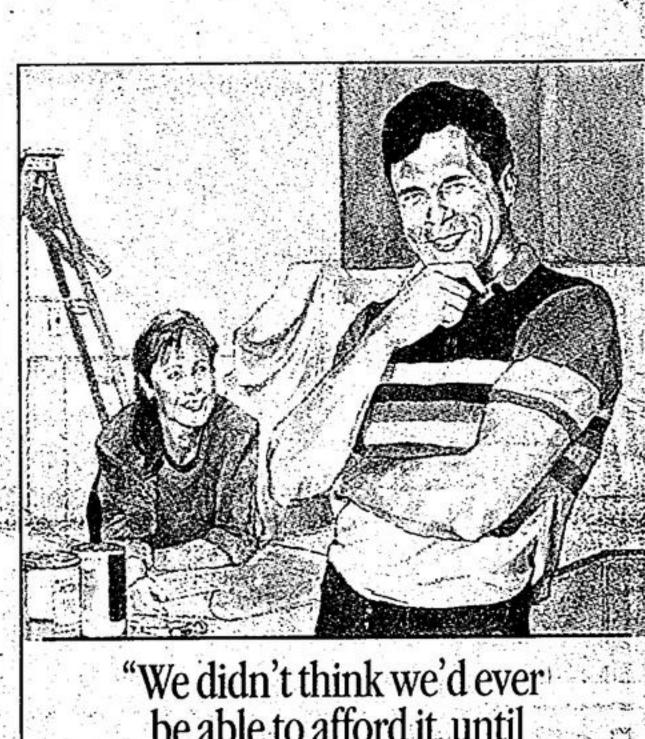


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