

Margaret (Loughrin) 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.

They would have started working there around 1954.

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! (see his entry on our site)

Not sure mom's years as she started having kids in 1956.

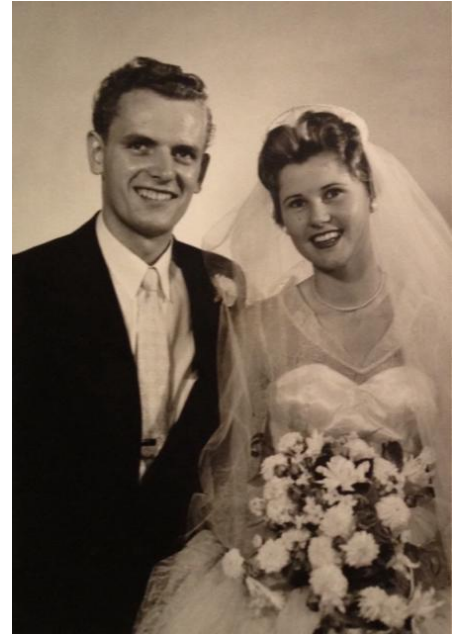
After Orenda, mom was in various sales roles, including Mary Kay (won six cars during her years with that company).

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

Mom passed away last January 21, 2020.

Below is a photo of Margaret sitting on the engine for Orenda.





Burt and Margaret Johnston
July 23, 1955

**What kind of man is
Mr. IGA?**
He's the caring kind, like
Burt Johnston

Burt is a busy man. He's the father of five, an active community member and owner of two successful IGA stores. Still he finds the time to give his customers the kind of courteous, personal service they've come to expect from MR. IGA. It's a matter of pride with Burt and the other independent businessmen who own and operate their own IGA stores. They've worked hard to build a solid reputation for quality and customer service. Each and every day, they work just as hard to live up to that reputation.

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

Janice