



Chamber of Commerce president Helene Johnson prepares to lay a wreath at the Stouffville Legion Branch 459 Remembrance Day service Nov. 11. Close to 300 people attended the service, including three generations of the Leafe family from Stouffville.

Three generations of Leafe family attend Remembrance Day service

By Nancy Hopkins
Stouffville This Month

Nearly 300 people attended the indoor Stouffville Branch 459 Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day service Nov. 11 in honour of soldiers who sacrificed their lives while serving their country.

Three generations of the Leafe family attended the Stouffville service. Marion Leafe recalled the July day many years ago when the telegram came bearing the news that her 19-year-old brother was missing in action in France, his body never to be found.

Her husband Ian, a serviceman himself, lost what seemed like "half of his school mates". Their daughters, Stouffville residents Mary Leafe and Francesca Wright, were in attendance along with their grandchildren Carson Weeks 5, Nicholas Wright, 9 and Emily Wright, 11, ensuring that their future generations will not

forget. John McCracken, president of Branch 459, proudly announced that the Stouffville Legion had 74,000 poppies in circulation throughout 65 schools.

Remember

*Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
Remember me when no more day by day
You tell me of our future that you planned:
Only remember me; you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.*

Christina Rossetti

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