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Canada Day!*

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## Resident of the Month: Jean More

Written by: Linda Dryer (daughter)

My mother, Jean More, was born in July 1930 in what she often describes as a “beautiful square timber home” in Galbraith, Lanark Township. As with all 8 children (4 boys and 4 girls) in the family, she was born at home with the assistance of Dr. Metcalfe (her great uncle) and her grandmother Jean (Watt) Metcalfe who was a skilled midwife. Born to Florence (Munro) and James H. Watt and married to Logan More—she is related to “everyone” in the Ottawa valley

Despite hardships, they were a close family and neighbourhood. Everyone gravitated to and was welcomed at the Watt’s home. They shared all of the little they had. Apples were often the food of choice while playing cards. Jean’s dad was a “caller” of dances so the young Jean learned to love dancing!

Getting to school involved a snowy walk through the bush. She loved school and was successful; however, when her mother had heart problems after birth of the youngest, Jean stayed home to help.

Then at 16 years old she went to work “in town” in Almonte; first as maid/cook to a wealthy family, then at Rosamond Woolen Mill as a spinner.

Later on, she was employed as a homemaker in the original Almonte Rosamond Hospital. She had fascinating stories of her tasks aside from cleaning that included removing parts from the surgery rooms and being instructed to watch the sterilization of surgical instruments. Jean exuded such capability that one nurse offered to pay for her to become a nurse. Jean turned down the offer, knowing she would care and worry too much about each patient.

Around this time, she caught the eye of my dad, Logan More of Ramsay. He did not like to go to dances but because Jean went to dances, he learned to dance.

After years of courting, they married in 1951. Logan was a crane operator, mechanic, and expert welder, and this was at a time when huge projects were being built in Ontario such as highways, bridges and the seaway. They followed the demands of the work, moving around Ontario with their silver trailer and first baby girl, Donna, in tow. When Logan was offered work in Toronto, he declined. Jean and Logan were on the same page: they loved trees, land and rural people. And Logan loved blasting the rock!

When I, Linda, was born, the family moved to a house on Water St. Jean capably took on tasks inside and out while Logan worked away from home. The neighbourhood of children (40, including 5 next door cousins) were often in our yard. Mom loved being a stay-at-home mom and all the children on the street benefited. In later years, my parents were often told they were considered second parents. Everyone was always welcome to drop in and both Jean and Logan were so generous and hospitable. The house was full of love, music, reading and laughter!

In 1970 or thereabouts, when both Donna and I were going to university, Jean told Logan that she had to prepare for the inevitable empty nest. So, she took a job at Stedman's store in Ladies Wear in Almonte. Thus, for over 13 years she became part of the downtown and acquainted with every person and generation in the area. Again, promotion was offered to "head girl" but she opted to serve customers. Jean's son in law nicknamed her "mayor" because she knew everyone she met on the street by name, old and young.

When dad retired as Ramsay Township Road Superintendent, he went to full-time farming the 150-acre homestead which they had bought years before from Grandma More. Once again mom jumped in! Leaving her beloved Water St. house and neighbourhood, she renovated the 11 room farmhouse one summer in 1987.

Not long after, she became one of the first to rent a stall at the new Almonte Farmers' market organized by Don Stewart. She picked all kinds of berries for her pies and sold everything they produced. This included eggs, chicken, turkey, geese, beef, syrup, honey etc. A hard worker and shrewd saleswoman, she was a success, bought a car and saved the rest! To keep her social life alive after she retired from the Market, I suggested she volunteer at the Hub, a position she held for 14 years until she was almost 90.

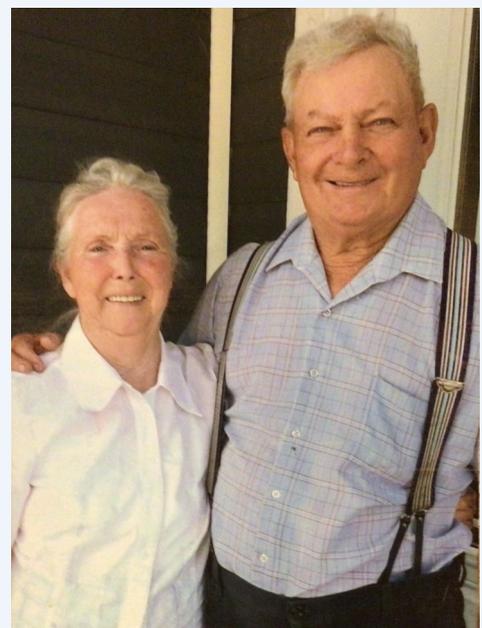
As Logan's health was failing, they made plans to move into the new Orchard View in October 2016. They had sold their farm in 2010 and had rented a bungalow in Almonte. Surprisingly, Logan went along with Jean's wisdom. He just wanted to know if he could take their little tree, he had bought her as a gift which now grows 5 ft high in Jean's suite. Jean and Logan embraced residents, staff, meals, music and fun at Orchard View.

In fact, they celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in November 2016! Memorably, Bernie Costello played on Joe's grand piano while old and new friends and family met, ate and danced. On Valentine's Day 2017 much to their surprise, a renewal of vows ceremony was orchestrated by Michael for married couples at Orchard View.

Always the joker, Logan said, "This is the last time I am going to say vows."

Jean said to herself, "I'll only say my vows if he does!"

They always had a lot of humour in their married life together. Both of them loved to laugh and have fun and Jean spoke of what a wonderful husband and father Logan was. Logan passed away soon after on April 21, 2017. However, Jean is very grateful to God for her long, happy marriage with Logan and almost 92 years of life. She always loved to dance, help people and keep busy and has no regrets in her life. She talked about how much she appreciates the pleasant residents and staff at Orchard View and the wonderful building, especially through COVID, and how grateful and content she is to be here.



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# On Smiling



## Employee of the Month - Nancy Dupuis

Congratulations to Nancy for being nominated as July's employee of the month! Nancy has been working at the front desk for a few months now and has fallen into the stride of things with gusto. She has been a wonderful asset to reception. She is hard working, energetic, takes initiative and is a great team player. Nancy is positive and will go the extra mile. Keep up the fantastic work, Nancy!

## Testimonial

How do you achieve such a relaxing home?

It starts with the philosophy of coming here to live life to it's fullest. Bringing nature in and the open concept provides lots of benefits that nature has to offer.

Welcoming residents. We all know the "lost look" from a new resident and stop to help and invite them to whatever is going on.

Our staff care deeply about the residents. You will often hear "they are like my grandparents and I treat them as such!" Together it sets the stage for a successful home.

## Laugh out Loud with Orchard View

Do fish go on vacation?

No, because they're always in school.

Where do sharks go on vacation?

Finland

A retired man volunteers to entertain patients in assisted living homes and hospitals. He visited one hospital in Brooklyn and brought along his portable keyboard. After telling jokes and singing songs at patient's bedsides, he said farewell and, "I hope you get better." One elderly gentlemen replied, "I hope you get better too."

Three old guys are out walking. The first one says, "Windy, isn't it?"

The second one says, "No, its Thursday."

The third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

## Open Activities

~ Bistro ~ Puzzle Tables

~ Wellness Centre Bike and

Walking Bars

~ Joe on the Piano ~ Adult Colouring

~ Social Distanced Bingo with

Joanna and Friends

~ Massage Chairs (Wellness Centre/ 3rd Floor Lounge)

~ Docking Station for phone calls or Video Calls on the computer

~ Library ~ Tuck Shop

~ Church Services / Rosary Prayer

~ Fitness classes on first, second and third floors with Almonte Physio

The Classic Theatre  
Festival Presents

# THE FOURPOSTER

A marital comedy by  
Jan de Hartog

**Thursday in August  
(exact date TBD)  
Bus leaves at noon.  
Show is at 1:30 pm**

**Sign up at reception if you  
are interested as we need to  
reserve tickets early July**

Arts Court Theatre  
2 Daly Avenue

Tickets cost \$35.36. Sophia  
will collect money and reserve  
tickets

### JoJo's Did You Know

- Did you know that the world's smallest country, Vatican City was made an enclave of Rome in February 1929.
- Did you know that the secret of finding meaning in your life is to make a choice, take action, and do something
- God saw a need and considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise



*Happy*  
**CANADA**  
*Day*

**July 1st at 2:00-4:00 pm**

**Come join us for our OVM Canada Day Olympics! Residents and staff are encouraged to wear red and white and participate or watch the Olympics: a series of team games and competitions with some Canadian refreshments and musical entertainment after, at 3:00 pm. Weather permitting, we will be outside on the dining room patio.**