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Resident of the Month: Harry & Mary Poole

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Harry & Mary's story began many years ago, with Harry being born in Torbolton Township near Fitzroy Harbour, ON on December 10, 1932 and Mary Turner in Almonte General Hospital on June 30, 1932.

Harry's family moved to Almonte in time for him to go to school in Almonte for Grades 5-7; after that he then worked on the farm until he was 16. Family was close, Mary had a brother and two sisters and Harry had an older brother as well as a younger brother and sister. Unfortunately, his oldest brother and young nephew lost their life in the old stone house which caught fire some 60 years ago. After 5 years of "hanging out" together, Harry & Mary were married on the 7th day of July, 1955, in the United Church in Almonte, Ontario. (They had been married 67 years at the time of Mary's passing last winter). Mary was the youngest of her family and as far as Harry is concerned he got the best.

Mary worked as a teacher at Pine Grove School near Lanark prior to their marriage as well as in the Old Town Hall in Almonte prior to the new school being built in those days between the teacher and the County;

Over the next few years came a daughter, Brenda (April 28, 1962) and later on, two young grandchildren, Leanne (February 23, 1997) and Thomas (July 14, 1999). Brenda has served the school bus driving profession well over the last 25 years and Leanne works in a daycare, continuously keeping up with the courses required. Thomas is a finished cabinet maker. Harry speaks proudly of his family, and especially talks of the little miniature horses that are still a mainstay at his daughter's farm.

After first being married, Harry & Mary lived with Harry's brother for a few years before buying a house on the Island in Almonte. Mary was at this time teaching in Almonte. A few years later they headed to Ottawa where they rented an apartment for \$110/month and Harry went to work driving for Taggart Construction. It was here Brenda was born and Mary soon thereafter hired a babysitter once securing a permanent position with Canada Post where she remained for the rest of her career (25 years). A move next to the Meadowlands area in Ottawa brought with it a warning from Harry's boss. Cut the drinking! Brenda was about 8 years old at this time, Mary had already searched out and was attending Al-Anon, before Harry eventually joined AA. (As a footnote, Harry will be 50 years sober on the 15th of September, a proud moment indeed.)

Harry for years was involved with the commercial horse (light horse) industry, owning 4 of them. Brenda, he said, as a young girl loved the horses and spent a lot of time at her Uncle Russell Turner's farm, again a family with strong horse connections. When Brenda got older and married, Harry sold the commercial horses and got involved with the miniatures, buying 4 from George Graham of Almonte. The deal was made that there were two of them that were never to be sold (those horses are around 18-19 years old and the other team range about 12 years of age).

The Commercial horses as well as the miniatures were a regular entrant at the local fairs as well as sometimes heading to the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) prior to Covid. Harry recalls coming home from the CNE on a Friday night, leaving for Shawville Fair on a Saturday morning and then coming later that same weekend to the fair in Perth - this was normal during fair season. The comradery, the living in camper trailers and sometimes even hotel rooms, was all part of the fun of the horse folk.

The Poole's also enjoyed many trips away including Florida, out to Western Canada, the Dominican Republic and numerous AA conferences in Montreal and Toronto.

Harry attended the South Mountain Fair this past weekend and spoke of the work still behind the show even though it had changed over the years, mostly due to the high cost of insurance for shows with the heavy horse class. There was a machinery show, a rodeo, a tractor pull, a small horse show and a couple of people with minis – all good fun and entertainment.

After a back operation, Harry had retired and took a job at the condo they had just bought in Bells Corners. He spent 25 years at that maintenance job at the condo and also served on the condo Board. When his daughter moved to Kemptville, Harry & Mary decided to move to the area too to be closer. Unfortunately, after a few years, Mary started spending time in and out of the hospital and so it was decided to move to Almonte, to Orchard View by the Mississippi, almost 3 years ago.



Harry admits he was angry when they arrived here; he didn't want to move here – he had been happy with his life cutting the grass, seeing his friends down at the coffee shop, However after 4-5 months, Harry soon settled in. Mary's condition worsened after the first year she passed in January 2023.

At first Harry thought he'd move on somewhere else, but when he saw the care Mary had received and especially at the end of her life, he said "I can't move".

Harry firmly believes that Harry couldn't have been Harry without Mary; Mary set him up for success!

A funny little story was shared with the greatest of love and admiration for Mary and her wit, as he said. They'd been out for a drive one Sunday afternoon recently after coming to Orchard View by the Mississippi to live. Part way they stopped up the road, as there was an old oak tree and a suggestion had been made that they stop and create some more memories. But, said one, "we'll miss dinner!"



Keep on



Highlights
from Monica's
103rd Birthday
Dog Parade!

Smiling



Employee of the Month - Anna Saunders

Congratulations Anna on being awarded employee of the month for September!

Anna is one of wonderful PSW's in the Nursing Department. Anna is kind, patient, always willing to help with other departments and in the Nursing Department. Anna always wants to spend extra time with Residents and we can't thank her enough for that. Congratulations An-

Special Events in September

September 6th Back to School
Spelling Bee Along with Back to
School Week

September 9th Parkinson's
Superwalk

September 10th Grandparents
Day

September 12th Chocolate
Milkshake Day

September 17th Vendemmia

September 20th Tie Dye Day

Laugh out Loud with Orchard View

Where do you find a dog with no legs?
Right where you left him!

What do you call a fish with no eyes?
A fsh.

What do you call a deer with no eyes?
No eye-deer.

What do you get if you cross a pie and a snake?
A pie-thon.

Where do sheep go on vacation?
The Baaa-hamas.

Why do birds fly?
It's faster than walking.

Testimonial ~ Aline King (Resident)

I have just celebrated my first year of residing at Orchard View, and I am most pleased with my decision. My husband passed away in 2019 and shortly after, the world was turned upside down by Covid. My loneliness became overwhelming, affecting my general health. I was familiar with Orchard View, enthralled by the architecture, especially the atrium with it's large fish pond. (Having moved in) Now I share meals

Open Activities

- ~ Bistro ~ Puzzle Tables ~ Joe on Piano
- ~ Wellness Centre Bike and Walking Bars
- ~ Adult Colouring ~ Bingo
- ~ Social Distanced Bingo with Joanna and Friends
- ~ Massage Chairs (Wellness Centre/2nd Floor Lounge/3rd Floor Lounge)
- ~ Library ~ Weekly Bus Outings
- ~ Tuck Shop ~ Scrabble
- ~ Church Services / Rosary Prayers
- ~ Fitness classes on Main & 3rd with Almonte Physio

Volunteers are always appreciated...

Do you enjoy giving back to the community? Do you want to feel invested in the lives of others? Do you enjoy making a difference in the lives of Seniors?

Become a volunteer at Orchard View by the Mississippi! Whether you enjoy arts and crafts, trivia, knitting, musical entertainment or walking we have a place for you!



Parkinson's Superwalk with Resident Araina



ON **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH**, ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS, ARAINA CLARK, WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE PARKINSON CANADA SUPERWALK TO RAISE MONEY FOR PARKINSON CANADA, WHOSE MISSION IS TO TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH PARKINSON'S. ARAINA AND HER HUSBAND GORD WILL BE WALKING AT ORCHARD VIEW.

PARKINSON CANADA FUNDS CRITICAL RESEARCH, PROVIDES INFORMATION AND SUPPORT, INCREASES AWARENESS AND ADVOCATES FOR IMPROVED HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH PARKINSON'S ACROSS CANADA.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT ARAINA IN HER SUPERWALK PARTICIPATION, YOU CAN LEAVE A CASH OR CHEQUE DONATION WITH THE ORCHARD VIEW RECEPTION DESK OR GO TO THE SUPERWALK WEBSITE – WWW.SUPERWALK.CA AND MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION BY CLICKING ON “DONATE” AND THEN “DONATE TO A WALKER” AND ENTERING ARAINA’S NAME. TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR ALL DONATIONS OF \$20 OR MORE.



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VENDEMMIA OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 17th 2023

1:00-3:00PM

*** Tours**

*** Grape Stomping**

*** Great Food & Drinks**

*** Live Entertainment with Duo OZ**

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