

George and Phyllis Lemay

Good morning. I am Faye Code, daughter of George and Phyllis Lemay. On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the town officials for the opportunity to provide a short history of my parents lives as residents of the Town of Smiths Falls.

Mom and Dad met at a New Year's Party in Smiths Falls in 1943. On February 17, 1943 they were married. They resided in Smiths Falls most of their married lives raising a family of 8 children. Mom and Dad celebrated 52 years of marriage before Dad died in 1995.

Our Dad was a man of mechanical talent. Dad first worked in Smiths Falls for Frost and Woods where he suffered a severe shoulder injury. Since he could no longer work in the plant, he worked in the military running errands on a motorcycle and as a chauffeur for military personnel. When the war ended, he started his career with A.J. Clark Construction. During his tenure of many years with A.J. Clark, he worked in construction as a labourer as well as operating and maintaining heavy equipment such as bulldozers, backhoes and cranes. Dad obtained his Hoisting Engineers Licence while working for Mr. Clark. In 1967, Dad was the man operating the crane to mount "the Yellow Peril" Harvard airplane that is currently in the park!! He felt very privileged and was proud to participate in such an event. Throughout Dad's career, Parks Canada also called on Dad, from time to time, to maneuver a crane for the purpose of removing and installing the heavy doors on the locks. Dad changed employment in the late 60's to work at Burke's Ignition as a mechanic. In the mid 70's, Dad attended Algonquin College in Perth to attain his Class A Mechanics Licence thus enabling him to open his own business "Lemay & Sons Garage".

As the saying goes - behind every good man is a good woman. Mom was home raising her children. Once the youngest child, Danny, started school, Mom joined the work force. Mom operated the canteen at RCA Victor for Camco Enterprises.

Throughout their working life and in their retirement, both parents enjoyed memberships and events at the RCAF Hall, the Legion and the Catholic Church in Smiths Falls. They had many friends that enjoyed their same interests, such as dancing, playing cards and games of dart.

Since most of George and Phyllis Lemay's children, still call Smiths Falls "home", and with Dad's little bit of history with the plane and Parks Canada, the family felt Victoria Park was the ideal location to place a memorial stone for our parents.

Thank you

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