

The Harding Family History Part 3 – A Family of Electricians

George and William's brother Morris is next. Morris Harding first married Audrey Thurman and they had one daughter named Maureen. Morris then married Ruth Henderson, the daughter of Roland Henderson and Euphemia Moxley. According to Elise, Ruth and Morris were married by Aretha Franklin's father The Rev. C.L. Franklin in Detroit. Shortly after their marriage, Morris was shipped out to fight in WWII and served as a Private in the Royal Canadian Regiment at Camp Borden near London, Ontario. Morris was trained as a sharpshooter.

According to Elise, "After shipping out from Pier 21, NS., Private Harding fought on the European frontier in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Holland. Harding worked in Stores while serving. During his tour of duty Harding was wounded; had a short stay in hospital then returned to the front. He took part in liberating Jewish prisoners at Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp. During a raid in the Black Forest Pvt. Harding confiscated a Persian rug from a castle. Many years later, a wild coincidence took place. A former German resident recognized the rug on display in the family room of Harding's home; it belonged to his family, left behind when they fled from the Allies."

Before serving in the military, Morris worked at Ford Motor Company. Ruth worked in Detroit as a Lens Grinder in the Penobscot Building. After the war, Morris applied to become an electrician through the V.A. bill at the St. Luke Road Barracks and within 1 ½ years he was a master electrician. Elise shared that "In March 1947 possessing only a silver dollar, a horse and buggy Harding and his wife Ruth (Henderson) opened Harding Electric. The company operated for over forty-one years. In 1957, under the VA Bill, the Harding's built a home in Sandwich West. They raised six children who learned the business. Harding trained fourteen apprentices including his daughter Shelley who became Canada's first Black female Electrician and first

Black female Master Electrician. Hundreds of the homes and businesses in Windsor and Essex/Kent Counties were upgraded to 100- and 200-amp services by Harding Electric including the homes of many brother Veterans. Morris was president of the Ontario Electrical Association in 1955 and president of the Remington Park Legion in the early 1970s. Harding worked on the electrical banks of ocean-going ship while they were docked for repairs on the Detroit River traveling the St. Lawrence Seaway. Harding Electric had a contract with the City of Windsor and provided electrical services for Windsor's famous Emancipation Celebrations for many years. And, in 1961, he repaired lighting in the Parliament Building in Ottawa, ON." It is also important to note that Ruth did all the books and ordered materials for Harding Electric.

Elise also shared that her "father, Morris, Uncle Warren and Ron Smith, owner of The Walker House and the Frontier Club, sponsored a group of young Black men in the 1950s. They had a basketball team which played in Windsor and Detroit (Uncle George Henderson was a team member). These men created a fund to bail Black youthful offenders out of jail, purchase proper clothing for court appearances and assist them in retaining and paying a lawyer. They once paid for the Harlem Globetrotters to put on an exhibition game."

On June 25, 1988 *The Windsor Star* printed a lengthy article titled "He attributes his success to their electric marriage" about Morris and Ruth which says "Electrician Morris Harding kids around so much with good-natured grumbling and growling that he's called Archie Bunker in the family circle. But he leaves no doubt he's proud of the fact his daughter, Shelley Smith, became the first black female electrician in Canada, 13 years ago. He is also quick to give most of the credit to his wife, Ruth, for the success of Harding Electric he operated for 37 years in home-town-boy-makes-good fashion. 'My wife is a gentle person. The way she talked on the phone to people made it easy for me. A lot called up just to chat with Ruth,' he said. Ruth's

beautiful melodious voice can be attributed to her ability to sing—she could hit ‘high C over high C’ and was once approached to tour Europe. Like her mother Euphemia, Ruth was an exceptionally talented piano player. She married Harding instead. Then the 75-year-old Second World War veteran will josh about the battle-axe he married. ‘That old biddy is hard to deal with,’ he said of his wife. ‘I never knew what a mop and pail and broom were until that old biddy got sick.’ Ruth interjected ‘I call him Hazel.’ It was a daughter, Jaynelle Harding-Thomas, who nicknamed them Edith and Archie Bunker and Flo and Andy Capp. Sitting at the kitchen table in his Mark Avenue home, smoking seven cigarettes an hour, Morris volunteers non-stop thoughts. Some samples.

‘I’ve run into the nicest people in the world. Others I can forget with ease. They’re the people who say I am the best and I can do as I want and they don’t care who they hurt.’

‘I wouldn’t want to raise a family today. It’s all a gimme and a take. I’d be going at the world backwards. The young kids can’t even speak to you. I think these kids know too much.’

‘MOTHERS USED to stay home with their children. The government wasn’t satisfied so it had women go out to work so they could be taxed. Kids are put in a day care centre. It’s no life without mother in the house.’

‘I was a good Christian boy. My life has been good to me, I always figured.’

‘You can’t live without respect. You’ve got to give it to get it.’

‘I wouldn’t want pure children. I’d have to watch them all the time.’

‘In Windsor, we have the smartest black kids in Canada, and they can’t get work. But they’re fighting. The other generations used to hang back.’

The article continues with “Name it and Morris will talk about it. Morris, son of William Harding and Rachel Madison, was born in a home at Mercer and Erie Streets, and attended Mercer Street Public School and Patterson Collegiate with his brothers, George and William, both deceased. His birthplace and both schools have been demolished. His early jobs after becoming a high school dropout were shining shoes and running errands for the Wickens Cigar Store and shoe shine parlor, in the stock department of Kresge’s, and driving a truck for Auto Specialties Ltd. He described the Auto Specialties president, Henry Cantelon, as ‘one of the nicest people you could ever meet. He treated every man in that plant like a gentleman. You could talk to him. The union ruined that plant.

In 1943, the Royal Regiment of Canada in Toronto accepted the volunteer for army service and in three months he was overseas, serving in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. When I came back after the war I took an electrical course at the St. Luke Road barracks, worked for Ace Brown and then decided to work for myself. I did industrial and residential work and did work for some of my old school teachers.”

The article ends with “Harding Electric was in operation from 1947 until 1989. His daughter Shelley and his son, Morris Jr., who died five years ago of [sickle cell] anemia at age 39, worked with him. ‘Word of mouth kept me busy. I never looked for a job. I’ve trained about 15 men in this town. He continues to help his old customers. Morris encouraged Shelley to become an electrician, she was apprentice to her father and now works in electronics at Wickes Manufacturing. ‘My mother made me go to Sunday school at the BME Church. I didn’t go to church much. And I belong to the Masonic Lodge.’ When Harding pursued Ruth, daughter of Roland Henderson and the former Euphemia Moxley, his would-be mother-in-law was opposed to him but Morris persisted and won. ‘She gave him a good benediction. She said ‘Ruth was in

good hands with Morris,' recalled Ruth. The Hardings' five daughters, Maureen Mulder, Elise Davis, Shelley Smith, Jaynelle Harding-Thomas and Velma Harding, all reside in the Windsor area. There are 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Of his wife, he declared: 'She and I have had a good life. I wouldn't have had as happy a life and wouldn't have had the business I have today without her. And Ruth declared: I'm getting my flowers before I'm gone.'

Sadly, Private Morris Harding's passing was reported in *The Windsor Star* on September 11, 1989 and says "HARDING – Morris Howard, 76 years, on September 11, 1989 at Grace Hospital. Beloved husband of Ruth. Dearest father to Mrs. Maureen Mulder and her husband Wilbert, Mrs. Elise Davis and her husband Garland all of Harrow, Mrs. Shelley Smith and her husband Steven, Mrs. Jaynelle Harding and Miss Velma Harding, all of Windsor. Dear father-in-law to Mrs. Toni Harding. Predeceased by 2 sons, Morris (1983) and Robert (1950). Dear grandfather to 13 and great-grandfather to 2. Predeceased by 2 brothers and 1 sister Kathleen. Mr. Harding was the owner and operator of Harding Electric and a Veteran of WWII."

A writeup which appeared in *The Windsor Star* on November 11, 2010, years after Private Harding's passing, includes a tribute to his life. It says "Private Morris Harding was born in Windsor, Ontario. During World War II he served in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Holland. He was a brave soldier who served his country loyally. Morris was a liberator of Holocaust victims. Post-War he took training under the VA bill and became a master electrical contractor. He and his wife Ruth owned and operated Harding Electric here in Windsor for over forty years. He had many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren plus other family members and friends who will always miss his wit and wisdom."

Just a few years after Morris' passing (1989), on December 10, 1991, Ruth passed away as was shared in *The Windsor Star*. Her obituary says "HARDING – Ruth (nee Henderson), 70

years, December 12, 1991. Beloved wife of the late Morris (1989). Dear mother of Mrs. Garland Davis (Elise), Harrow, Mrs. Steve Smith (Shelley), Windsor, Jaynelle Harding, Courtice, Ont. And the late Velma (1990), Morris (1983) and Robert (1950). Dear mother-in-law of Mrs. Toni Harding, Windsor. Also survived by her stepmother Mrs. Catherine Henderson, Union, New Jersey, 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Dear sister of Robert Henderson and wife Anne, Warren and wife Judy, Wallace, George and wife Barbara, all of Windsor, Roland and wife Dolores, Brampton, Ruby Buckner and husband James, Belleville, Michigan and Gloria Jean Brantly and husband James, Newark, New Jersey. Predeceased by Guyon Edward and Joyce Travers. Dear sister-in-law of Mrs. William Harding, Owen Sound, Mrs. George Harding, Windsor, also survived by several nieces and nephews and many dear friends.”

Ruth and Morris’ children include Morris Kenneth, Elise Lenore, Robert, Shelley Lynn, Jaynelle, Velma, and Maureen who was the oldest daughter from Morris’ first marriage. I’ll begin with Morris Kenneth who was born May 21, 1944. He worked as an electrician with his father and was married to Marie Antoinette (Toni) Shaheen. His children include Liisa Marie, Morris, Christian, and Keith Allen. Sadly, he passed away in 1983 of sickle cell anemia. On July 6, 1983, the *Windsor Star* published his obituary which says “– HARDING – Morris Kenneth, 39 years on July 4, 1983 at Metropolitan Hospital, late of 1382 Lillian Ave. Beloved husband of Marie Antoinette (Toni nee Shaheen). Dear father of Liisa Marie, Morris Christian, and Keith Allen. Cherished son of Morris and Ruth Harding. Dear grandson of Mrs. Roland (Catherine) Henderson of Union, N.J. Dear brother of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Mulder (Maureen) and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Davis (Elise), both of Harrow; Shelley Harding and Vilma Harding of Windsor and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thomas (Jaynelle), Clovis, New Mexico. Predeceased by Robert (1950).

Loving uncle of 1 nephew and 8 nieces. Also survived by several aunts & uncles, cousins and a host of friends.”

According to Elise, Liisa “Lisa” has a double degree in Nursing and is a Nurse Practitioner. She lives in Detroit Michigan where she works at Henry Ford Hospital. Morris 3rd of Tecumseh, is the City Planner for Lakeshore, ON. He has one son Morris 4th “MK”. Keith works for Ford Motor Company. He is married to Melanie Taylor and they have two children, daughter Kaitlin and son Joshua.”

Morris Kenneth’s sister Elise Lenore, who has generously shared memories and photographs to enrich this family history, was born on April 24, 1947. She is Curator Emeritus of the North American Black Historical Museum (now The Amherstburg Freedom Museum) who retired from the Museum after 32 years of dedicated service. She is also an author, educator, historian, international lecturer, and African Canadian Heritage Consultant. Elise has taught Black Studies at St. Clair College since 1993 and networked widely with numerous international educational facilities. She was also an Executive Administrator at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital for six years with a portfolio dealing with Physician/Staff complaints and the review/revision of policy and procedure to ensure diversity/cultural competency. Elise also organized/managed the office of the Member of Parliament for the riding of Essex, Jeff Watson, for eight years and acted as his spokesperson throughout the riding. She has also appeared on diverse media-TV, radio, YouTube, and podcasts, and contributed many articles to newspapers and magazines and written several books including *The Black Presence in the War of 1812* chronicling Black military involvement, and *The Colors of Essex County* which concentrates on 13 sacred African Canadian cemeteries in Essex County. She has worked to ensure their preservation through Municipal,

provincial and/or Federal heritage status. Much Black history is recorded on the gravestones at these sites.

Elise was a core member of “The African Canadian Heritage Tour Program” and acts as a Tour Guide. Elise worked with Police Forces throughout Ontario for several years to devise less biased hiring practises for Women, Indigenous Peoples, Black Persons and the Disabled. She has supported and educated minority youth helping them to develop improved self image and seek post-secondary education. Elise assisted her sister Shelley in devising a Black Studies draft program which was implemented by the Greater Essex County District School Board, where she served as a consultant. She has been a member of many Boards including North American Black Historical Museum, the Can-Am Indian Friendship Centre, the provincial Alliance of Healthier Communities and Chair of the Harrow Health Centre. Elise has received many awards, letters of appreciation and certificates of merit, internationally, including both The Golden and Diamond Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Metals. Recently, Elise was also named to the Order of Ontario. According to Elise, her life’s passion, the love of her people, has given Elise the opportunity to travel globally to such places as China, Ghana, Africa, England, Greece, Portugal and the Caribbean educating about and upholding “The Black Thread in the Canadian Tapestry”, proudly proclaiming , “Without Black History—History is Incomplete.”

Elise married Garland Davis, son of Lloyd and Gertrude (Lee) Davis of Dresden, Ontario, on July 10th, 1965 at the First Baptist Church, Mercer Street, Windsor with 1000 guests in attendance. Charlotte Watkins Maxey sang at the wedding. A reception was held at the home of her parents Morris and Ruth Harding. They divorced after 32 years. Elise and Garland are parents to Sybil Leone, Daphne Jessica, and Angelique Lenore.

Sybil married Arnel Bruce Davis, son of Velma and the late A.V. Davis of Detroit, Michigan, on April 28th, 1990 at the B.M.E. Church, Windsor, Ontario and later divorced. They have 3 children, sons Julian Ariel, Sean Alexander and daughter Ava Marie, who passed away at age 16 years, on February 10th, 2018.

Julian is a musical genius who can play 14 instruments, composes music and lyrics. He was admitted to the Michigan Musician's Association when he was eight years old. Julian is currently training to be an Electrician in Detroit, Michigan. Sean married Stephanie Csikasz, October 7th, 2021, in Harrow, Ontario at Harrow United Church. The couple resides in Ruthven.

Daphne married Richard Bergeron in the Dominican Republic in 1992. She was later engaged to Robert Carreria who tragically drowned in Lake Erie on September 10, 2021. Daphne has no children.

Angelique married Nicolos "Nick" Speros on August 29th, 2008, in Toronto. Her two children are Marissa Lenore Davis Buckley and Christos "Chris" Doudlas Maximus Davis Speros.

Sadly, the next child of Ruth and Morris, named Robert, was stillborn in 1950 and is buried at Windsor Grove Cemetery. Robert's sister Shelley Lynn, born May 25, 1955, married Herman Steve Smith, the son of Herman Smith and Lucille Tate, on April 19, 1984 in Lucas, Ohio. Shelly was previously married to Michael L. Waffle and Herman was also previously married. Shelly worked as Canada's first African Canadian Female Master Electrician. She was among fourteen apprentices trained by her father Morris. She was also the mother of Richard, Stephanie, and Olivia. Following Shelley's unexpected passing on October 4, 2019, her sister Elise shared a moving tribute which says, "She believed, 'education is the portal to active and productive participation in society.' Her personal commitment to life-long learning enabled her

to graduate from St. Clair College and enjoy a rewarding career as Canada's first African Canadian Female Master Electrician (1978). She was among fourteen apprentices trained by her father Morris Harding, who owned/operated Harding Electric with his wife Ruth."

Elise added "Shelley helped pioneer women's entry into non-traditional occupations for skilled trades and technology. She owned/operated Harding-Smith Electric and was also employed at Chrysler Canada-Skilled Trades, the City of Windsor, WICK and Boblo Island as an Electrician and taught skilled trades courses in Windsor's high schools. While representing Wards 1, 2, and 9 when elected Trustee with the Greater Windsor/Essex District School Board, Shelley successfully introduced a Black Studies Teachers Guide. A community activist, she was passionate about preserving all aspects of heritage. Shelley sat on several boards-the North American Black Historical Museum (presently the Amherstburg Freedom Museum), First Nations Metis, Inuit Council, Friends of the Court – Mackenzie Hall and The Hour-a-Day Study Club. Amongst many awards she received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Caucus of Colour Award. An avid amateur genealogist, Shelley featured in a Cable 16 documentary filmed in Missouri on slave George Madison, her paternal great grandfather. She filled volumes of generational family information. A world traveller, Shelley visited such places as Cuba, Ireland and China. She hosted a yearly neighbourhood children's' Christmas cookie-making party and mentored numerous youths, encouraging them to take up skilled trades. Shelley created a bursary fund honouring of her parents. She took risks, worked smart and fiercely advocated for Black equality."

Shelley's obituary appeared in the *Windsor Star* on October 8, 2019 and says "Passed away unexpectedly October 4, 2019 surrounded by loving family. Born May 25, 1955, Shelley was a life-long Windsorite. Caring mother of Richard (Lisa), Stephanie (Gwenyth) and Olivia.

Cherished grandmother of Sarah (Jake), Korben Ethan and Bryanne. Adored great-grandmother of Astriid and Noah. Former spouse of Steve Smith. Proud Mother of her beloved fur baby Wall-E. Predeceased by parents Morris (1989) and Ruth (Henderson) Harding (1991). Sister of Maureen Mulder, Morris (1983) (Toni), Elise Harding-Davis, Robert (1951), Jaynelle (Gaitan), and Velma (1990). Shelley is also survived by caring nieces and nephews Rita, Wendy, Sybil, Lisa, Morris, Daphne, Angelique, Keith, Euphemia and Tia and 22 great and 8 great-great-nieces and nephews as well as Uncles Roland and Warren Henderson and aunt Gloria Jean Brantley. There are a host of friends and colleagues who mourn her passing she will be sadly missed by all those whose lives she has touched. Shelley was a no nonsense, straight shooter who lived life on her own terms. She believed that education is the portal to active and productive participation in society. Many thanks to Drs. Shobola, Y. Oozeer and Ouellette Campus Drs. Bradford and Singh and the ER, OR and ICU staff for expert, compassionate care. Huge thanks to neighbor Mike for his kind ongoing assistance. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Victoria Greenlawn Funeral Home.”

Son Richard Robert has Master Electrician credentials in both Canada and the United States where he is a Supervisor in a diamond mine in northern Michigan. He has one daughter, Sarah, two stepchildren named Brianne and Ethan. He has one granddaughter Astriid, who is Sarah’s daughter.

Daughter Stephanie works for the Canadian Government and is married to Gwyneth. Their son is Korben. Olivia Whitney owns a Janitorial Service in Windsor.

Shelley’s sister Jaynelle Georgetta born August 18th, 1957 was Vice Principal at a public school near Oshawa (Courtice), Ontario. Elise also recalled Jaynelle’s first marriage was to a man named Greg Williams. Her second husband was Melvin Thomas. Elise also mentioned that

Jaynelle is brilliant and was on the Dean's list at the University of Windsor. She speaks several languages fluently. Shelley's obituary mentions Jaynelle's partner Gaitan. Jaynelle also has two daughters named Euphemia and Tia. Euphemia Harding Morris who lives in Courtice, Ontario, is the mother of eight children and has two grandchildren. Tia Thomas Henry who lives in New York, is the mother of two sons.

Jaynelle's sister Velma Elizabeth Robin was born on February 5, 1961. She worked as a cosmetologist and also as a carpenter. She sadly passed at the young age of 29 years old. According to her obituary which appeared in the *Windsor Star* on March 15, 1990 "Velma, 29 years, March 12, 1990 at Windsor Western Hospital. Beloved daughter of Mrs. Ruth (Henderson) Harding and the late Morris Harding – 1989. Dear sister of Mrs. Wilbert Mulder (Maureen) and Mrs. Garland Davis (Elise) of Harrow, Mrs. Steve Smith (Shelley) and Jaynelle Harding of Windsor and the late Morris Harding – 1983. Dear sister-in-law of Mrs. Toni Harding of Windsor. Dear friend of Dale (Nate) Nolan of Windsor. Also survived by several nieces and nephews, one great-niece and nephews, one great-niece and one great-nephew as well as numerous friends ... Velma was employed at Cerebral Palsy Association Participation Industries."

Velma's sister Maureen Gwendolyn was born on January 9, 1939 and is the oldest child of Morris from his first marriage. Elise shared that Maureen's first job was working for Sydney Leon at Real Lace and Linen on Ouellette Avenue in downtown Windsor. She was a Supervisor at a Plastic Plant in Windsor and worked in several factories in rural Harrow. Maureen married Wilbert Mulder, the son of Vida Mae and Harvey Mulder. I was able to find their marriage announcement in *The Windsor Daily Star* which was printed on October 11, 1957. It says "Maureen Harding and Wilbert L. Mulder Married at B.M.E. Church Ceremony – At a ceremony

at the B.M.E. Church, Rev. I.H. Edwards united in marriage Miss Maureen Gwendolyn Harding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bailey of Windsor Ave., and Mr. Wilbert L. Mulder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mulder of Harrow. Mr. Fred Kirby sang 'At Dawning' and 'The Lord's Prayer,' accompanied by Mrs. M.C. Rock, the organist. The bride wore a gown of Chantilly lace and satin [fashioned after the gown worn by Princess Grace of Monaco], the yolk and the everskirt being caught at the back with satin bows and extending into a train. The front of the skirt was appliqued with lace embroidered in sequin and pearls. Her fingertip veil was tiered and lace edged, and she carried baby chrysanthemums, and stephanotis centre with an orchid. Miss Karen Tubaro was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Mrs. Ruby Williams, Mrs. Arthur W. Preston of Ann Arbor, Mrs. Leonard Shreve, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Shirley Boyd. The maid of honor wore turquoise taffeta and the bridesmaids wore rose taffeta, styled on princess lines, with white feather hats and cyclamen accessories. They carried cascades of white chrysanthemums. The flower girls were Shelley Lynn Harding, sister of the bride, and Elizabeth Talbot, cousin of the bridegroom, who wore dresses of tiered ruffles and carried nosegays of baby chrysanthemums. The ring bearers were Ronald Mulder and Robert Talbot, cousins of the bridegroom. Mr. Douglass Brown was the best man and the ushers were Mr. LeRoy Turner, Mr. Arthur William Preston, Mr. Fred Johnson and Mr. Glen Johnson. The bride's mother wore a ballerina length dress of cotillion blue velveteen with a corsage of orchids. The bridegroom's mother wore royal blue barathea with white accessories and a corsage of red roses." Elise adds that "Step-mother Ruth, wore a slate blue knee length sheath dress. Both her father and step-father walked Maureen down the aisle."

The wedding announcement concludes by say "Following the wedding a reception for 500 guests was held in St. Angela's parish hall. A dinner for the family and immediate friends

was served at the home of the bride's mother." Their children include Alrita, Wendy, and Wilbert Jr.

Maureen's husband Wilbert passed away on July 29, 2003. His obituary says "MULDER, Wilbert Leroy 66 years. July 29, 2003. Late of Harrow. Beloved husband of Maureen (Harding). Beloved father Alrita Mulder, Harrow and Wendy and Aron Moore, Hamilton. Predeceased by his son Wilbert Jr. (Mookey), 1963. Dear papa of Deana, Joshua, Winnie and Breezie. Dear son of Vida Mae and the late Harvey Mulder (1998). Dear brother of Wanda Shreve, Toronto, Helen and Troy Robinson, Cincinnati, OH, Hilda and Larry Ware, South Carolina. Resting at the Gerald A. Smith Funeral Home, 197 King St. W., Harrow. Visiting Thursday 2-4 at the funeral home and 7-9 p.m. at Harrison Memorial C.O.G.I.C., 810 Mercer St., Windsor. A service to celebrate Wilbert's life will be held Friday, August 1, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at the Harrison Memorial C.O.G.I.C. with Bishop Lionel Riley officiating. Cremation to follow." According to Elise, Wilbert was Canada's first double lung transplant recipient.

Maureen passed away on July 12, 2022 and her obituary says "MULDER, Maureen "Moe" Gwendolyn (Harding), 83 years. July 12, 2022 peacefully surrounded by her loving family. Loving wife of the late Wilbert Leroy Mulder (2003). Loving mother of Alrita Mulder, Wendy Moore, the late Wilbert Jr. "Mookey" (1964). Loving nana and great grandmother. Daughter of the late Morris Harding and Audrey Bailey. Dear sister of Elise, Jaynelle (Gaitan), late Morris (Toni), late Shelley and late Velma. Dear sister-in-law of Wanda (late Leonard), Hilda (Larry), Troy (late Helen). Also remembered by a host of relatives and friends. Moe was the founder of the Turtles. A service was held at Central Grove AME Church 4005 Walker Rd. Harrow with Interment in Colchester Memorial Cemetery." Elise shared that "Maureen courageously struggled with Multiple Sclerosis. Her phenomenal 'faith in God' enabled her to

make over one hundred unique quilts and hundreds of prayer hankies which she gifted to family and friends.”

What we publish is not a complete history of any family and is based on the documents that are available. We welcome photos and information to fill in the gaps. See you next week for part 4.