

# POSTCARD



**Private  
Donald Crosby Shelton  
1924-2017**



## Address

**A Hero Lived Here**

373 Wellington Street

Ingersoll, ON

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### Private Donald Crosby Shelton

Donald was born on Wellington Street, the same street where he lives today, he is the son of Sam and Myrtle Shelton. After graduating from Victory Memorial Public School and Ingersoll Collegiate Institute, Don started working for the Royal Bank. When he was 19 years old, he joined the Army, signing up at Wolsely Barracks, London. As a member of an anti-tank gun crew in the Lincoln & Welland Infantry Regiment, he was part of the Fourth Canadian Armoured Division which landed in France with 37 officers and 810 other ranks. Only seven officers and 76 other ranks were still with the Regiment at the end of World War II. Donald was 20 years old when he was badly wounded in the leg by a buzz bomb - he laid for hours in a trench until the allies pushed the enemy back. He was sent home on the Lady Nelson Hospital ship. When he came back to Ingersoll, Don joined his father at McVittie & Shelton, car dealers. In 1949, Don married Shirley Craddock, of Woodstock and they had four children. Don has always been an active member of Trinity United Church. Private Donald Crosby Shelton passed away in 2017, he rests in Ingersoll Rural Cemetery.

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