



Clarice Morgan
Royal Canadian Air Force
RCAF
World War II

Born: 05 Mar 1919

Died: 07 Jan 2005

Place of Birth: South River, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Wilfred and Violet (nee Dawe) Morgan

The 1921 Newfoundland general census enumeration for South River, Newfoundland (page 108 section 161/171) lists the Morgan family as follows: Wilfred 32, Violet 23, daughter Clarice is 2 (born 1919). It appears that they are living with Wilfred's parents Benjamin 67 and Emilie 67.

Wilfred is working as a fisherman and like his father, Benjamin, plied the Labrador cod fishery.

At the next general census in 1935, the family is still living in South River. Wilfred is 45, Violet 39, Clarice 16, Pauline 10, Jean 7, Ida 5 and Emilie is 81

The 1945 census does not contain a listing for Clarice. This is because she has enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and has been serving during the war, rising to the rank of LAW or Leading Air Woman.. This year, 1945, in fact June 2nd, she married Frederick Frank Pelletier.

The Pelletier's had five (5) children, Carol, Frederick, Valerie, Raymond, and Jennifer. For a time, they lived in Niagara Falls Ontario and in 1980 are found living in Fort Pierce, Florida. It is here that Clarice's husband, Frederick, died in 1980. He was buried in his hometown of Hemmingford, Quebec.

An entry in the 1992 U.S. Public Records Directory lists Clarice as still living in Fort Pierce, Florida at 31 Monterey Way.

Clarice would eventually move back to Canada and in 2005 at 103 years old died at her home in Hemmingford.

Clarice. Pelletier Obituary

PELLETIER, Clarice (nee Morgan). Suddenly, at home, in Hemmingford on January 7, 2005, beloved wife of the late Frank Pelletier. Loving mother and friend to Carol (Tom) Frederick (Carol) Valerie (Gregor) Raymond (Lise) and Jennifer (Duncan). Cherished grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of one. Survived by her sisters Pauline and Jean and her brother-in-law Alan. Dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. She will be sadly missed by her devoted friend Gunther Gnass, his family, and her numerous friends. Resting at the J.M. Sharpe funeral home,

461 Champlain (Route 202) Hemmingford. Visitation on Wednesday, January 12 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, January 13 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Funeral service 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 531 Champlain, Hemmingford. Interment at a later date. Reception immediately following at the Hemmingford Golf and Country Club. In lieu of flowers donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Mom, you will be in our hearts forever.

Below are two newspaper clippings that provide information about Clarice from 1943. (Note: There is an error in this clipping that ought to read the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Morgan, not "Mr. & Mrs. Fred Morgan.")

*From The Observer's
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13 April 1943*

South River Notes

SOUTH RIVER, March 25—Quite recently the people of South River, Salmon Cove, Clarke's Beach and North River had the great pleasure of welcoming home the following members of the armed forces; Miss Clarice Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan of South River, now a leading air woman in the R.C.A.F., as well as Seamen George Atkins of North River, Alphonsus Long also of North River and Geo. Dunn of South River. This was Clarice's first visit to her home for sometime and her family and friends were very pleased to see her once more. Apart from a public reception under the auspices of the W.P.A., held in the school which she attended before leaving home, several other receptions in houses were given in her honour and the fortnight's furlough seemed to pass all too quickly. Clarice, being the only girl from here in the forces naturally evoked much favourable comment particularly on her trim appearance in air force blue and everyone vied with each other in helping her to enjoy her leave.

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PUBLIC RECEPTION

A public reception under the auspices of the W.P.A. and N.P.A. was held in the high school at South River on March 5th., to do honour to Leading Air Woman Clarice Morgan of South River and Seaman Geo. Atkins of North River. Mr. Chesley Fillier, Pres. of N.P.A. acted as chairman and welcomed the guests of honour and their parents. Welcoming speeches were also made by Revs. Sparshott and Williams also Major Kennedy of the S.A. as well as other members of the N.P.A. The speeches were interspersed with songs and recitations by Miss Betty Long, Miss Eileen Reid and some school pupils of South River. After this teas were served by the ladies of the W.P.A. and dancing was indulged in until 2 a.m. Seaman Jim Delaney of Bay Roberts a comrade of Geo. Atkins was also present, who being rather a "jolly" fellow, helped the affair to be all the more enjoyed. A presentation in the form of a generous gift of money was then made to Leading Air Woman C. Morgan and Geo. Atkins as well as a gift of \$5.00 to Seaman Deaney. This coupled with the best wishes of Mrs. Fred Hussey, President of the W.P.A., was much appreciated by the guests, who replied in a few words thanking everybody for their part in making the affair so enjoyable.



RCAF Women's Division Recruiting
Poster from World War II.