

Citizen of year wrote the book on Stouffville

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The woman who wrote the book on Stouffville has died.

Jean Barkey was 92.

The fourth-general Stouffville resident compiled the material for the community's history book, *Stouffville 1877-1977: A pictorial history of a prosperous Ontario community*.

She died Friday at Parkview Home in Stouffville. Her funeral was held Monday at the O'Neill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Barkey was chosen as The Sun-Tribune's citizen of the year in 1988.

She was nominated for the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 and received

the award.

After graduating from local schools, Mrs. Barkey earned a nursing degree and worked in the field as a supervisor at two Toronto hospitals before marrying and retiring back to Stouffville.

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She served as a director on the board of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum from 1971 to 1991. She donated several items to the museum.

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Mrs. Barkey also played an integral role in gaining public and political support to relocate the historic Brown House, a pre-con-

federation home, from east-end Stouffville to the museum grounds in Vandorf in 1984.

In 1987 Mrs. Barkey was appointed to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Architectural Advisory committee, which evolved into Heritage Whitchurch-Stouffville, the community's LACAC as provided for under the Ontario Heritage Act. She served as a member of this committee until 1994.

In 1992, town council established a street-naming committee to develop names which recognize the contribution of previous generations or recognized historical facilities and events. Mrs. Barkey was a member of this committee.

She also served on the town-appointed advisory committees related to urban development and planning and the steering committee for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Cultural Foundation.

Her vast knowledge of the municipality had her also sit on the committee for the Whitchurch history book, published in 1993.

Her husband, Howard Barkey, died in 1996.

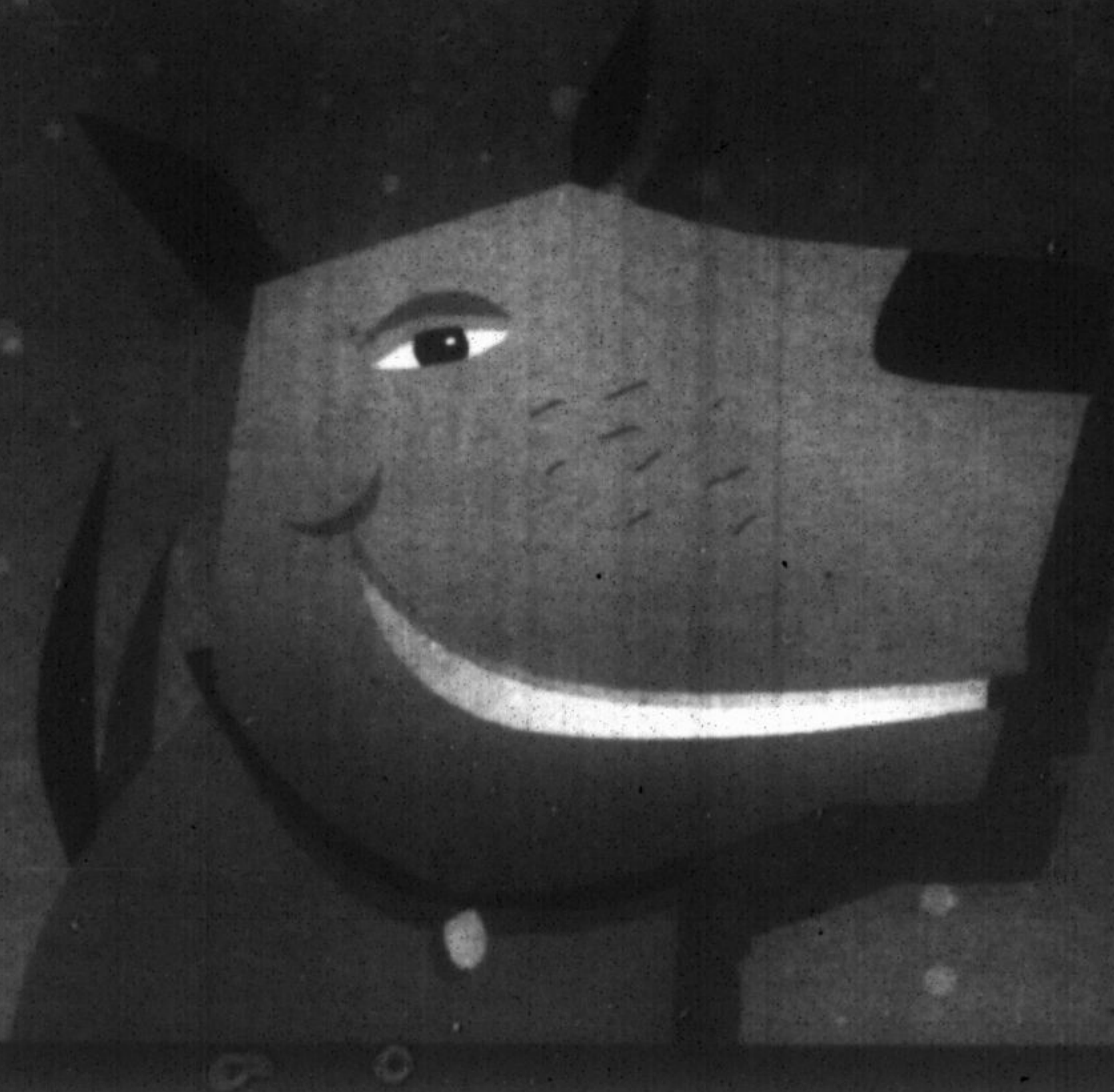
Her interests included gardening. She was an award-winning member of the Stouffville Horticultural Society.

Her resume also included work as a life-guard at Stouffville's outdoor pool, real estate agent and antique dealer.

Charitable donations can be made in Mrs. Barkey's memory to Parkview Home.

- Fred Robbins

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