



Rev Harry Andrews

1891 – 16 Aug 1978

[Cimetière Mont-Royal](#)

Outremont, Montreal Region, Quebec, Canada

Harry Andrews M.B.E.

Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force

(CEF)

Regimental No. 526722

World War I

Born: 10 Aug 1891

Died: 16 Aug 1978

Place of Birth: Ship Cove, Port de Grave,
Newfoundland

Parents: George and Ester Andrews

Harry was born in Port de Grave on August 10th, 1891, to parents George and Esther Andrews of Ship Cove. In January 1903 at the young age of 11, Harry's father George passed away. George Andrews is buried in St. Luke's Anglican Cemetery Port de Grave.

Harry was attending McGill University in Montreal and in his third year of theology studies when the First World War broke out.

Residing in Quebec, at the time, it is understandable that his enlistment on 25, April 1916, shows Montreal, P.Q. as his enlistment point. He became part of the Quebec Regiment and assigned to the 148th Overseas Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (C.E.F.)

At McGill University, young Harry was a military cadet in the Canadian Training School and a particularly good one according to his record. He, along with others at the university who enlisted from the cadet training school became known as the McGill University Contingent.

Harry was granted a commission to the rank of Lt on the 11th of August 1918. Only two weeks following his promotion while fighting in France, Harry was wounded. The medical reports a GSW (Gun Shot Wound) to his left shoulder but in fact he was hit by shrapnel in that same shoulder. This happened on 27th August 1918. He was hospitalized, subsequently recovered, and was found fit to return to active service a short time later.

Harry survived the remainder of the war, was demobilized on 21 March 1919 in Montreal. He then returned to his studies at McGill University.

Harry shows up again in 1926 as a McGill graduate with a Bachelor of Theology degree. This link will take you to his yearbook page of 1926.

[1926 Yearbook \(mcgill.ca\)](#)

Harry married Florence Louise Leman on August 10th, 1920, at Verdun, Quebec. Florence was from London; England and it may have been there that her first met her but that is pure speculation. Together they had four (4) children, Vera, Dorothy, Basil, and Harry. Florence died in 1965.

Harry then married Dorothy Gayfer on December 14th, 1966, at Pointe Claire, Quebec. It was the second marriage for both Harry and Dorothy.

Surprisingly, Harry seems to appear again as Rector of Christ Church, Anglican Parish of Rawdon, Quebec for the period of 1954 – 1964.

Rawdon is a municipality located on the Ouareau River in south-western Quebec, Canada, about 60 kilometres north of Montreal. It is the seat for the Regional County Municipality of Matawinie, in the Lanaudière region.

Harry was awarded the M.B.E. He was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

This award comes with it the unique privilege of being permitted to have one's wedding in the iconic St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Inside there's a special chapel for M.B.E. recipients and their families, who can also avail of the privilege. This church is normally reserved for Royalty and those of high office. For example, the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana took place at St. Paul's, as did the funeral for Sir Winston Churchill.

Harry Died in August 1978. A copy of his obituary is attached. He is commemorated with a Cenotaph at Ingersoll, Ontario (the location of his first wife's burial), but is actually buried at Cimetière Mont-Royal Outremont, Montreal Region, PQ, his adopted home.

DEATHS

ANDREWS, Reverend Harry
M.B.E., E.D. Suddenly at the
Lakeshore General Hospital, Au-
gust 16, 1978, beloved husband of
Dorothy Louise Gayfer and the
late Florence Louise Lemay, dear
father of Verna (Mrs. E. R. E.
Carter) of Toronto, Ontario,
Dorothy (Mrs. R. H. Jay) of Gen-
eva, Switzerland, Basil of Picton,
Ontario and Harry of Montreal,
stepfather of Betty (Mrs. J. W.
Thomson) of Penticton, British
Columbia, Beverly (Mrs. W.
Steel) of Mississauga, Ontario and
Carmen (Mrs. R. G. Hungate) of
Calgary, Alberta. Resting at D. A.
Collins Funeral Home, 222 Metro-
politan Blvd., (Highway 20 at Car-
tier), Pointe Claire. Requiem Eu-
charist Service at Church of St.
John the Baptist, Ste. Claire Ave.,
Pointe Claire, Quebec, on Satur-
day, at 10 a.m. To Mount Royal
Crematorium. In lieu of flowers,
donations may be made to the Me-
morial Fund, St. Stephen's Angli-
can Church, Lachine, Quebec, and
would be gratefully acknowl-
edged. By family request, visita-
tion from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and
Friday only.