

SISTER ANNA MARIE LAFFAN (Sister Mary Vivian) ..... No. 350

1922 - 1972

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Anna Marie Laffan, daughter of Thomas Laffan and Mary Golden was born in the parish of Queensboro, Kingston diocese, on July 11, 1895. On August 15, 1914, at the age of nineteen she entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Providence, but homesickness for her parents and seven brothers and sisters caused her to return to the parental home after 4 months before she had given a real test to her vocation.

She attended a business college and did clerical work for a few years. But always she regretted having left the novitiate, and it was her constant desire to seek re-admittance. It was not, however, until 1922 that conditions in the family made it possible for her to return and on February 2 of that year she was again enrolled as a postulant. On September 4, 1923 she made profession taking the name of Sister Mary Vivian. (In 1968, Sisters of Providence were given the choice of reverting to their family names, if they so desired, and Sister Mary Vivian became again Sister Anna Marie Laffan.)

Sister completed her High School education at Maryvale Abbey, Glen Nevis and then graduated from Ottawa Teachers' College. For forty years she taught in various schools of the archdioceses of Kingston and Pembroke, the longest terms being at St. Michael's-Belleville (16 years) and St. Joseph's-Arnnprior (18 years).

In 1967 she retired from the classroom but kept active in helping at St. Vincent de Paul, Brockville for one year and St. John's Convent, Perth for two years. In 1970 she suffered a cerebral accident and after a lengthy stay at St. Francis Hospital, Smiths Falls, she was brought to the Marian Infirmary. For two years she lingered, helpless but conscious. On May 7th, 1972 she was not so well as usual, the doctor gave the diagnosis of bronchopneumonia, and it was known that she could not live much longer. She received the Sacrament of the Sick. Her only surviving sister, Mrs. Quinn of Toronto and a niece came to see her. She recognized them and was able to speak a little with them. The infirmary staff watched her closely and Sister Helen Killeen was with her when she breathed her last on May 14th at 4.30 a.m. the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.

Her funeral was held on the 16th with Monsignor Hanley, V.G. the celebrant of the Mass. In his homily Monsignor said that it was appropriate that a religious sister should be called to heaven on the day we observe the feast of the Ascension. For a religious has undertaken to follow Christ in an intimate way and her life must bear a close resemblance to His. Like her master the sister fulfils her mission to manifest the Father's name to those to whom she is sent; she endures the suffering - long or short - of illness, and she can

accept death with his words: "I have finished the work you gave me to do." She can look forward then to rising with Christ and sharing in the glory of His return to the Father.

It happened that there were many burials at St. Mary's cemetery, Heathfield on the 16th and Sister's remains were left in the chapel until 9 a.m. of the 17th when Our Mother General and eleven sisters accompanied them to their last resting place.

Sister Anna Marie was a competent teacher and had considerable musical talent so that she was able to develop fine choirs from the pupils in her classes. She was a devout religious.

*May she rest in peace!*

## Sister Anne Marie Laffan

KINGSTON — A fifty-year member of the Sisters of Providence, Sister Anne Marie Laffan, died in the Marian Infirmary, Heathfield, here.

Born at Queensboro, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Laffan and Mary Golden. She entered the novitiate in 1922. After making her profession, she completed her high school course at Maryvale Abbey, Glen Nevis, and went on to Ottawa Teachers' College.

Her teaching career spread over 40 years; one year at Prescott, three at Smiths Falls, two at St. Mary's, Kingston; then she went to St. Michael's, Belleville for 16 years and to Arnprior for 18 years.

After retiring from teaching in 1967 she acted as sacristan for a year at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville, and for two years at Perth. Since 1970 she had been in failing health.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by Msgr. J. G. Hanley in Heathfield Chapel. Father W. J. Buckley, Heathfield chaplain, said the prayers at the grave in St. Mary's Cemetery.

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PHILIP LAFFIN

Queensboro, Dec. 3.—After an illness of three weeks in Hotel Dieu, Kingston, Philip Laffin passed away suddenly from a heart attack on Friday morning. The deceased who was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Laffin, Queensboro, was 25 years of age and had been suffering from a heart condition for the past two or three years.

The funeral which was held on Monday morning from his late home to St. Henry's Church was largely attended by relatives and friends. The Holy Name Society of which the deceased was a member formed a guard of honor at the church and cemetery. Requiem Mass was sung by the Rev. F. D. Hyland, of Madoc, on Tuesday morning.

Left to mourn his passing are his parents, one brother, John Laffin, and three sisters, (Josephine) Mrs. Chas. Hulsman, of Deloro, Rose and Mary Teresa, at home.

The bearers were Messrs. Dave Genereaux, Bernard Barry, Fred Bosely, Wilfred Sexsmith, Levi Lajoie and Norman Laton.

Interment was made in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

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AUGUST 1, 1918

An unusual loss resulted in the fire which destroyed a barn on the farm of John Laffin near Queensboro last week. Messers John and Ed. Flynn, Harry Warren and Gary Barry each drove a horse and buggy over for the purpose of picking berries and put their horses in the stable. In their absence the barn caught fire and was burned to the ground, along with the horses, buggies, a quantity of hay and other articles.

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Married.

REID.—CASKEY.—On Wednesday, February 15th, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. D. Wishart, Mr. Robert Reid, of Rawdon township, to Miss Ella, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Caskey, of Madoc.

23 FEB 1888-PC1

Married.

THOMPSON—BLAIR.—Feb'y 22nd, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. R. H. Leitch, Charles W. Thompson to Agnes Blair, only daughter of the late James Blair, Esq., all of Madoc.

1 MAR 1888-PC1

Married.

WATSON—MCQUIGGE.—By Rev. W.C. Beer, Feb. 29th, at the Methodist Parsonage, Marmora, Mr. Samuel Watson, of Seymour, to Miss Eliza McQuigge, of the township of Belmont.

WALMSLEY—BAILEY.—By Rev. W. C. Beer, March 24th, at the residence of Mr. Joseph Warren, brother-in-law of the bride, Mr. Thomas Walmsley to Miss Minnie Bailey, all of the township of Marmora.

5 APR 1888-PC5

Married.

WILSON—FRANKLIN.—On the 28th of Mar., by the Rev. R. H. Leitch, at the Parsonage, Eldorado, Mr. William Wilson, of Queensboro, to Miss Mary Franklin, of Madoc.

12 APR 1888-PC1

Married.

LAFFIN—QUINLAN.—In the R. C. Church, Madoc, on Tuesday, April 17th, by Rev. Father Davis, Robt. Laffin to Miss Bridget Quinlan, youngest daughter of Thomas Quinlan, Esq., all of Tudor.

19 APR 1888-PC5

Married.

SPENCER—LUMMIS.—On May 24th, by Rev. R. H. Leitch, at the Parsonage, Eldorado, Alfred Spencer, of Tudor, to Jennie Lummis, of Lake.

MCLUCKIE—SWEET.—On June 5th, by Rev. R. H. Leitch, James McLuckie, of Huntingdon, to Almira Sweet, of Tudor.

2 JUN 1888-PC1

Married.

TUCKER—BROWN.—On the 1st inst., at the bride's residence, by the Rev. O. R. Lambly, M. A., Francis Tucker to Mrs. Brown, both of Madoc.

GARDINER—MAY.—On the 13th inst., at the Methodist parsonage, by the Rev. O. R. Lambly, M. A., Frank Gardiner and Mary May, both of this village.

14 JUN 1888-PC4

## OBITUARY

### JOHN JOSEPH LAFFAN

Death came very suddenly last Friday to John Joseph Laffan, an esteemed resident of Madoc Township. He had been in ill health for about three months, but was not thought to be in a serious condition. He was 72 years of age and had lived all his life in Madoc Township. He was considered a good neighbour and citizen.

He is survived by his wife, the former Loretta Forestell and one son Patrick, living at home. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Joseph (Katherine) Gabourie, of Toronto; Mrs. Henry (Bridget) Mahoney, of Bancroft, and Mrs. Joseph (Jennie) Quinn, of Toronto, and two brothers, Jeremiah, of Queensboro, and James, of Palmer, Sask.

The funeral was held on Monday, proceeding from his late residence, to Sacred Heart of Mary Church, Madoc, for Requiem Mass. There was a very large attendance as the deceased and Mrs. Laffen have many relatives in this district. Interment took place in the new Sacred Heart of Mary cemetery.

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## OBITUARY

### MRS. ROBERT LAFFAN

One of the district's most highly respected citizens passed away on Tuesday, January 13, in the person of Mrs. Robert Laffan. Although in falling health for some time, the news of her death was received with much sorrow by the community.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Bridget Quinlan, was born in Tudor Township. She was seventy-nine years of age. For the past thirty-seven years she has resided at her late residence in Madoc Township.

Always an exemplary Catholic, Mrs. Laffan died as she had lived. Consoled, encouraged and fortified by the last Sacraments of the Church she loved and served so loyally, she calmly bade goodbye to

earth and fearlessly faced the dread journey to Eternity. Within her home she had set the highest ideals of life and was to her household and community a shining example of faith and good works.

Surviving to mourn the passing of a loving and devoted mother are one son, James, residing on the homestead; three daughters, Mrs. Henigan Rush, Stoco; Mrs. John O'Reilly, Madoc, and Kathleen, at home.

The funeral was held on Thursday morning at the Sacred Heart Church, Madoc, where Solemn Requiem Mass was sung for the repose of her soul by Rev. Father Hyland assisted by Rev. Father Farrell, of Marmora.

The pallbearers were David Quinlan, James McAvoy, George Walsh, Tom Walsh, John Laffan and Jerry Laffan.

Interment took place in the Sacred Heart of Mary Cemetery.

The large number of spiritual offerings evidenced the wide spread esteem in which the deceased was held. Rest in Peace. —Contributed.

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## OBITUARY

### PATRICK LAFFAN

After an illness of several weeks' duration there passed away at his residence on Saturday, July 1st, a well-known and estimable citizen, Patrick Laffan.

He was born in Madoc Township on July 8, 1859 and lived there the greater part of his life. He was a hard working and industrious farmer. In 1919 he retired to the village of Queensboro where he had since resided.

Always an exemplary Catholic, Patrick Laffan died as he lived, consoled, encouraged and fortified by the last Sacraments of the Church he loved and served so loyally. He calmly bade good-bye to earth and fearlessly faced the dread journey to Eternity. He was a man of sterling character whose ideas and examples were a power for good among his fellowmen, a veritable ray of sunshine wherever he went for he brought cheer and happiness into the lives of those whose privilege it was to associate with him.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. John McAvoy, Marmora. One sister, Mrs. Charles Murphy, and five brothers, Thomas, Robert, James and John predeceased him.

The funeral which was largely attended by friends and neighbours took place from his home on Monday to St. Henry's Church where Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Hyland.

The pallbearers were his five nephews, John, Jerry and James Laffan, James McAvoy, Charles Murphy and Roger Mahoney. Interment was made in the Sacred Heart of Mary Cemetery, Madoc. Many spiritual offerings testified to the esteem in which he was held. R.I.P.

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# OBITUARY

## MRS. MARGARET FORESTELL

Mrs. Margaret Forestell, widow of Adam H. Forestell, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Laffan Madoc Township, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 17th after an illness of four weeks' duration.

The late Mrs. Forestell, who had reached the age of seventy-three years, ten months and eleven days, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Feeney. Her mother's maiden name was Mary Jane Thompson. All her life was passed in the district where she was born and she held a high place in the esteem of many friends. In religion, she was a faithful member of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Madoc, and was a member of the Catholic Women's League.

Surviving her are two sons Wilfred and Thomas, both of Madoc; five daughters, Mrs. John Laffan (Loretto), Madoc Township; Mrs. Thos. Whalen, (Luella), Stoco; Mrs. Charles O'Neil, (Leona), Marmora; Mrs. Will O'Connor (Myrtle), Wainwright, Alta. and Mrs. W. J. Cassidy (Tillie), Los Angeles, California; and sixteen grandchildren.

The funeral took place last Thursday morning to the Church of the Sacred Heart, Madoc, where Requiem Mass was celebrated. Interment took place in the Sacred Heart cemetery.

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## MRS. JERRY LAFFIN

Mrs. Jerry Laffin, 73, of R.R. 3, Queensboro, died suddenly on Friday, January 3rd. She was the daughter of the late John Laton, and Josephine Baker. She was predeceased by her husband and two sons, Phillip and Thomas.

Mrs. Laffin is survived by one son, John P. Laffin, of Picton; three daughters, Josephine (Mrs. Charles Hulsman) of Marmora; Rose Anastasia at home and Mary Theresa (Mrs. Andrew Galea) Toronto; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Barry, Frances, of Queensboro and Estella Edwards, New York, and three brothers, Levi Laton, Stoco; Phillip Laton, Madoc and Fred Laton Trenton.

Mrs. Laffin was a member of St. Henry's Church, Queensboro and was an active member of the C.W.L. The funeral was conducted January 7th, from the Cassidy Funeral Home in Tweed to St. Henry's Church, Queensboro, where interment took place. Officiating was Rev. F. J. O'Neill and present in the Sanctuary was Rev. W. P. Healey of Marmora. Pallbearers were Jerry Hulsman, Wayne Laffin, John Barry, Fred Bosley, Norman and Albert Laton.

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LAFFAN, PATRICK JOSEPH Born in Madoc, Ontario May 16, 1923, died peacefully at home in Oshawa October 27, 1998. Survived by wife Margaret Quinn; children Bernard, Lawrence, Colleen, Dennis, Brian, Joanne, John, and Bridget; grandchildren Dean, Craig, Katrina, Meghan, Aislinn, Wesley and Randi-Leigh; great grandchildren Sam, Tavish and Cassandra. Cremation on Thursday, October 29 followed by a private family service at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Madoc on Saturday, October 31, 1998. Donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association in lieu of flowers.

## DEATH NOTICE

LAFFAN, PATRICK, JOSEPH born in Madoc, Ontario, March 16, 1923. Died peacefully at home in Oshawa, October 27, 1998. Survived by wife Margaret Quinn, children: Bernard, Lawrence, Colleen, Dennis, Brian, Joanne, Joan & Bridget. Grandchildren: Dean, Craig, Katrina, Meghan, Aislinn, Wesley, Randi-Leigh. Great Grandchildren: Sam, Tavish and Cassandra. Cremation on Thursday, October 29 followed by a private family service at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Madoc on Saturday, October 31, 1998. Donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association in lieu of flowers.

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