

# PRITCHARD NEWS

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## 2011 REUNION

The 2011 reunion will be held on Sunday, July 10th, 2011 at the home of Dave and Wendy Gurney.

Directions are as follows:

- 1 Take 417 to **Eagleson Rd.** Head south on Eagleson until you reach Richmond Rd (approx 16km). Turn right onto **Richmond.**
- 2 Continue into Richmond, passing the Richmond nursery on your left, until you come to the next stoplight, with the Arena and Bakery on your right. At the light turn left onto **McBean St.**
- 3 Head three blocks south on McBean passing through the light at the Public school. Just before the bridge turn right on **Strachan St.**
- 4 Dave and Wendy are at 108 Strachan, the last house on the left. There is an empty lot across the street from their home, please feel free to park there.

## THE 2010 REUNION

The 2010 Reunion was held at the home of Barbara and Werner Layer in Alcove, Quebec.. As always the weather was beautiful sunny and warm. Lunch was served at noon with tables set up in shady spot along what remains of the fence separating the Layer home and the Pritchard Homestead. Folks found places to eat out of the sun, including some spots over at the homestead. There was a good mix of ages with Harlin Kelly-Layer being the youngest in attendance while Russell Pritchard of Kingston was our most senior. Russell and his son Dr. Bruce Pritchard also travelled the furthest to attend.

At the business meeting President David Pritchard commented on the warm weather and noted that God had sent heavy rains earlier in the summer to wash away the laneways of residences of Alcove, and deposit the gravel nicely on his beach down by the river. So everyone who was interested was invited to go for a swim.

A letter was read from Mary Vanstone of Winnipeg Manitoba who had recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, the family returned the kindness by having everyone sign a Birthday card for her. The card of

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In reply to the card sent from the reunion Mary Vanstone was kind enough to send us this picture taken at her 100th birthday party in May of 2010.

course was late since Mary's birthday was May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, but after waiting 100 years to turn 100, waiting a couple extra months for a Birthday card hopefully wasn't too taxing! Mary is the daughter of the Late Mary Elizabeth "Eliza" Pritchard and William Rufus Vanstone. Mary Elizabeth was the daughter of Samuel Pritchard the son of James Pritchard the son of James and Judith Pritchard. Also, at the business meeting the passing of Lois McGiffin was noted, a memorial was to be held for Lois on July 12<sup>th</sup>, at South Minister, at the corner of Bank and Sunnyside in Ottawa.

Matthew and Heidi Easey once again kindly ran the games for the children. Thank you to Barbara and Werner Layer for use of their home, and to Cheryl Layer for serving as hostess.

## CEMETERY CLEANUP

**2011:** Cemetery Cleanup, will be held on Saturday, **May 28th**— the Saturday following the May long weekend. We start around **9:30 am**. Extra lawn mowers/weed cutters are always helpful. If you need directions please contact Sondra.(613) 821-2721 or Craig Dillabaugh (819) 827-8215.(cdillaba@connect.carleton.ca)

**2010:** We had a small but dedicated group turn out for the cemetery clean-up, on a pleasant breezy morning. Those out to lend a hand included Cheryl and Barbara Layer, Derlin, Sondra, Craig, Kristie, Eden and Vaughn Dillabaugh, and Barrie and Susan Pritchard. Despite the low turn out everything looked neat and tidy by the end.

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## GENEALOGY INFORMATION

Those seeking to find, or provide, information about the family tree, please contact Barrie at:

*[hb.pritchard@sympatico.ca](mailto:hb.pritchard@sympatico.ca)*

A lot of interesting Pritchard information is available on our "Pritchard and Related Families" web site:

*<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pritchards/>*

## FAMILY NEWS BIRTHS/DEATHS

### Births

**Grace Hélène Tyo**, daughter of Courtney (nee Pritchard) & Robert Tyo. Born Tuesday, March 15th, 2011, weighing in at 6lbs 14oz, 52cm long. First grandchild of Barrie & Sue Pritchard and 12th great grandchild of Russell Gordon Pritchard.

### Deaths

**PRITCHARD, Ruth Hildred** of Toronto, ON passed away at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre on September, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in her 93<sup>rd</sup> year. Ruth was the eldest daughter of Sam and Myrtle Pritchard of Arnprior, ON. Interment at Albert St Cemetery, Arnprior ON.

**THOMPSON, James Irving (Bing)** Veteran WWII, Proud member Royal Canadian Engineers. Peacefully on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at age of 92 years. Beloved husband of the late Mary Pritchard, the late Kay Mitchell and dear friend of the late Betty Reeves. Loving father of James (Brenda) of Kanata, and David (Christine) of Calgary. Cherished Grandpa of Neally-Anne, Rebecca (Kyle), Heather and great-grandfather of Tyler and Xander.

**Joy Kathleen McIvor, Pritchard/Colpitts** (1923-2010), daughter of Ivor and Emelitta McIvor passed away peaceful on April 7, 2010 in Abbotsford, BC. Her daughter Maureen Davidson was by her side. Joy married Fred Pritchard and they settled in Taber, Alberta where they started their family: Jay, Maureen, Joanne, Brian and Murray were born. They moved to Lethbridge where Fred was the City Solicitor and practiced law for many years. Joy was an active member of the Lethbridge Community enjoying her involvement with McKillop United Church, CGIT leader, Lethbridge Therapeutic Riding Association, Lethbridge Liberal Constituency and numerous

theatrical productions with Our Town Workshops as a director. She was predeceased by her parents Ivor and Emelitta McIvor and her husband Fred Pritchard in 1985. In 2000 she remarried to a long time family friend Earl Colpitts. Joy and Earl relocated to Abbotsford and eventually to Chilliwack BC where they spent 10 wonderful years together. Joy was a wonderful and gracious lady who will be missed by her family and many friends. One of her favourite quotes, which we found in several of her address books and hymn book : "Shared Joy is double Joy, Shared Sorrow is Half Sorrow.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

The Pritchard News has a new email address for anyone who has information (or inquires) to pass along **[pritchard.news@gmail.com](mailto:pritchard.news@gmail.com)**. You may also contact Craig Dillabaugh by phone (819) 827-8215, or mail to: 6 Ch. Summit, Chelsea, Quebec, Canada, J9B 2B1, You can also try Sondra Dillabaugh (613) 821-2721.

## UPHILL BOTH WAYS

The following story was contributed by Nevenka Pritchard.

I would like everyone to know that our family has been raising money through our charity (which was started by my two daughter Janelle & Kristina) Uphill Both Ways Educational and Relief Fund and building schools in Nepal. Janelle opened her first school addition this past April and furnished 500 local village children with backpacks and school supplies. She is in the process of breaking ground for a complete new school in a remote village in Nepal and has met with village elders on the project. In addition to the schools, Janelle is working with a local professor in developing water filtration system that can be easily built in remote areas. This will be a tremendous benefit in preventing deaths caused by contaminated water. It's amazing what young, determined and empathetic young people can do. Another accolade for the Pritchard name. Any donations to the project will be a blessing. You can see the project on You Tube, just be careful which Uphill Both Ways video you watch, ones about a nasty fighter.