

Champagne, Roland & Cecile #612 *

Roland Champagne, the only son of George and Dianera (nee Voyer), was born in August 1928. He was raised in Corbeil along with his five sisters.



Cecile Sabourin, daughter of Hector and Flora (nee Gratton) was born in May 1926. She was raised on the family farm on Wasi Road in Callander with her four siblings.

Roland and Cecile met at a local dance hall and after a short courtship they were married on September 27th, 1950. As their family expanded, they purchased their first home in 1953 at 612 Highland Road in the former Widdifield Township and lived there until their passing.

Roland worked as a Railway Carman at the Ontario Northland Railway for 36 years until he retired in 1987. Cecile was a great homemaker who enjoyed sewing for family and friends as well as gardening, baking and putting together awesome home-cooked meals. They both loved the great outdoors. Camping, fishing, snowmobiling and ATVing were some of the activities they both enjoyed and Roland also enjoyed hunting in the fall. They enjoyed playing various card games with family and friends.

Family was very important to them; they had raised their four children with strong morals, family values and great work ethics all of which have been instilled into the next generation.

We chose the number 612 for their commemorative leaf to remind us of our roots, where family get-togethers and fun was enjoyed for many years. It is where we still have fond memories of growing up.

The home has remained in the family, their daughter Paulette and her husband Vern have purchased the house where we all still gather.

Rest in Peace Mom and Dad until we meet again!

Love Suzanne, Paulette, Carole, Normand and families!