

John Burton “Burt” Johnston

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My parents met while working at Orenda Engines.

My dad was Burt Johnston. (John Burton Johnston) Among other things, he was a Hockey & Lacross player for Orenda Engines

My mom was Margaret Loughrin (seen in the photo below). She was a Model and poster gal for Orenda. (see her entry on our site)

They would have started working there around 1954. Dad lost his job Feb 20, 1959 when the Avro Arrow shut down.

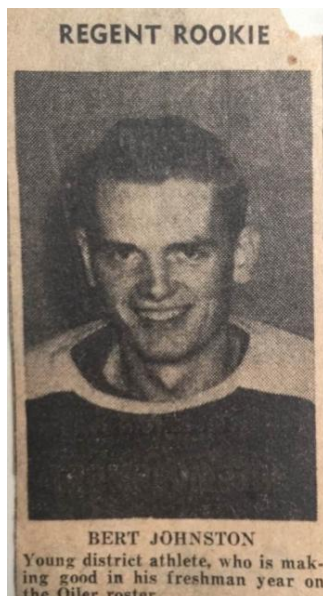
Dad’s version of the story was that he saw mom at work and told the guys, “I’m gonna marry that girl” and they all said, “no way”. They were married for nearly 50 years!

After Orenda, my dad got into the grocery business and then for 35 years owned Streetsville IGA. Streetsville is a part of present-day Mississauga. Mom was in various sales roles, including Mary Kay (won six cars during her years with that company).

We all knew it (Orenda) had a big part of their story.

Dad passed away Feb 2, 2004.

1956 - dad would have either been at Orenda by then. He dropped out of high school in grade 10 to work on the farm, and then got a job. But he played hockey - often at three teams at a time. He also played lacrosse and went to the Minto Cup in 1956 out in Vancouver.





Burt and Margaret Johnston
July 23, 1955



The Johnston's had a farm that had been in the family for 7 generations. It's just about to be developed.



Re. My family I'm the youngest of Burt and Margaret's five kids.

Just before dad died, he was invited to a hockey event with his neighbour, Ron MacLean, and Don Cherry.

Janice

