

## Memorial 1995

### Marion GOODENOUGH

Marion met her husband Joe at Aldershot. He had lived and worked in Canada after emigrating from England in the 30's. He had signed up as soon as Britain entered the war. His posting back to England allowed him to see his family again -- and to meet Marion. They were married in England and two of their children were born there during the war.



THEN

"I was born in Hull, England in 1919. As a very young girl I worked in my Auntie' and Uncle's store until it was bombed."

"During the war, I remember the sirens going when I was working at the store. The 'all clear' didn't sound until three o'clock in the morning. It was pitch dark and raining. My uncle said he would walk with me to the end of the long street. Then I had to walk on my own quite a long way. My umbrella had a long sharp point at the top when opened. It was very windy so I had the umbrella partly down in front of my face. Suddenly I realized I had stuck my point into a man's chest. I apologized -- but I never forgot that night."

"In July, 1941, I was then conscripted into the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes (NAAFI) and was posted to Aldershot to work in the canteen. I remember as I left Hull shaking hands with my Mother and Father. My Mother said, "You are the first of the chain to be broken."

"My brother was the next of the family to go into the service, at the age of 18. He was in the Fleet Air Arm. My sister was next and she went into the Land Army."

"I remember the celebrations of the end of World war II. Bonfires were lit in the streets. My father came into the house and said, 'Go outside and bring your mother in.' I said, 'Why?' He said, 'She is going crazy dancing around the bonfire.' She would not come in. Later, we went to the city centre. There were crowds of people. We met Aunts and Cousins, neighbours and friends. Just so pleased to see peace at last!"

Joe was sent back to Canada in August, 1946. With the two children, Marion followed in November. With one thing and another, Marion did not arrive in Carleton Place until just before Christmas.

"Joe had rented a farmhouse near Richmond, and had some furniture - two beds, a sideboard, a few dishes, a table and chairs. When I asked where the bathroom was, Joe lit a lantern, and I was horrified to discover that I had to go throughout woodshed and outside to use the outhouse."



NOW

The following spring, 1947, Joe and Marion bought a farm through the Veterans' Land Act. Building a life in rural Canada was hard work but the family (with an addition of a son) persevered. Even though neighbours in those days helped each other with everything, life in early post-war Canada could be a very lonely life.

"I didn't get back to England until 1968 and I never saw my mother again after leaving in November 1946. All those years between 1946 and 1968 I never saw anyone I'd known in my youth."



2016: Marion passed away on November 11, 2015 in her 97<sup>th</sup> year.

She was predeceased by her husband Joe, son Terence and grandson Tom Lawrence.

Marion is survived by her loving daughter Hazel Lawrence (late Kirk) and son Art, daughter-in-law Eunice; grandchildren Charlie (Christine) Kelly, Roger (Bonnie), Mark (Dawn), Laura (Andrew) and Erin. She leaves 11

great grandchildren