



Frederick Sharratt was born January 9th, 1913 and died at age of 32, April 23, 1945, just after his son Brian was Born in Canada!

His parents were William "Pops", and Elizabeth "Lil" Sharratt. Fred had one older sister Winifred, and two younger brothers Ern and Clair, all born and raised in London, Ontario Canada!

Fred's grandparents came to Canada in 1883 from London, England. They bought two parcels of land outside of small town called London, Ontario. On one large parcel of land, they built a small brick cottage for Fred's parents to live, with their growing family. Pops and Lil were very interested in growing plants, so they grew many varieties, and sold them at the market in a near town of London! The young boys had to work hard at the new garden, which later grew to be a Plant Nursery. Mother Lil and Fred's sister kept the men well fed, and the grounds

cleared of weeds etc. It soon became a large business with many Greenhouses, and a couple of Flowers shops in the spreading City London, Ontario, Canada.

Fred being the eldest son, worked long hours in the greenhouses, He was a happy person, who loved life, played the violin and enjoyed going dancing on week-ends. That's where he met and fell in love with young Yvonne Dawkins! She loved to dance and lived near the dance park!

When he planned to marry Yvonne, he needed extra income to get a house. So, his Uncles found him work at the nearby CNR Shops (Canadian National Railways). Fred and Yvonne married in June 1939. He found a small older cottage, just down the street from the CNR, also close to the Greenhouses, so he could walk to both jobs.

It was war time and all the young men were enlisting to help fight in Europe! Fred being the eldest son, needed to help at the Greenhouses, because his Father started to become ill. So, Fred's uncles helped through the day, and Fred worked the nursery at night. The two other Brothers had already enlisted in the Air Force, as they were young and single and Canada needed more forces to help in the war.

Shortly after working at the CNR Shops, Fred had an accident, when a train "wheel shaft" rolled off its supports and crushed a bone in his ankle. It was tended to immediately, but didn't heal very well.

Canada was running out of young men to send to the war! They started conscripting married men, and those who did not enlist at the start of the war. Fred was one! He had a very short training, then was placed in the Lincoln & Welland Regiment in 1944.

He was put in "D" Regiment Division #102, Lincoln & Welland Regiment of Canada, shipped from Nova Scotia to England. He did a very short training in tanks (England), but didn't like it. He just wanted to get to the battle as soon as possible, as many soldiers were needed as replacements, so many had died!

Friends that fought beside Fred, told his wife Yvonne, Fred had to sit at times, to cut his shoe lace open. His ankle was swelling badly after long days of fighting, but that never stopped him from moving on. His unit Officer was killed by a sniper, moving out of a canal type bunker, at the end of the War in Germany. So Fred went out next, to lead the charge on a barn, (the sniper was in a loft). The sniper had pinned down their unit for couple of hours. That is when Fred was killed, leading the unit, April 23rd 1945! Yes, he died a Hero!

A couple of weeks before he died, he was told he had a new baby! He was so happy knowing he had a new baby Son to love when he arrived home!

