**Doug Puddicombe**

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| Doug received a unique gift from his wife last Christmas, that turned out to be quite a chore. As a fund raiser, the Big Brothers Association and the Woodstock  Museum sold a number of certificates, allowing a person to fill an 81/2" x 11" sheet of paper with information about themselves, to be placed in a Millennium Time Capsule to be opened 100 years from now. His sheet was as follows. | E:\2013 12 Probus booklet Photos\Puddicombe, Doug.tif |

'Dear Reader: This is a difficult thing to write as you are reading this 100 years after I have written this letter. Who was Doug Puddicombe? Doug Puddicombe,

845 Sunset Blvd., Woodstock, Ontario was born in Stratford, Ontario on July 3,

1942. He married his wife Gail whose maiden name was Newell, who was born on April 1, 1942, in St. Marys, Ontario. Doug moved to Scarborough after completing Teachers' College in Stratford. He began his teaching career there. On

July 10, 1964 Doug and Gail were married in Stratford. Gail moved to Scarborough and taught there until June of 1969.

On June 30, 1969, Doug and Gail moved to Woodstock. They really enjoyed moving into their new home. Doug started to work at the Woodstock Jail as a guard for the summer. Their daughter Sarah, born on July 22, 1969, moved into the house and things were never the same. What a delight to have a new born.

Doug was hired by The Oxford County Board of Education to teach at Central Senior School in September. He taught science and Geography to grades six, seven and eight. On January 1, 1970, he was appointed principal of Princess School. This was a kindergarten to grade six school. He was there until June, 1973

Their son Richard was born on February 26, 1971. Gail and Doug now had two children in diapers!!

In September of 1973, he transferred to Princeton Central School. This was a kindergarten to grade eight school. In September of 1977, he went to Northdale

School (k-6) until he transferred to Springbank School (k-6) for September 1981.

January of 1984 he was appointed to Oliver Stephens senior School (k-8). In September of 1990 he returned to Northdale School. It was during this time at Northdale that he co-ordinated the planning and construction of Algonquin School which he opened on January 4, 1994. Doug remained at Algonquin until his retirement on January 31, 1997. Doug always said how lucky he was, having a career in teaching for 35 years. He felt he was paid well and just loved what he did.

Every day was exciting.

Woodstock was very good to Doug and Gail. They attempted to pay back the community by becoming very involved in it as volunteers. Doug volunteered in agencies such as The Woodstock General Hospital's Board of Trust, The Woodstock Non-Profit Housing Corporation, the Board of Management of St. James Wilmot Anglican Church and Cemetery Board, the restoration of the cemetery at St. James for its re-dedication on June 11, 2000. (This was also the date and place for the Christening of their first grandchild Ryan Douglas Puddicombe, son of Richard and Corrine Puddicombe.), the first fund-raising Chair for the Woodstock District Community Complex, (his committee raised over $2,000,000. for the project), he, along with his friend Bill Ebel, announced the hockey games for the Woodstock Navy Vets, he was Campaign Manager for a number of Progressive Conservative Federal and Provincial politicians. (Doctor

Bruce Halliday, MP in 1974, 1979, 1980 and 1984, Dick Treleaven, MPP in 1981 and Ernie Hardeman, MPP in 1999).

Other volunteer work included being president of the Lions Club of Woodstock, Chair of the Board of Governors of Fanshawe College in London and being a Beaver leader. (Beavers "was a group for boys ages 5 - 6). Doug enjoys community work and being with people."