

Decoration Day

Union Cemetery, Pakenham



Sunday, August 12th, 2018

2:00pm.

The PAKENHAM PASTORAL CHARGE
P.O. Box 224, Pakenham, ON K0A 2X0
St. Andrew's United, August Services at 9:30 am
Minister: Jeff de Jonge
St. Andrew's Music Director: Tony Stuart

Welcome – John Stewart Jr.

Call to Worship

Coming here to this place each year serves as a reminder.

**We certainly remember those who have left this life before us
and with whom we are personally connected.**

We remember again the significance of this place for our community
and the contributions of those who went before us.

We recognized that we owe gratitude to these individuals.

With gratitude and a responsibility to those who will come after us,
we maintain this place and preserve the connections made
possible here.

**Together, we seek to nurture our gratitude and to
acknowledge our responsibility.**

Opening Hymn: “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair?

Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,

and we'll find new courage there.

Opening Prayer:

Holy presence, we are here thinking of those dear to us,
who left this life before us.
We marvel at the mysteries of life – the cycle of life – and we
humbly assert our understandings and our trusts.
In that faith we honour those who went before us, and even affirm
our continued connection and shared future.
In the presence of these graves, deep feelings can emerge;
guide us so that such feelings can stir us to positive action
in our personal lives and in our community.
We make our prayer through him who died and showed us that life
continues – Jesus the Christ. AMEN.

Presentation of the Offering (in support of cemetery upkeep)

Special Music: Doug Russell

Sung Blessing

We give you what you own, whate'er our gift might be,
For all we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

Stones in our Cemetery: Jean McCann

Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus: Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur

And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze
When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Reflection

In Memoriam

<i>Kathleen Anne Hudson (Snedden)</i>	August 25, 2017
<i>Orville Badham Wilson M.D.</i>	November 17, 2017
<i>Russell Lesway</i>	March 5, 2018
<i>Margarete Gertrud Sauerman (Drescher)</i>	April 4, 2018
<i>Keith Elliott Moffatt</i>	April 17, 2018
<i>William Prescott Pierce</i>	April 29, 2018
<i>Mary Margaret Griffith (Heney)</i>	June 17, 2018
<i>Elsie Harriet Compbell (Lowe)</i>	July 1, 2018
<i>Gordon Russell Blair Andrews</i>	July 24, 2018

(interments or inurnments here in Union Cemetery in the past year)

Special Music: Doug Russell

Commissioning

Song for the Journey Walk With Me (2 times),
Walk with me I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines though

Please remain for refreshments following the service.

Participants in this Decoration Day Service

Speaker: Angela Giles
Pianist: Tony Stuart

Special Music: Doug Russell

Preparation of Featured Grave information: Keith McCann

FEATURED GRAVE

JEAN CLARISSA (STEWART) MCCANN – Oct 22nd 1898- Jan 1st 1947

Jean Clarissa Stewart was born at Goshen, Ontario, the eldest of nine children of Andrew and Jean (Early) Stewart. Two boys died in infancy: James in 1912 and Gordon in 1917. Jean grew up in Goshen, McNab Township, where her parents operated the only general store and the local post office. The new railway station of the recently completed Ottawa-Parry Sound railroad was also in their care. Jean attended School Section (S.S.) #3 McNab and Renfrew Collegiate Institute. In 1918 the family moved from Goshen to Fitzroy Township near Kinburn.

Jean graduated from Ottawa Normal School in 1917 and taught for 8 years until 1925 at S.S. #2 Ross, #2 Fitzroy and #2 Pakenham. During this time she lived on the farm on the 3rd line of Fitzroy where the family moved in 1918. With her teacher's salary she was able to assist her oldest brother John with his education at McGill School of Medicine in Montreal where he graduated in 1925.

On October 22nd, 1925, she married Allan McCann, the only son of Thomas McCann and Sarah Dean in Arnprior. Allan was a garage operator in Pakenham and they set up their household there in the village. They had two sons, Stewart born in 1926 and Keith in 1932. They lived for a time on Isabella St. next to St. Mark's Anglican Church. With the closure in the early 30's of the car dealership in the building next to the garage, Allan undertook extensive renovations at a cost of \$400 to convert the showroom into a home. Allan, Jean and their two boys, Stewart and Keith, moved into the Graham St. house in 1935. Grandma Stewart was impressed with the "picture window" which still graces the front of the house.

Jean's father Andrew passed away from pneumonia on April 15th, 1938, and is buried in Goshen cemetery.

In addition to being a much loved, and loving daughter, sister, wife and mother, for years Jean taught classes in Sunday School, was a valued member of the Women's Association and gave unstintingly of her time

and talents to the work of the Women's Missionary Society. Besides holding various offices in the local auxiliary she was well known through Renfrew Presbyterial through her work as Mission Band secretary. With such efficiency, love and devotion did she fill this office that she was dearly beloved by all those who had contact with her and especially members of the executive. Her contribution to the work of the Presbyterial was so outstanding that after completing her term of office she was asked to occupy the same office in the Branch which she did until forced to resign due to ill health.

Unfortunately the ill health was cancer. After a long battle including at least two surgeries, hospitalizations and suffering she succumbed at home in the early morning of New Year's Day, January 1st, 1947. The church was filled to capacity for her funeral on January 3rd.

Understandably the family was devastated. She was survived by her husband Allan, her sons Stewart and Keith, her mother Mrs. Andrew Stewart of Pakenham, one sister Miss Helen Stewart Reg.N. of Northampton Mass. and five brothers: Dr. John (Lena Osgoode) of Bellow's Falls Vermont, Barclay (Maude Blewett) of Kinburn, Dr. William (Elsie Lange) of Watervleit N.Y., Arthur (Elsa Stewart) of Almonte, Lloyd (Charlotte Bole) of Kinburn and many nieces and nephews.

Jean's mother, also named Jean, passed away on January 21st, 1961 and is interred with her husband Andrew in Goshen cemetery.

Stewart entered the auto repair business with his Dad in 1945 at age 19 and spent his career there. Allan never really got over the loss and died on October 3rd, 1978. He and Jean are both buried in the family plot in the Union Cemetery in Pakenham.

On December 19th, 1957 Stewart married Alice Andrews. They had two sons Thomas and Robert who attended Algonquin College studying auto mechanics. They both worked with Stewart and when he retired they took over the family garage business. Tom married Angela Pirc on October 14, 1989 and they have two children, Ethan and Hilary. Rob married Carmel Ryan on April 14, 1994 and they have four children,

Katie, Andrew, Clara and Colin. They are all residing in Pakenham. Alice died on December 13th, 2006.

Keith made a career with CP Rail from 1951 to 1993. On June 29th 1957 Keith married Pierrette Denis in Vankleek Hill. Pierrette died in 1981 of a heart attack. They had one daughter Shirley, who married Peter Haltiner on May 16, 1992 in Beaconsfield and they have two children, Shawn and Andrea. They currently reside in Kanata.

Sadly Jean did not live to know her daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and they were robbed of her love and companionship.

A temporary marker with a picture of the family has been placed at the grave for today's service.

DONATIONS TO UNION CEMETERY, Pakenham

Over the years, our Cemetery has been the beneficiary of many generous gifts, which have been used for the general upkeep and beautification of this site. As a result of this generosity, special projects such as the acquisition of additional property, the erection of new fencing and gates; the development of the Memorial Gardens and flower beds; the placement of permanent park benches; the restoration of antique headstones, and the planting of additional trees have all become realities. Without such generosity, none of these special projects would have been possible.

To facilitate the donation process and to enhance the long term financial health of Pakenham Union Cemetery, the Cemetery Committee has approved the following policy:

- donations under \$1000 are placed in the Cemetery's general account;
- donations over \$1000 are placed in a special TRUST account from which the Committee may only access the interest;
- the donor's name will be printed at the first opportunity in the Cemetery Service Bulletin unless the donor advises otherwise; and

- income tax receipts are issued for donations over \$25
For online donations to the Pakenham Union Cemetery please send your electronic transfers to the following email address: 1. unioncemeterypakenham@gmail.com

2. For the "Security Question" use – Famous Pakenham ice cream stand?

3. With "Answer" – scoops.

If you prefer a different Security Question then please contact John Nightingale (Secretary & Treasurer, Pakenham Union Cemetery) by phone (6123-296-6805) or by email (john.nightingale88@gmail.com).

DO NOTE: Flowers placed in the cemetery for Decoration Day will be removed prior to the next grass cutting.

Gratitude is extended to Grass Roots Lawn Service and Elise Perron for their efforts beautifying the grounds, as well as Gordon Burgess for his expertise with interments.

The Featured Stone for 2019 will be

St. Andrew's United Church's Union Cemetery Officers

Chair: David Blair

General Manager: Candace Stewart

Secretary-Treasurer: John Nightingale

Trustees: Ritchie Argue, Drew Blair, Jennifer Blair, Stewart McCann, Rob McCann, Colin Russell, John Stewart Jr, Jim Whyte, David Wilson and Jeff de Jonge (to Aug. 31); Bill Checkly (from Sep. 1)