

Evergreen tribute - 2018 - Dave & Edna Good



Good morning everyone, what a beautiful day.

My name is Matthew Good and my family and I are here today at Evergreen Avenue to honour our parents Dave and Edna Good as long-time active members in the Smiths Falls community.

Our Dad was a proud WW2 veteran. In 1940, he left his home in North Gower to enlist in the RCAF. He served overseas for the duration of the war stationed in England with the

“Moose” Squadron 419 as an Air Frame Mechanic.

After the war, he came to work in Smiths Falls as an apprentice Sheet Metal Worker through the Armed Forces Rehabilitation Programme. Subsequently founding Briscoe and Good Plumbers & Tinsmiths which soon became Dave Good Plumbing and Heating, servicing Smiths Falls until his retirement in 1984. If your home is still heated by oil today, you’d probably be one of the only houses in town where Dad had not crawled around in your basement to replace your furnace.

Dad became involved in many community activities throughout his career. This included the Lion’s Club, the Hospital Auxiliary, the cemetery board, as well as the Smiths Falls Waterworks where he served as Commissioner in 1981-82. As a member of the Smiths Falls Historical Society, he was instrumental in getting the Bascule Bridge declared a National Historic site in 2002.

When Dad first came to town, he joined the St John’s Anglican Church Young People’s Association. This is where he met our mother, Edna McKinnon. They both became very active members of the Anglican church community. Together Mom and Dad built their home here in Smiths Falls after getting married in 1950 and raised their three children on Jasper Avenue.

Mom, the daughter of a local railroader, was a native to Smiths Falls and spend her entire life active in the community. She was involved for years in Smiths Falls Little Theatre leading many productions. Including directing our Dad in the role of “second dead man” in one of the local plays. She contributed her time to several organizations including the Smiths Falls Housing Authority, Heart and Stroke Foundation, and she acted as treasurer for the Smiths Falls Public Library.

But most significant was her role as founding member and President of the Lanark District Association for the Mentally Retarded. At a time when institutionalization was the norm, Mom dedicated herself to improve of quality of life and promote integration of the mentally disabled into the community. This legacy continues to this day with a strong Community Living Association and Life Skills program right here in town.

Mom and Dad lived out their retirement years here in Smiths Falls, and were even involved with the beginnings of the Evergreen Avenue project. With this legacy, we feel it's very fitting and we are proud and honored to lay this memorial stone here today.