

J.C. Maurice L'Arrivée (1923-2009)

J.C. Maurice L'Arrivée passed away on 18 September 2009, aged 86 years, in Lethbridge, Alberta. He was born on 18 June 1923 in St. Boniface, Manitoba, to E. Bernier L'Arrivée and Elodie Guilbert, the first of their 10 children.

Maurice received his early education in St. Boniface. He served 4 ½ years in the Royal Canadian Air Force and, after World War II, he attended the University of Manitoba where he received BSA and MSc degrees in Agriculture, specializing in Horticulture and Entomology. He then transferred to the Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa, where he obtained his PhD degree in Apiculture with a thesis dealing with the survival of honey bee larvae in colonies infected with *Bacillus larvae*. In 1956 he began work as a research scientist at the Agriculture Canada Research Station in Brandon, where he continued his work on the diseases of honey bees, especially nosema. With the consolidation of all federal government apicultural research, in 1965 he was

transferred to the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa. Here, in collaboration with T.A. Gochnauer, he briefly returned to research on *B. larvae* infection of honey bees before moving to the Editorial Unit, Information Division of Agriculture Canada as a publication writer. Within 2 years, he was made Head of the Unit, in charge of both English and French publications, supervising 28 staff. Finally, in 1985 he moved to the Research Station in Lethbridge, to be its Information Officer until he retired in 1987. Maurice was an active member of the community, serving as a lay minister, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Catherine, their six children and grandchildren.



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