

## OBITUARY

*Frederick Leonard Hendrickson, Sr.*  
"Old House"

DECEMBER 27, 1922 – NOVEMBER 7, 2012

FREDERICK "OLD HOUSE" LEONARD HENDRICKSON, Sr. the son of the late James and Jamima Hendrickson, was born on December 27, 1922 and went to rest on November 7, 2012. Fred was predeceased by his beloved wife Etoi Hendrickson; brothers Ernest, Cecil, Ivan, Charles and Arnold and sisters Olive, Mabel, Celeste and June.

Fred spent his early childhood at Government Gate in Pembroke. He attended Central School and Central Tech in Toronto, Canada.

In 1954 Fred married Etoi Blakeney, the love of his life. It was a union that lasted forty [40] years. Fred lived a very fulfilling life, with he and his wife Etoi, having travelled extensively in the USA, the Caribbean, Europe and Asia. Above all else, he made many trips to Toronto, Canada, to visit his daughter Bert and grandson Albert Jr..

Frederick Leonard Hendrickson was a War Veteran who never left our shores. He served the cause of freedom gallantly by leading his local troops in patrolling the eastern region of Bermuda, in particular Hamilton Parish. No doubt, being the no-nonsense person that he was, our Island home is all the better for his service. Unlike many other War Veterans who have gone before him, Fred lived long enough to witness recognition being given to his sterling contribution to the preservation of freedom. Fred's contribution and the contribution of all Bermudians, whether serving overseas or locally, is now permanently memorialized with the fitting War Memorial on the eastern side of the Cabinet Building Grounds on Front Street. The Memorial bears his name.

Following the Second World War, Frederick Leonard Hendrickson was caught up in the Gordon Movement, which was sweeping the country. The Gordonite that he was, he was part and parcel of the team that caused Dr. Edgar Fitzgerald Gordon to be swept into the House of Parliament representing the Parish of St. George in 1946. A family album clearly depicts Fred's efforts with a photograph of a family member's car bearing Licence plate number P7914, and the slogan 'We want Gordon. Vote. Plump. Plump. Plump.'

Nonetheless, 'Old House' was a family man; an excellent provider for his family. Together with his wife Etoi, they clearly recognised that in order to prepare their daughters for the future, Carol-Ann and Bert had to receive a good education. This was accomplished. Moreover, the dynamic duo of husband and wife, Fred and Etoi, underscored with their daughters that they would be successful, but there would be the need for a lot of hard work. As a husband and father, Fred was always full of surprises, with one of his biggest surprises for his family, being the purchase of a cabin cruiser. He loved being on the water, in calm seas or rough seas, and he spent many summer days with family and friends aboard his large cabin cruiser. "We looked forward to our annual trip to Nonsuch Island on the second day of Cup Match", says Carol-Ann and Bert. What also stands out in their minds is their father navigating his way into Burchall's Cove, in the daytime or night time.

Fred had a very special relationship with his grandsons Albert Harris and Jabari Furbert and his nephew Fabian Minors. He taught them to swim in the pool he built and he spent many hours talking to them about his life experiences and encouraged them to be up-standing men and citizens.

Throughout his life and particularly while resident in Bermuda, Frederick Leonard Hendrickson blazed a trail as one of Bermuda's most outstanding master builders, creating many, many homes for Bermudians. Fred was exceptional for not just the homes that he built, but for the financial assistance that he was able to secure for many Bermudians. He took his clients to the bank for them to