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Clarence James Smith
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Clarence James Smith

Clarence was born in Ingersoll, May 24, 1925. He attended the Ward School (now Princess Elizabeth), Victory Memorial Public School and Ingersoll Collegiate Institute. Clarence worked at the Morrow Screw & Nut Company until his enlistment at the age of 18. He joined the Army as a Volunteer in the infantry, signing up at Wolsely Barracks, London. Soon after his training was completed, he was sent to England. He explains that the Royal Regiment had suffered many casualties in Normandy and he was one of the first replacements in Caen, Normandy. He was first wounded at Elbuef, August 28, 1944. After recovering, he was sent back to the Royal Regiment and to the Front at Antwerp, Belgium where he was wounded for a second time - at Merksem, Belgium. After that recovery, he once again joined his regiment and with them went through Germany and into Northern Holland. He was there to help liberate Holland in May 1945, it was here that Clarence met his future wife, Gerda. They were married in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ingersoll, July 1947. Their four children, two sons and two daughters, were all born in Ingersoll. Clarence passed away in 2012.

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