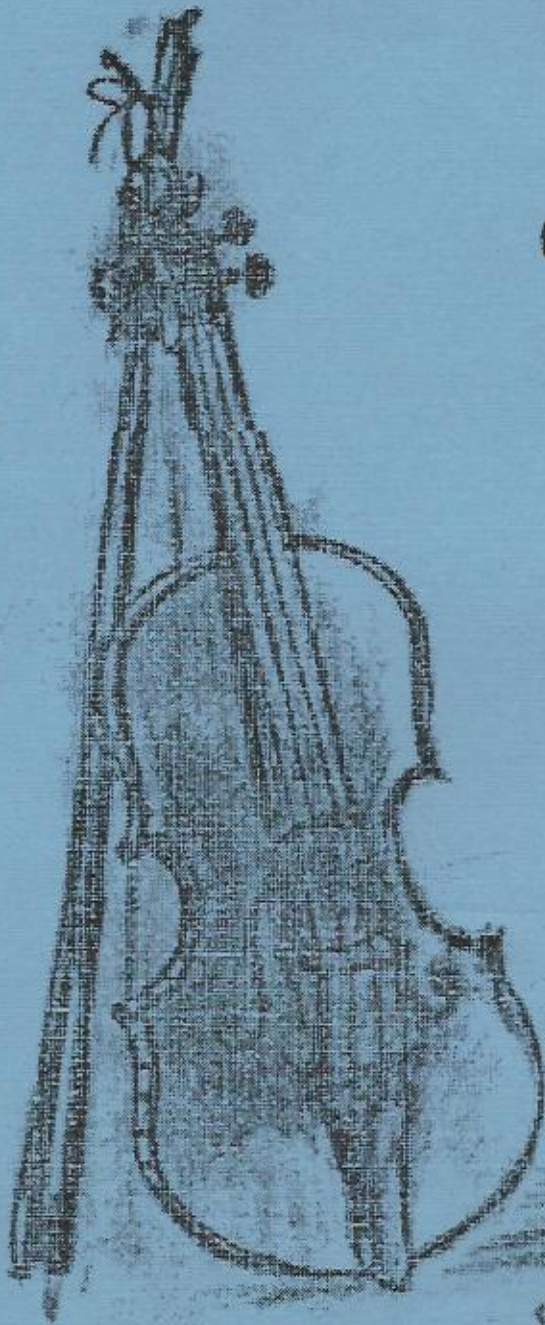


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THE LABONTE - ~~MARCELLE~~

FAMILY ~~OF~~ OF GRANBY

(1843 - 1994)

B.K.

## ROSELINE

**Rosaline** was born in 1889. She worked in a convent in St. Hyacinthe so wasn't around the family that much. Gaetane thinks it was stomach cancer and that it was around 1921 when she died.



*David and Roseline*



## DAVID

David Labonte was the son of Antoine and Angele Chagnon who were married in 1843 in Vercheres, Quebec. David was born about 1850. He was very good with his hands and made very high-quality violins. His violins were so fine that you could hold a candle behind them and see its light through the wood. Their uniqueness was due to the animal carvings on the neck of the violins.

He was also an accomplished fiddler. In 1928, his daughters took him to Montreal to perform at the Opera House on St. Denis Street and he won the title of Champion Fiddler of Quebec. If dates are correct, he would have been 78 years old. He died in 1946 at the age of 96. He married Eloise (Heloise) Beauchemin, the daughter of Elzear Beauchemin and Sophie Brunelle, on November 9, 1875 in St. Pie de Bagot.



*Rosie (Beauchemin) Chartier,  
Heloise (Beauchemin) Labonte  
and Evelina Labonte (in the back)*

Their house was located at 46 Pare Street in Granby. In later years, it was broken up into apartments or sections to accommodate his family members as they came to live with him on and off over the years. David's workshop was a house located between 46 Pare and another house, but back in behind.



*Gay & Heather*

*46 Pare Street*







*Front of the workshop wedged in behind 46 Pare Street and the house next door.*



*Side view of the workshop*

David and Heloise had six children. They were: Emile (1868), Amanda (1881), Evelina (1883), Eva (1885), Rosaline (1889) and Josaphat (1892?).



*Eva, Eveline,  
Amanda, and  
Josaphat*



*Josaphat and  
Eveline*



## EMILE

**Emile** was born in St. Paul d'Abbotsford in 1868. He was very good at woodworking and worked for Canadian Pacific doing beautiful in-lay work in the railway cars. This art form was called "marquetric" and he was a very qualified "eboniste". He was a well-known specialist in this field. Emile died in February, 1946 at the age of 78, after going into a diabetic coma.

He was a "jack-of-all-trades", as well as a carpenter-contractor. He owned a small furniture factory in Granby. He built houses and the Hippodrome (race track building) in Granby. He also bought horses and raced them at the Hippodrome. Apparently he loved to "show-off" and did so one day when he climbed the church steeple to place a wooden cross which he had made, up on top.





*Emile*



*Almeda*



In 1904, Emile married Almeda Marc-Aurele, from St. Pie de Bagot. She was born in 1874 and was a school teacher. She died in 1952 at the age of 78 from a stroke.

*[Almeda was the daughter of Magloire Marc-Aurele and Julie Anne Robillard. He was a "gentleman farmer" (no animals) and had property on the river. He sold it at a good price and moved to Granby. He bought the Grand Hotel and turned into his residence. He also owned the land that is now known as the Granby Zoo and used it as a sugar bush.]*



*Emile and Almeda - 1904*

After their marriage, they lived wherever Emile could find work. One of their homes was on the corner of Principal and Pare Street in Granby. It was a large house with "towers" where the boys did chemistry experiments. The basement floor was cement and the girls would rollerskate there. The girls attended the convent across the street next to the church. Because of its size, it was often used as the polling station during elections.



During the Depression when Emile's business was doing poorly, he made the decision to move to Montreal. They lived at 4668 (or 4663) DeLanaudiere Street. As he was so good at making imitations of the "more expensive" furniture, he was never out of work.

The union of Emile and Almeda resulted in eleven children. They were:

- \* Gerard Noel
- \* Rolland
- \* Annette
- \* Fernande
- \* Marcel
- \* Lorenzo
- \* Simonne
- \* Gaetane
- \* Marc-Aurele
- \* Roger
- \* Madeleine





*(Back) Simonne, Annette, Fernande,  
(Front) Madeleine, Gaetane*



*Lorenzo, Gay, (in chair) Roland  
Fernande, Marc Aurele (baby), Simonne, Annette*

**GERARD NOEL LABONTE**  
December 22, 1908 - August 16, 1992



*Gerard and baby carriage*

**GERARD** was born December 22, 1908, in Farnham, Quebec. He was baptized on Christmas Day and therefore called Gerard Noel Labonte. He was very inquisitive and very sure of himself. He was a very good student and always came first in his class. He had a very outgoing and friendly manner about him.



He graduated from Granby College, then the Seminary of Mont-Laurier and became a Jesuit on July 30, 1926. He gave his first vows on the July 31, 1928, and was ordained a priest at Gesu (Montreal), on August 18, 1940.

Gerard studied at the University of Montreal, as well as teaching Math and Chemistry at the Scholasticat. In 1933, he, as a professor, taught Physics and Mathematics at College Sainte-Marie in (Montreal). The following year he taught Sciences at Brebeuf College. In 1942, he became Professor of Physics at the University of Montreal and taught there for 24 years. (1942 - 1966).

He returned to Brebeuf College in 1966 to teach Sciences. In 1978 he quit teaching to work in the Geophysic Observatory at Brebeuf College. He was a learned seismologist and had a lab in the basement of the Brebeuf College where he kept track of the earthquakes. He made daily reports to Ottawa, about meteorological equipment and his findings.

During his long career, and with his warm personality, luminous clarity in teaching, and competency in Science he made his mark on generations of students. The two hobbies he allowed himself were listening to music and genealogy. He did all the research back to France and listed all the marriages and generations on charts.

In 1988, his health started to deteriorate and he went to live in St Jerome at the Maison Sainte-Marie, where he died August 16, 1992.

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*While Gerard lived in Granby, and before he was ordained, he tutored Mayor Boivin's son, Horace. When Gerard was ordained, Mayor Boivin (Sr.) hosted a party in Gerard's honour in the Granby College Hall. It was well attended. Mr. Boivin, Sr. was the Mayor of Granby from 1929 to 1937. Horace, his son, went on to become the Mayor of Granby from 1954 to 1987. (Gaetane, Heather and I went to see him when we were in Granby in March, 1994.) He had just received the Order of Canada Medal the week before, so I took a picture of him with it.*

*He was 84 at the time and was to retire in the Spring from his position as Director of Public Relations. His walls were covered with memorabilia showing him with the Pope, and Maurice Chevalier, who became a very close personal friend, plus a lot of other dignitaries. I found out he was the father of ten children.*

*Horace Boivin died two months later in May, 1994.*



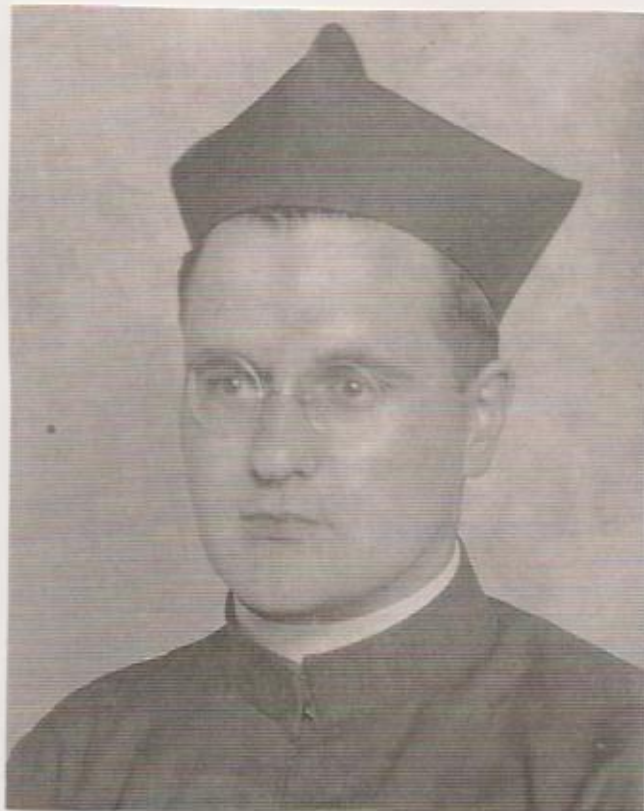
*Gaetane, (granddaughter) Heather and  
Horace Boivin with his Order of Canada Medal  
March, 1994*



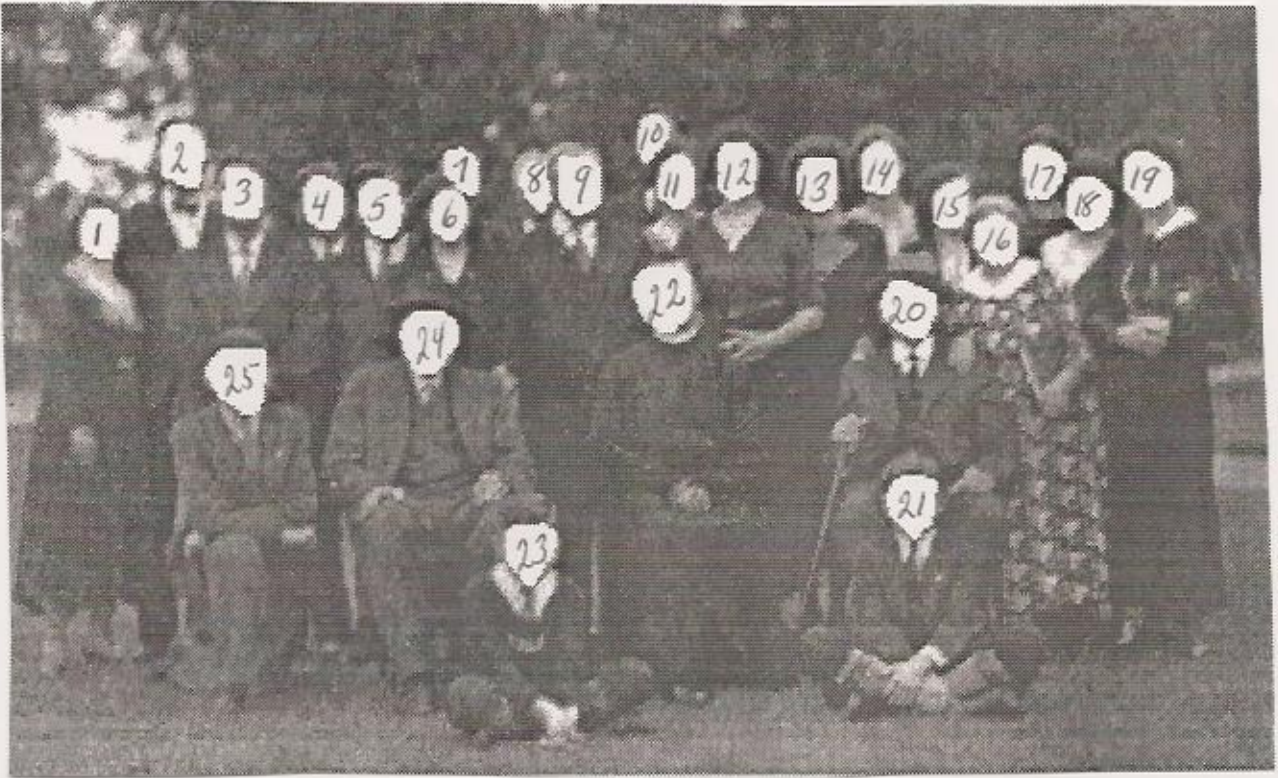
*Almeda  
David, Gerard, Emile*



*A young Gerard*



*Gerard, shortly before his death in 1992*



*Gerard's Ordination Party*

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|-----|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 1.  | Amelia (Ruel) Marc-Aurele    | 14. | Therese Caron                     |
| 2.  | Magloire Marc-Aurele         | 15. | George's wife                     |
| 3.  |                              | 16. | Amanda Archambault<br>Marc-Aurele |
| 4.  | George Hubert                | 17. |                                   |
| 5.  | Bernard Hubert               | 18. |                                   |
| 6.  | Bernard's wife               | 19. | Anna                              |
| 7.  | ?                            | 20. | Magloire Marc-Aurele              |
| 8.  | Alphonse Caron               | 21. | Fabien                            |
| 9.  | Emile Labonte                | 22. | Gerard                            |
| 10. | ?                            | 23. | Marcel Hubert                     |
| 11. | Almeda (Marc-Aurele) Labonte | 24. | David Labonte                     |
| 12. | Almeda's sister              | 25. | Marc-Aurele Labonte               |
| 13. |                              |     |                                   |





*David, Gerard and Emile*

### **SOCIETY OF JESUS - JESUITS**

*During the various changes in religion throughout history, an organization called the Society of Jesus was formed. Saint Ignatius of Loyola formed it in Paris on August 15, 1534. He and six university students pledged the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience and tried to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Jerusalem was off limits at the time, so they went to Rome instead and made themselves available to the Pope.*

*Their Society was approved by Pope Paul III on September 27, 1540.*

*As Saint Ignatius of Loyola had a military background, the Society was set up in a military fashion. The Head of the Society was the Superior General who served for life. The governing body (General Congregation) conducted the business affairs and met to elect a successor when the Superior General died.*

*The superior General had assistants. Each assistant was responsible for a certain geographic region in the world. These regions called "assistancies" are divided into provinces headed by officials called "provincials".*

*Membership to this Society was divided into 3 groups: Priests, Scholastics, and Temporal Coadjutors (brothers).*

*The Scholastics had nine years of studying Theology, Philosophy, Arts and Sciences. They were allowed to teach, but under supervision.*

*After being ordained, they spend a year devoted to spiritual formation and then the priest receives his final grade, either as a formed brother, or as professed of solemn vows.? They take 4 solemn vows and may hold any position in the Society and participate in the general congregation of the Society.*

*Jesuits were very busy, spreading catholicism around the world. They were very powerful and important in the educational and missionary fields. Jesuits founded and taught in universities and colleges throughout the world. When Saint Ignatius died in 1538, there were 1,000 Jesuits. (Francis Xavier was a famous member. He was a missionary in India and Japan.)*

*Some countries felt that the Jesuits had too much power and started banning them. In 1773, Pope Clement XIV abolished the Order. The Jesuits then devoted themselves to ordinary priestly duties and study.*

*Demands for the reinstatement of Jesuits caused Pope Pius VII to re-establish the order in 1814.*



## ROLLAND

January 6, 1910 - November 5, 1957



*Rolland (14) and Lorenzo (10) - 1924*



*Rolland and Gerard - first motorcycle 1925*

**ROLLAND** was born January 6, 1910, at Granby, Quebec. He graduated from Grade 12 and spent two years in High Commercial studies. He grew to be 6-1/2 feet tall, very handsome and resembled a "prince charming". He adored his parents and deeply cared for his brothers and sisters. He was very honest, serious, distinguished, and had a happy disposition. Everyone who knew him, loved him. He was a hard worker. He never refused any type of work. He was orderly and also worked as a bartender. Just before Rolland was to be married he took a six-month trip around the world with a friend.

He married Lucette Paquette on June 24, 1937 at the age of 26. He adored her. One day after nineteen years of marriage, he put her hand on his heart and said: "If you could read my heart, you would see your picture only."



*Lucette - 1936  
(age 22)*



*Rolland*

Rolland was the poor unsuspecting "victim" in many of Gerard's experiments. When Gerard was 8 and Roland 6, Gerard made an airplane out of a wooden box. He took it and Rolland up on the roof of the barn or garage and pushed it off the roof, with Rolland inside. Of course it broke but Rolland survived.

Gerard and Rolland worked in the lab and created a glue they called *Styco*. It was "*Crazy Glue*" before Crazy Glue's time. It was patented and Lucette and Rolland marketed the product with the 'black and silver' label, out of their basement.

Rolland moved the "glue factory" to a small building on Iberville Street in Montreal and employed four men who carried on the production while he took a job working for the Singer and White Sewing Machine Company. Later on he worked as the General Manager for Hoover Vacuum Company, and stayed with them until the time of his death.



Like his other family members, he was good with his hands. He bought land from his father and built three cottages, one for the family, one for visitors and one for his son Gilles, who was only five at the time. Gilles would rent his chalet to his uncle who would give him a dollar a day and every morning he went to collect his rent. Rolland dug and built a swimming pool, complete with cement blocks. The water came from the local stream which was controlled by a water wheel.



As a family man he was a good provider. For the first five years of his marriage he had a grocery-corner store in his own home. Six months before his death at the age of 47, (November 5, 1957) when he found out he had cancer, he bought, and furnished a house. He left his family well provided for. He never had a debt in his life.

Rolland and Lucette had two children... Gilles and Ginette.



*Rolland, Lucette,  
Gilles and Ginette*

Gilles was born in 1941 in Montreal. He grew to be 6'2" and handsome like his father. He was very studious and worked as an Accountant Cashier in different banks. He married Rolande Gauvin at the age of 21. Shortly after the honeymoon, she was diagnosed with hepatitis due to a generalized cancer. She died 6 weeks later on February 4, 1962. Gilles died seven years later, on September 13, 1969, at the age of 28. He had been suffering from depression (understandably) and volunteered to try an experimental drug which caused him to have a heart attack.



*Gilles, a friend in the  
back and , Ginette*



*Rollande*



*Gilles*



Ginette was born January 26, 1943. Her first husband was Claude Couillard and they had son together. Michel was born November 20, 1961. He is married to Chantal Asselin and is the father of two girls, Josianne, (December 13, 1984) and Rachelle, (May 24, 1986). Josianne plays piano, clarinet and sings. Rachelle plays violin.

*Jo*



Ginette and Michel

*Chantal, Michel,  
Rachelle, Josianne*

After the divorce from Claude, Ginette married Fernando Berardini, a businessman. He was born May 30, 1938 in Ashci, in the Province of Aquila, Italy. She has two sons by her second marriage, Marco and Franco. Marco was born June 6, 1976 and lives in Montreal. He is a freelance fashion designer, and stylist. Franco was born May 21, 1977. He works in the Distribution part of the Dairy and studies Business Administration at Concordia. Ginette and Fernando have since separated.



*Fernando, Marco, Ginette, Franco, Lucette (in front)  
Reunion - 1994*



**ANNETTE**  
August 26, 1911

**ANNETTE** was born at Granby, Quebec on August 26, 1911. She is a unique individual. She was and is still very independent and "took the bull by the horns" to achieve her many goals. She was very successful in her studies, which she kept up even in her 40's at the University of Montreal (social worker). She was always reaching for new horizons. She had a very tender heart. For example, she would cry at the sight of a spider being killed. She was adored by all, patients and friends.

Annette graduated from the Convent of St. Emilie in Montreal. She received a diploma from St. Jean de Dieu in May, 1932 and the Universite of Montreal in October, 1932. She also received her diploma in Social Services in May, 1948, took courses in Psychiatric Social Work at Boston College in the U.S. and Columbia University in New York.

She worked as the Social Services Director at the St. Jean de Dieu Hospital from 1933 to 1950; and the Mental Health Clinic for the City of Montreal from 1950 to 1955. She did psychiatric social work at the Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas. When Rolland was dying from cancer she returned home.

She was hired by National Health and Welfare in Ottawa and went to South America to serve as the Director of Nursing. She returned to Canada and became the first Director of Nursing at the Marie Clarac Hospital. She was in charge of the swimming pools of Marie Clarac and Residence Angelica Loisirs. She was an expert swimmer and diver. She also had a Diploma showing she was a qualified Professor of Dance, and a graduate of the Dena and Rosita studios.

*She was crowned "Queen of Canada" at the age of 21 - 1932*



Annette



Almeda and  
Annette



## FERNANDE MARIE LABONTE

September 24, 1912 - January 6, 1955

**FERNANDE** was born in Granby, Quebec in September 24, 1912. She was premature and weighed only three pounds at birth. Her mother's perseverance and love kept her alive. Fernande was very serious, studious, and always helping at home.

Her father taught her the violin. She took lessons for about eight years and later on she played in a ladies' orchestra and could play most classical pieces. Her violin wasn't one made by her great-grandfather, but he did take it apart and re-build it. Her professor wanted to buy it, but it came down through the family instead, to Pierre (Kerr).

She graduated from Ste. Emilie Convent in Hochelaga and Business College. She spoke French, English and Spanish fluently.

She died on January 6, 1955 after the wrong bottle of blood was given to her during a transfusion because of hepatitis.



*Fernande and Emile*



*Friend and Fernande in Europe - 1955*

**MARCEL LABONTE**

October, 1913 - December, 1913

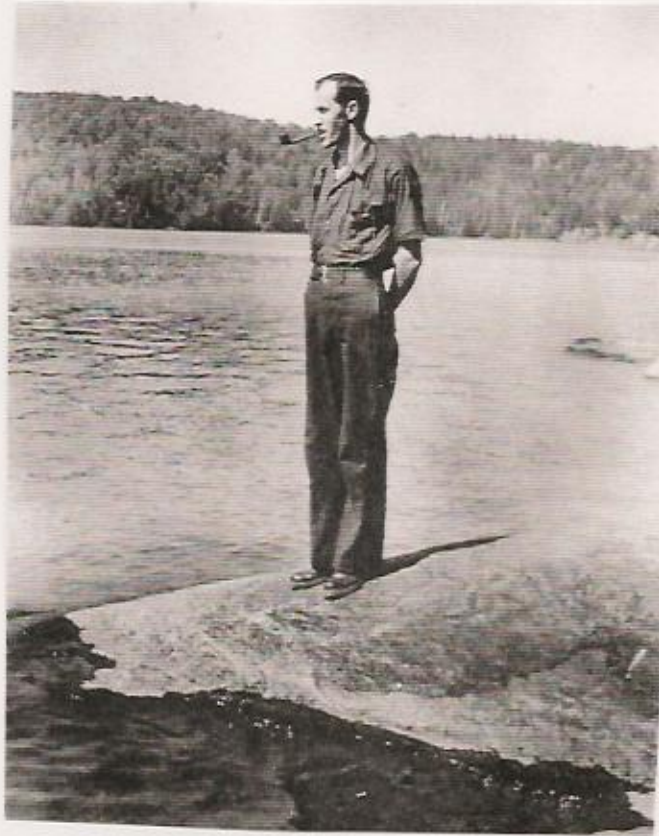
Marcel was born in Granby, Quebec in October, 1913.  
He died two months later from meningitis.



## LORENZO

February 20, 1915 - 1944

**LORENZO** was born in Granby on February 20, 1915. He graduated with the Christian Brothers. He became a sales representative for le Noiseux, a hardware store. He was very bright, loved music and played the banjo and mandolin. Lorenzo died in 1944 at the age of 29 after a battle with pneumonia and tuberculosis.



*Lorenzo and Rose Island*

He married Alice Laforest, sister of Donat Laforest who married Simonne, (Lorenzo's younger sister). This made Alice and Simonne sisters-in-law twice over. After Lorenzo died, Alice remarried.



*Front Row:*  
*Fernande, Lorenzo, Alice, Emile, Gerard, Almada, Rolland, (?), Amanda & Jeremiah*  
*Back Row:*  
*Madeleine, Simonne, Gaetane and Lucette*  
*1933*



*Lorenzo and Marc Jr. (nephew)*



## **SIMONNE**

May 16, 1917 - November 6, 1995



**SIMONNE** was born in Granby, Quebec, May 16, 1917. She graduated as a Nurse from the Sisters Jesus-Marie in Montreal. She graduated in nursing in 1938 at the St. Jean de Dieu Hospital and specialized in Obstetrics. She ran a private hospital in Val d'Or after her husband died. At the new Val d'Or General Hospital she worked in obstetrics and surgery in charge of the department until her retirement at 65.

She married Donat Laforest in 1941. He was a contractor in Val d'or. Her husband was seventeen years older. She died on November 6, 1995 from a heart attack. They had four sons.

Guy, is a technician in Val d'Or. He was married December 31, 1970 to Jeannine Leduc at Sullivan, Quebec.

Andre was born June 22, 1943. He worked for the Camflo Mining Company. He was married to Celine Boucher and they had a son, Dany. He was a "daredevil" and was one of the few men who could go right to the top without a wire. However, he did fall, at the age of 30. After his death, Celine set up a successful trucking company which serves all of North America with it's head office in Val D'Or.

Robert was born June 11, 1946. He worked as a Foreman at the Camflo Mining Company. He died of a heart attack at the age of 39.

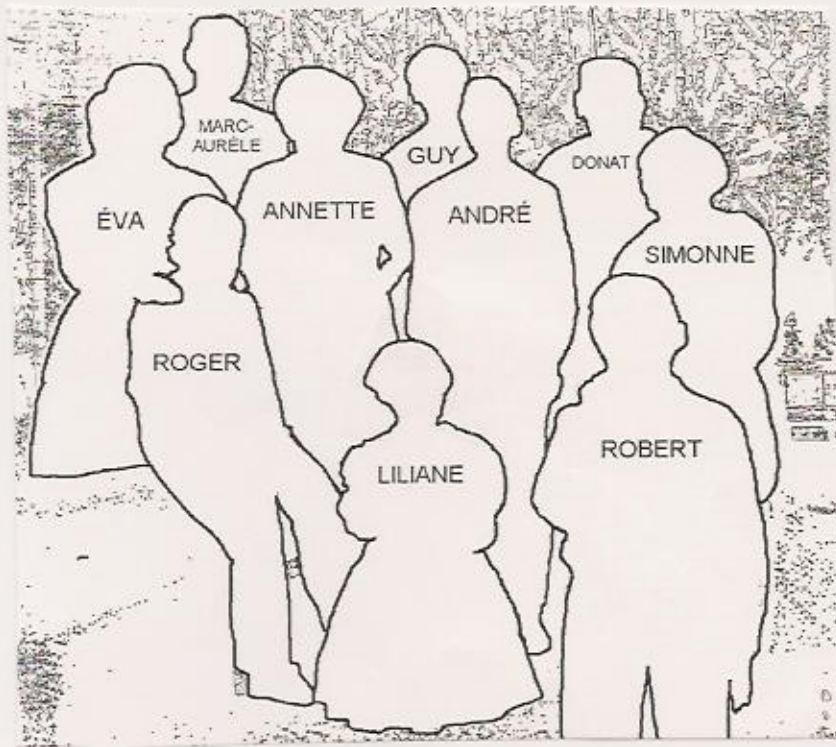
Gaetan was born January 21, 1957. He is a machinist in Val d'Or,



*Guy and Jeannine - Reunion 1994*



*Simonne's family and Marc-Aurele's family*



## GAETANE

December 18, 1918

**GAETANE** was born in Granby, Quebec on December 18, 1918. She worked as a Nurse at St. Jean de Dieu Hospital in Psychiatry. She held a Diploma on Public Health from the University of Montreal. Her specialized training in psychiatry landed her a job at the Ecole de Lajemmerais which was the School for the Mentally Retarded. She was a member of the Army Nursing Sisters (Lieutenant, 1942-1947). She was awarded a M.I.D. (Mention in Dispatch) which was an honour as there was only one per hospital.

In 1947, after the war, she met Dr. Ashton Kerr at Queen Mary's Veterans Hospital her future husband. To marry him, she had to get the permission of her Commanding Officer, which just happened to be HIM!.



*Gay & Ash  
1959*



Gaetane worked as an usherette in one of the major theatres in Montreal. At the age of sixteen she was doing part-time modelling jobs. (Everyone assumed she was 19.) Her "career" came to an end when they found out she was underage. She was also the Sweet Caporal Cigarette Girl.

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Mad is wild about outdoor activities and a kayak-canoe enthusiast and on June 20, 1992 she married David Carl Shanteau of Ohio in a re-enactment of a Voyageur Marriage Ceremony in 1840 (complete with costumes), in Windsor, Ontario. He is a tool-dye maker. In 1994, she received her PH.D. in Nursing and became Dr. Kerr. (Dr. Nurse!). In the summer of 1996 she and Dave bought a house in Minneapolis where she started working for the University. In 2003, Mad is employed by the University of Minnesota.



*Madeleine and Dave - 1992*



*Anne and Pierre - 1982  
St. Martins, N.B.*

Pierre Allen was born on October 3, 1949 in Sillery, Quebec, (just outside Quebec City). He discovered Engineering and ended up being a computer programmer for Treasury Board in Ottawa. He has been nicknamed the "McGiver of Computers". [McGiver is a tv show personality who can do just about anything with expionage and intrigue.] He, like all his ancestors is very creative with his hands. He designed and built a one-wheeled bike trailer complete with intercom along with a lot of other helpful gadgets. Pierre can pick up and play any instrument.

In 1982 he married Elizabeth Anne Tufts at her mother's summer home in St. Martins, N.B. The wedding had to be planned around high tide so that there would be water in the pictures. (Anne grew up in Ottawa.)

They had two children. Heather Elizabeth was born in 1984 and being double-jointed, is very good at dance. She attended a Performing Arts High School in Ottawa for ballet and modern dance (also her academics). Robert Allen was born in 1990 and is his own unique person. He's a character!





Richard was born in 1955 in Whitehorse, Yukon. His teen years were spent as camp counsellor and working with the YMCA. He is still very active with children, especially new families from Tibet. He is an avid cyclist and founded the Citizens on Cycles in Montreal which arranged for bicycle paths. In 1979, he biked across Canada to Vancouver and went on up to Whitehorse.

He kicked around doing odd jobs in southern Ontario but moved back to Montreal and took up apprentice work for Canadian Pacific. After he got his licence, they kept him on to work on the engines in the Angus Shops as an electrician. In 1987, he bought a house in Lachine. He does a lot of work with physically challenged agencies, outfitting vans, wheelchairs, and takes them on group outings.





In 1939 Marc Aurele started his studies in Montreal as a pharmacist and was offered a summer job in Rouyn-Noranda in the drugstore.



He married Eva Desrochers, the landlady's daughter. He said she never let him out of her sight after meeting him. They settled down in Rouyn-Noranda. He operated the Pharmacie Nationale and Eva operated a lunch counter at "Mac's Sundries". After a few years they sold the lunch counter and bought a store at 459 Lariviere Street which Eva ran until 1970. Eva, whom he loved and admired, died twenty years later, April 22, 1987 at the age of sixty-six with dignity and in peace.



*Marc-Aurele and Eva behind counter,  
Donat Laforest on phone and Simonne facing camera.*



*Marc Aurele also had a pilot's licence.*



He and Eva had five children.

Marc Jr., was born in 1940. Fifteen years later, on October 19, 1955, Marc Jr. and his companion were out in a boat and a rifle fell overboard. When he reached to retrieve the rifle he fell out and drowned.



Eleven years later, his father, and his two younger brothers were to drown in the same place. This incident was recorded in the "Monitor".  
*(Excerpt from "The Monitor")*

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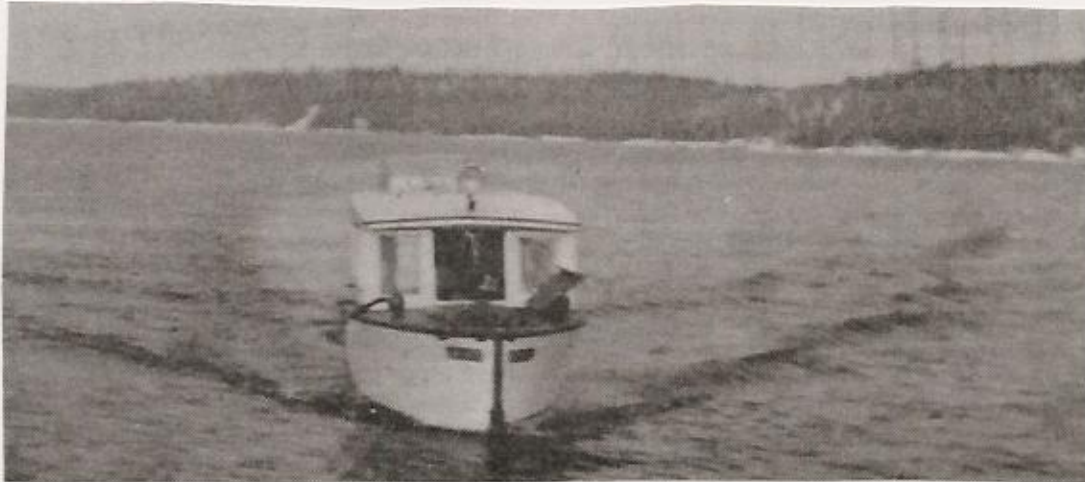
*Police, volunteers and friends are probing the dark, frigid waters of the Kinojevis River, 3 miles north of Caron Bay and eight to nine miles east of Rouyn. Their search, they fear will uncover one of the most tragic boating mishaps to occur in this district since the Pilon tragedy which occurred about this time last year. One body has already been found, that of Roger Labonte, 20, the youngest of the two boys. Missing and presumed drowned are: Marc-Aurele Labonte, 46, father of Yvon and Roger.*

*Yvon Labonte, 24, son of Marc-Aurele, was married and father of two children. All from Rouyn. The three men presumably drowned in the cold waters of the Kinojevis River, 3 miles north of Caron Bay and about eight miles east of Rouyn. It is believed that their boat sank after being cut to ribbons by the heavy ice on the river at that time.*

*The three men were last seen Saturday afternoon after pulling away from the wharf of Mr. Richards where they got gasoline. Richards place is on the Kinojevis River some four miles from the C.I.P. dept at McWatters. Mr. Richard states that it was snowing at the time and there were high winds.*

*The three men from Rouyn, Mr. Marc-Aurele Labonte and his two sons, Yvon and Roger had gone to their summer camp at the Government wharf at St. Roch de Belembe where the boat was anchored.*

*The boat a cabin job of 26' and 7' high inboard motor was taken by the three men at the wharf and was being navigated to St. Agnes in order to take it out of the water and store it away for the winter at his home in Rouyn. Somewhere between the two points tragedy struck. One body, that of Roger, the youngest son was found at approximately 11:30 Sunday morning near the shore.*



*"The Lily"*

*The C.I.P. personnel are supplying the ice-breaker. Two civil defence men and 2 trucks with rubber suits and rescue equipment are on the scene at the time of going to press. Mrs. Jean-Paul Labrie organized a group of ladies to supply food and hot drinks with the ladies of the Rouyn Moose assisting.*

*The father, Mr. Marc Aurele Labonte is 46 years of age and has resided in Rouyn for the past 28 years. At the time of the tragedy, had been in the employ of La Pharmacie Nationale for the past twenty-five years. Married to the former Miss Eva Desrocher. Father of three boys and two girls.*

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**Marc Aurele's and Eva's children were: Marc Jr., Yvon, Roger, Liliane and Denise.**





*Huguette & Yvon*

When Yvon drowned, at the age of 24, he was married to Huguette Lafrancois. They had two and a "half" children. (*She was pregnant with Pierre.*) Yves was two, (born June 25, 1964) at the time of his father's death. Yves later served in the Army for four years. He presently lives in Amos, a part of Abitibi, Quebec, and works as a tourist guide.



*Yves*

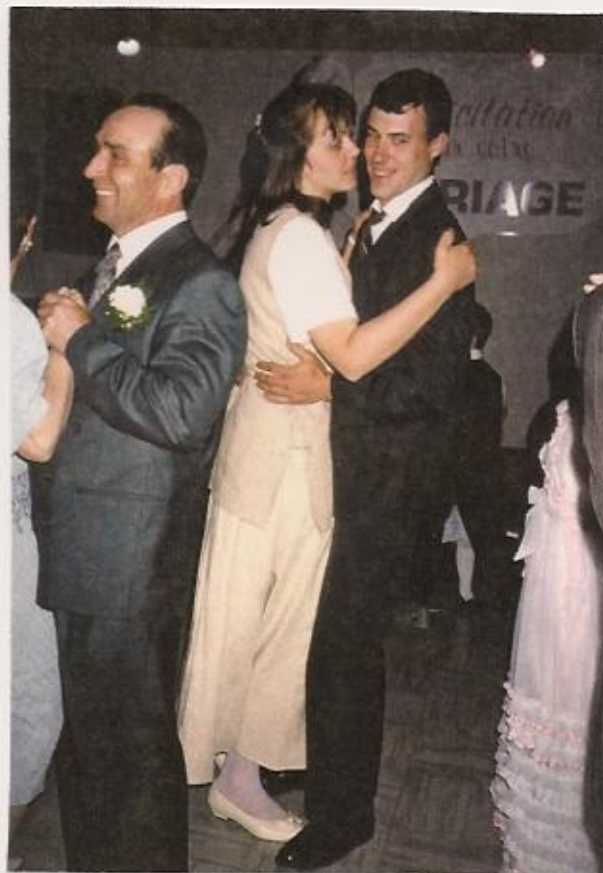


*Yves, and Marie Josee  
(girlfriend)*

Daniel was six months old, (born May 1, 1966) when his father drowned. He works for an Electric and Heat Company. He married Celine Pepin on March 3, 1991. Celine has two boys from a previous marriage. Martin, born February 6, 1985 and Sebastien, born September 24, 1987. Daniel and Celine had a son, Jonathan, on January 7, 1990. They live in Montbeillard at Rouyn-Noranda.



*Yves and Daniel*



*Daniel & Celine  
Andre Charbonneau (left)*



Huguette was pregnant with Pierre at the time of Yvon's death. He was born May 1, 1967, six months after his father died. He runs his own cleaning company.

Yvon's widow, Huguette, married Andre Charbonneau on May 18, 1968. Andre owns a contracting business (Structech Inc, Monteur D'Acier). He builds and demolishes buildings, etc. for mining companies and other clients. They had a son.

Alain was the son of Huguette and Andre Charbonneau. He was born March 19, 1968. He came to Aylmer, Quebec to study computer data. He married Lynn Dagenais on June 3, 1995. Lynn has a daughter, Kassey Lynn from a previous marriage. They moved to Rouyn-Noranda and Alain works for Texcan.



*Alain, Lynn and Kassey Lynn*

*Andre Huguette*

*Lynn's mother.*

Roger the youngest of the two boys, age 20, was engaged to be married in June to Miss Reine-Aimee Belair. His body has been found and is now resting at Darby's Funeral home in Rouyn.

*Roger*



Liliane was born in 1948. She married George Landry on July 11, 1970. The wedding ceremony was performed by her Uncle Gerard. She had two children. Patrick and Isabelle. Patrick was born in 1972 and Isabelle was born in 1975. She divorced George Landry and in 1993 graduated from the University of Quebec in Hull. Liliane is presently working for the Provincial Government in Quebec City.



*Liliane, George and  
uncle Gerard Labonte  
- 1970 -*





*Liliane's graduation, with Patrick and Isabelle  
1993*



*Liliane at reunion in 1994*

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Denise married Maurice Michaud in 1978 and later divorced him in 1990. They had three daughters. Nathalie, was born 1978; Emmanuelle was born in 1986; and Marie-Pier was born in 1989.



*Denise, Marie-Pier, Nathalie, Emmanuelle*

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1989





*Jean, Marcel, Madeleine, Claude  
Reunion 1994*



*Marcel, Gaetane, Lucette, Madeleine, Annette, Ashton  
Reunion - 1994*



*Back Row: Pierre, Ashton, Madeleine, Marcel,  
Middle Row: Madeleine, Annette, Gaetane, Jean  
Front Row: Richard, Andre and Claude*



*50th Anniversary - 1991*



MADELEINE was born in Granby, Quebec on October 11, 1922 at home, in the house her father built on Phoenix Street. She has a bubbly, friendly, and outgoing personality.

She graduated from the Sisters of Jesus-Marie in Montreal and Business College at the Sisters of Congregation of Notre Dame.

As a teenager she worked with the Theatre Montreal Francais. She worked as a secretary at St. Jean de Dieu Hospital. As she is a very good weaver, she would sell the beautiful pieces which she made. Her mother, who was also a weaver often helped her.

She married Marcel Lambert in August 10, 1941 in a beautiful military wedding at the Joliette Military Base. Gerard Labonte performed the ceremony.

Marcel was born November 11, 1918 in Montreal. He joined the Canadian Officer Training Corp, while at school. He was a Captain and an instructor in the Canadian Army Infantry. In March he went to Newfoundland, and Vernon B.C. where he trained as a Commando. He went overseas in 1944.

After the war, he took night courses in Architecture at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts and worked for the City of Montreal for Parks, Planning and Construction.

They have two sons. Claude was born in Montreal on June 28, 1942. He graduated in Agronomy at the University of Laval in Quebec. (Agronomy is the study of soil and the improvement of crop production.)

Jean, was born in Montreal on March 22, 1944. He graduated in Law at the University of Montreal. Also a graduate of International Private Comparative Law of the Faculty of Strassbourg, France. He was the President of the Chamber of Notaries for two terms. (1984-1990) He has been the Chairman of the Board of the Quebec's National and International Commercial Arbitration Centre since 1987.

# MADELEINE ALMA

October 11, 1922



*August 10, 1941*







*Nathalie plays violin*

Yes!

The Music Continues





### *Labonte Background*

Gay was born in 1918 in Granby, Quebec. Her father was Emile Labonte who had a furniture-making and house-contracting business. Her paternal grandfather was a well-known violin maker and champion fiddler of Quebec. His violins had animal carvings at the end of the violin. Her mother was Almeda Marc-Aurele, a teacher. Her maternal grandfather owned the sugar-bush in Granby. Her siblings were: Gerard, Rolland, Annette, Fernande, Marcel, Lorenzo, Simonne, (Gaetane), Marc-Aurele, Roger and Madeleine.

They lived in a house on the corner of Principale and Pare Streets. The grandfather lived on Pare Street right around the corner. The convent was across the street on Principale where the girls went to school. The girls roller-skated in the basement and the boys did chemistry experiments, etc., in the tower. The house was so big that it was used at election time as a poll station.



*House at corner of Principale and Pare Streets*



*Gay, Marc Aurele and Minou*

*Lorenzo, Gay, (age 18 months), Roland  
Fernande, Marc-Aurele (baby), Simonne, and Annette*





*Simonne and Gay*

*Simonne, Annette, Fernande  
Madeleine (bowed-head), and Gay  
in school uniforms*

Her family moved to Montreal when Gay was about 5. Her father's contracting - furniture-making company in Granby had failed due to the Depression so Emile found work with a company specializing in making brand-name imitation furniture. He was a very good eboniste (in-lay expert) and carpenter.

Gay and her siblings adjusted easily to all the things a big city had to offer. There were a lot of activities held in the Lafontaine Park and costumes were sometimes necessary. Her sister, Annette was crowned the "Queen of Canada" there when she was 21.



*Gay and Madeleine at Lafontaine Park*





*Gay and Simonne Chartrand as a Marquis and Marquesse*



*\_\_\_, Gaetane, Simonne, Fernande, and Lorenzo*



*Gay's first communion - 1930*



*Gay (14) dressed up  
at her Uncle Magloire's  
farm in Granby*



Her parents had bought a cottage on Ste. Rose Island and they spent a lot of time there.



*Cottage*



*Madeleine and Gay*







*Gennette Labonte*

1911 - 2003

