



Agnes Lauwereys

September 21, 2015

Agnes Mary Lauwereys, a resident of Wallaceburg, passed away Monday, September 21, 2015, at C.K.H.A. in Chatham at the age of 91. Born in 1924 in Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of the late John and Nancy Stewart and sister to the late John Harrity of Australia. Warbride of the late Casey Lauwereys. Dear mother and mother-in-law to John (Rose), Angela DeBlaere (Jim), Charlie (Betty), Lee Janisse (John) and Heather Fitzpatrick (Kevin). Loving grandmother of Dona, Brandi (Pat), Christy, (late) Rena (Richard), Dan, Jeff, Kim (Eric), Kelly (Steve), Tracy (Jay), Barry(Nicole), Casey (Lucky), Spencer (Emma), Chase (Katie), Connor and Broderick. Great grandmother to Dylan, Mitchell, Grayson, Nash, Collins and Weston. In Glasgow during WWII, threatened by falling bombs, strict rationing and nightly blackouts, Agnes found love in a young Canadian soldier. After tearful goodbyes to her family, she embarked on a long journey by ship and train to join Casey in her new country. The home sickness and culture shock of this new country was softened by a love that spanned more than six decades. They were separated in 2008 when Casey passed away. The family will receive family and friends at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg on Friday, September 25 from 2-4 and 7-9 PM. The funeral service will be held at Knox Presbyterian Church, 251 Duncan Street, Wallaceburg on Saturday, September 26 at 10 AM. Interment in Riverview Cemetery, Wallaceburg. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Knox Presbyterian Church may be left at the funeral home. Online tributes may be left at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Agnes' Story....

Harrity by birth, Stewart by heart. Agnes Mary Barr Harrity was born in Glasgow, Scotland on July 8, 1924, and baby sister to 13 month old John, daughter to John and Jane Harrity. At the age of 4 years, her mother died of tuberculosis. Agnes was unofficially adopted by her mother's brother and wife, John and Nancy Stewart, calling the sweet little girl Nancy. Hence the two names you may have heard, Agnes and Nancy. The Stewarts were very kind and overjoyed to have a daughter to call their own. John, her brother, stayed with their father until their father's untimely death, 21 months later in 1930. John was raised by the Harrity side of the family. The Harrity's and Stewart's did not mingle. Agnes was raised

as an only child, not knowing she had a brother until age 13.

While living in Glasgow, Agnes worked in a candy factory (she did like her candies), delivering mail; having to trek 2 or 3 flights of stairs daily for delivery in the tenements, and during WWII, assembling gas masks.

During the war years of 1939-45, Agnes remembered being waken in the night to take cover in the bomb shelters. Glasgow was never directly bombed, but suffered along with the rest of Europe with food rationing and the troubles of war. This horrific war did have a bright side, a young Canadian lad named Casey who was serving his country in occupied Europe.

While on leave in England with another soldier, Casey decided he was not going to give up his bar stool to another chap who wanted it. Casey didn't stay too long after this encounter, leaving the pub with a black eye. He and his friend asked a bobby where there was a good place to go while on leave. "Go to Glasgow, boys" was the answer.

Agnes and a friend were window shopping in Glasgow and along came two young Canadian soldiers. Unknown to Agnes, Casey laid claimed to the "short one". After returning to war in occupied Europe, letters were exchanged and Casey returned to Glasgow on December 24, 1945 for their wedding. John, Agnes's only brother and sibling was present. Their wedding cake was actually meant for another wedding that never took place. Because everything was in short supply, it was a welcome contribution. Casey returned to Canada in March of 1946. In August, Agnes left everything and everyone behind to follow the man she loved.

And so begins their story.....

We salute a remarkable Mom who, for love and an uncertain future, left her home to be with her husband in a new unfamiliar country. The transition from city living to, well, no indoor plumbing and unfamiliar English words and phrases in the small town of Wallaceburg, was no small feat. Mom has always spoken nostalgically of Scotland. Riding the tram cars, holidays with her Mum and Dad, shopping with her Mum and friends. Although Scotland was the place of her birth, Canada became home. Casey and Agnes did save enough money to visit her faraway birthplace in 1958. Agnes sacrificed this trip to Scotland to instead build a new home for her family.

Agnes' Mum and Dad passed away before she was able to return to her birthplace. Contact with her brother John was lost until a letter arrived to Casey and Agnes' old

address on Forhan Street in the late 70's. John and his wife, Gaye visited Canada shortly thereafter, a highlight in Casey and Agnes's life. Agnes, Casey, brother in law Pete, and his wife Barb traveled to Australia in 1980 to visit John and his family. Agnes and Casey did eventually return to Glasgow three times in the later part of their marriage.

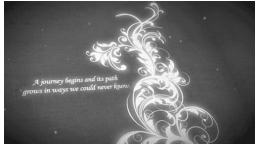
After Casey's passing in 2008, Agnes continued to reside at 49 Pine Drive, her home of 50 years but did spend winters at the Wallaceburg Sydenham Residence. Failing health and age was the determining factor in the children's decision to move their Mom full time to the residence, a decision Agnes was always mindful of, never to be forgotten!

Agnes's strength and courage, coupled with a loving husband, provided her family of five children, grandchildren and great grandchildren with a wonderful life and precious memories. What a blessing to have such a wonderful legacy to always love and cherish.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - September 29, 2015 at 11:28 AM



“ Dear Heather and Kevin (and all the Lauwereys family)

This is your cousin Tommy from Scotland - my email address is criticalsolutions@btinternet.com, and it would be good if you could get in touch.

We were sad to hear that Nancy had died - last year was probably the first year we hadn't had a Christmas card.

We have many happy memories of Nancy and Casey, both when we stayed with the family in Wallaceburg and when they were over staying with us here. We also remember our visit to Pelee Island all these years ago.

Every blessing

Tommy MacKay

Tommy MacKay - November 17, 2015 at 03:54 AM



“ 120 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - September 29, 2015 at 10:30 AM



“ Chuck and Betty: Sorry to hear about your mother's passing. Thinking of you at this sad time. Jerry and Marie Shephard

Gerald and Marie Shephard - September 29, 2015 at 08:43 AM



“ To the Lauwerys, family I am sorry to hear Aggie had passed away. Her and my father had a passion for shortbread cookies and when the cook made them at the Residence she would make a container for each of them. She was a special little lady.



Brenda Stokes - September 29, 2015 at 05:22 AM



“ Dear John and Rose, Charlie and Betty and all the family, I am truly sorry for your loss. Aggie was a fun lady! Whenever I see my rose of Sharon bushes in my yard I think of Aggie and Casey because they gave me some of theirs many years ago and now I have lots too. I love them. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Mary VanDamme - September 27, 2015 at 08:15 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss, thought and prayer to the Lauwereys family. BarrieLynn, Dave and VanLeatham family.



BarrieLynn VanLeatham - September 25, 2015 at 04:34 PM



“ Jerry & Betty Meyskens lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Jerry & Betty Meyskens - September 25, 2015 at 04:27 PM



“ My Deep Sympathy to everyone. Our Families go back a long way. Memories of many good times in our kitchens! Pat Baker



Pat Baker - September 25, 2015 at 07:34 AM



“ TO ALL THE FAMILY SINCERE SYMPATHY DURING THIS SAD TIME MARG AARSEN



MARG AARSEN - September 24, 2015 at 12:54 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family of Aunt Nancy. My prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time. Janet Cornelius

Janet Cornelius - September 24, 2015 at 12:05 PM



“ With our deepest sympathy and prayers.



Frank, Cathy Johnston & family - September 24, 2015 at 11:49 AM



“ Your Mother was a great friend and neighbour, we shared many years of happiness! Sympathy and prayers to the family.



Madeline Mac Queen - September 24, 2015 at 11:21 AM



“ Kristine Moninger lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Kristine Moninger - September 24, 2015 at 10:59 AM



“ Richard & Elaine Horner lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Richard & Elaine Horner - September 24, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ Sincere sympathy to Chuck and Betty and the Lauwereys Family.

Richard - September 24, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ Edith & Reg Lucier lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Edith & Reg Lucier - September 24, 2015 at 08:24 AM



“ Lee, Kelly and all of your families: With deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of your mom and grandma. I know she was a very special lady and all of you took such good care of her especially after your dad passed. May she enjoy being re-united with again with him. I will have you in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Denise Kellett



Denise Kellett - September 24, 2015 at 07:57 AM



“ Aimee , Rob And Dante Lombardo lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Aimee , Rob and Dante Lombardo - September 24, 2015 at 06:32 AM



“ Michele McCreary lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Michele McCreary - September 24, 2015 at 06:31 AM



“ John & Connie Pauwels lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



John & Connie Pauwels - September 24, 2015 at 06:22 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma's passing. I will keep all of you in my thoughts

Judy Bachus - September 24, 2015 at 04:15 AM



“ Wendy Nead lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Wendy Nead - September 23, 2015 at 11:18 PM



“ Blaine Armitage lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Blaine Armitage - September 23, 2015 at 10:16 PM



“ Ken & Royanne McRae lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Ken & Royanne McRae - September 23, 2015 at 09:45 PM



“ Mike And Linda Carr lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Mike and Linda Carr - September 23, 2015 at 09:32 PM



“ Jim Peterkin lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Jim Peterkin - September 23, 2015 at 09:26 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the Lauwereys Family.



Brian and Elaine Shaw - September 23, 2015 at 09:13 PM



“ Gary And Darlene Vynckier lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Gary and Darlene Vynckier - September 23, 2015 at 08:38 PM



“ John& Judy Hooper lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



John& Judy Hooper - September 23, 2015 at 06:36 PM



“ Marjory & Rick Smith lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Marjory & Rick Smith - September 23, 2015 at 06:26 PM



“ Bob And Nancy Lozon lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Bob and Nancy Lozon - September 23, 2015 at 05:51 PM



“ Our Hearts and Prayers go out to all the Family May she RIP



Gerald and Marian Turner - September 23, 2015 at 05:50 PM



“ So sorry for your loss



Sherry VanGeersdaele - September 23, 2015 at 05:34 PM



“ Christy DeBlaere sent a virtual gift in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Christy DeBlaere - September 23, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ Linda Oliveira lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Linda Oliveira - September 23, 2015 at 05:31 PM



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Christy DeBlaere - September 23, 2015 at 05:30 PM



“ MaryLou VanDaele lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



MaryLou VanDaele - September 23, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ Rose Yazbeck lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Rose Yazbeck - September 23, 2015 at 05:16 PM



“ Ruby Schram sent a virtual gift in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Ruby Schram - September 23, 2015 at 04:44 PM



“ Patti Taylor lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Patti Taylor - September 23, 2015 at 04:43 PM



“ Gary & Sharon Smith lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Gary & Sharon Smith - September 23, 2015 at 04:41 PM



“ Ralph And Linda Belanger lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Ralph and Linda Belanger - September 23, 2015 at 03:30 PM



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Kevin Fitzpatrick - September 23, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ Carlene And Bob lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Carlene and Bob - September 23, 2015 at 01:22 PM



“ 13 files added to the album New Album Name



Kevin Fitzpatrick - September 23, 2015 at 01:09 PM



“ Our condolences to the entire Lauwereys family.



Brian and Linda Thornton - September 23, 2015 at 12:07 PM



“ Edie & Mike McNaughton lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Edie & Mike McNaughton - September 23, 2015 at 12:01 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.
Pat and Mike Suisham



Pat and Mike Suisham - September 23, 2015 at 11:22 AM



“ Mel, Darlene And Denise sent a virtual gift in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Mel, Darlene and Denise - September 23, 2015 at 10:48 AM



“ John, Angie, Charlie, Lee, Heather and families Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Rest in Peace Aunt Nancy. God bless all of you.



Mel, Darlene and Denise - September 23, 2015 at 10:43 AM



“ Betty Bechard Tack sent a virtual gift in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Betty Bechard Tack - September 23, 2015 at 10:32 AM



“ Many great memories of all the fun times at the Lauwereys' home on Pine Drive. My sympathy & prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

Betty Bechard Tack - September 23, 2015 at 10:35 AM



“ Bill & Donna Hainer lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Bill & Donna Hainer - September 23, 2015 at 10:31 AM



“ she was well known and a sweetheart our thoughts go out to the family FRED
&ROSE DE WEYN

FRED & ROSE DE WEYN - September 23, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ Margaret Lauwereys Hanson lit a candle in memory of Agnes Lauwereys



Margaret Lauwereys Hanson - September 23, 2015 at 09:48 AM