

ON PARADE



Crowds line Main Street in downtown Stouffville June 16 to watch the Governor General's Horse Guards parade through town en route to the Freedom of the Town ceremony at Civic Square. Stouffville.com photos

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STOUFFVILLE SENIOR OF THE MONTH

ELMER BURKHOLDER

AGE: 89

BORN: In Markham in the family home that is now located at the Markham Museum.

NUMBER OF YEARS IN THE STOUFFVILLE AREA: 35

CAREER: Lived and worked on the family farm as a youth. Was a minister at Wideman Mennonite Church. Worked at the Stouffville Co-op for 30 years.

HOBBIES: Wood working, especially making plates, rolling ins etc. with his lathes in days gone by; restoring old gasoline engines; singing gospel music in a quartet with his brothers and a friend. His current hobby is staying in touch with friends and relatives across the world by computer.

FAMILY: Elmer and his late wife Carrie have 5 children, 18 grand children and 5 great grand children. Elmer has 4 brothers, one of whom is still living.

FAVOURITE EXPRESSION: "May I help you?" Elmer learned that while working at the Co-op. "If everyone used that saying there would be far less trouble in the world."

PET PEEVE: "I don't have one. If you start that you become critical and that's not commendable. I sometimes wonder why people do some things but I don't like to be critical."

LIFE HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) Being saved
- 2) Travelling to Europe to visit some of the 13 people he and Carrie acted as host parents for when they came to Stouffville many years ago to work as nurses at Parkview Home, where Elmer now lives. He still keeps in contact with some of them.
- 3) Getting his sight back 6 months ago after having a cataract removed

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY?

Elmer wouldn't buy a lottery ticket. But when he won a bag of chips playing Bingo at Parkview he gave it away.



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