

Beckett

At St. Joseph's Hospital, London, on April 9, 1977, William Clifford Beckett of Arkona in his 79th year. Beloved husband of Madeline (Bittman). Father of Helen Gibson (Arthur), Dorchester, William (Bill) Beckett (Loreen), Hungry Hollow, Margaret Morris (Fred), Pointe Claire, and Ross Beckett, Edmonton. Pre-deceased by his first wife Helen (Ross), 1968, and his sister Rhoda Jane (Jenny) Harding. Loving grandfather of Ronald Gibson (Rose), David Gibson (Susan), Lynne Glover (Bob) and Kate Westcott (Chris), Dawn Liddle (Tom), Mary Lou Marsden (Ross), Steven Morris (Maureen), Michael and Eva Morris, and several great-grandchildren.

Cliff was born in Detour, Michigan, and moved with his parents and sister Jenny to New Liskeard in 1904, among the first settlers in the area.. He served in World War 1 as a dispatch rider. After the war he joined his father's jewellery business, and married Helen Ross in 1923. In 1932 they moved to Duparquet, where he worked in the mill at the Beattie Gold Mine for several years. He also sold personalized Christmas cards, and had a canoe rental business in the summers. In 1955 he went to Chibougamau, and was among the first who came to work in the new mines. He retired in 1966, and moved with his wife to Arkona.

Funeral service was conducted at the Gilpin Funeral Chapel in Thedford. Interment in Arkona Cemetary.