



**REUNION DAY 2021**

**CLASS OF 1941**

**CELEBRATING 80 YEARS**

Graduation May 22, 1941



Left to right

GRADUATING CLASS May 22, 1941

Anne Sponder Leona Johnson Helen Barry Shirley Beck Monica Walsh Marjorie Lowe Mary Aussem Jennie Lostracco Jackie Thompson Ethel Gilmour  
Eileen Gardner Marguerite Swales Illa Jardine Mary Minnes Margaret Eano Mary Alice Lindsay Ariel Bird Marion Townsend June Rose Frances Stoneman  
Michelina Pullano Elsie Hilbert Madeline Smith Myra McDougall Margaret Lottridge Irma Kellar Grace Scroogie Eleanor Quarry Frances O'Brien  
Anne McNeilly Dora Maclin

Missing from graduation photo (listed on graduation program): Elsie Hilbert Margaret Pace Kathleen Sheppard



Marion Townsend '41

There were 32 graduates in the class of 1941.  
 Some information was obtained in an interview with Marion Townsend.  
 She recalled receiving a \$6 allowance each month. There was no pediatric nursing in the city.  
 St Joseph's hospital was affiliated with "Children's Hospital" in Detroit and student nurses did their 3 month pediatric affiliation there.  
 Students paid a registration fee of \$35 upon entry to the school which paid for books etc.  
 Students obtained their bibs and caps if they were successful after their probationary period.  
 They were also allowed to purchase their caps, which cost \$10.  
 Student blue uniform had long sleeves. Caps and cuffs had to be starched in the Chinese laundry on a regular basis.  
 Protestant students did not have to attend mass with the Catholics, but they had to kneel for morning prayers.  
 Students were on duty on the nursing units from 7am to 7pm with a 2 hour break during the day.  
 Classes were held after 7 pm.  
 Curfew for residence was 10 pm and there were 2 late passes a month.  
 3 students shared a room in Undermount Nurses Residence.  
 For entertainment, students went to a movie theatre paying 5 cents each to see the movie.  
 Graduation was held in Undermount classroom.  
 She paid \$5 for her nurses registration.



Marion Townsend '41

Phone, Argent 7676

**St. Joseph's Hospital**  
 Hamilton, Canada  
 January 7th, 1938.

Miss Marian Townsend,  
 CAYUGA, Ontario.

Dear Miss Townsend:-

Please register at the Training School Office on Monday, February 7th, between 1 and 3 p.m. If for any reason you will not register on this date, we wish to be notified immediately.

Each student must bring a full sized trunk.

Yours sincerely,  
*Sister Mary Grace*  
 Director  
 St. Joseph's School of Nursing,  
 Mountain Blvd & Mountwood Av.  
 HAMILTON, Ontario.

SMM/B.



Anne Spender '41



Marion Townsend Clarice  
Anne Spender Margaret Eano



Margaret Eano '41



Class of 1941 working nights

January 7, 1938  
 Letter from Sister Mary Grace,  
 Director St. Joseph's School of Nursing

Marion Townsend to register at the Training School Office  
 Monday February 7<sup>th</sup> between 1 and 3 pm

Each student must bring a full size trunk

**St. Joseph's Hospital**

Hamilton, Canada

August 28th, 1937.

Miss Marion Townsend,  
CAYUGA, Ontario.

Dear Miss Townsend:-

Your application to enter our School of Nursing on probation has been accepted. For February Class.

Enclosed you will find the form to be sent to Corbett-Cowley by November 15th. for your uniforms. It is necessary to be accurate in your measurements as these uniforms are semi-fitting.

All students are to forward a certificate from physician stating they have been immunized against scarlet fever, diphtheria, Typhoid Fever, and smallpox, within the year.

Each student is to bring a good supply of underclothes and personal articles; four uniforms, 8 aprons, bath robe, and slippers; two pairs of comfortable white shoes, and a set of plain cutlery. White shoes and stockings will be worn all year. All articles of clothing are to be marked with full name in Cash's Woven Name tapes and you are to bring three dozen extra name tapes.

Uniform cape must be purchased on acceptance into the school at the end of probation term. Price \$10.00

There are no tuition fees. Each student deposits thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), on registration to cover the cost of text books, collars, cuffs, gowns, instruments, Etc.

You are to register at the Training School Office between February 1st. If, for any reason you will not register on this date, we wish to be notified by as soon as possible, so another student may be accepted in your place.

Yours very truly,

*Sister Monica*

Director,  
St. Joseph's School of Nursing,  
Cor. Mountain Blvd & Mountwood Av.  
HAMILTON, Ontario.

Please forward us a letter of recommendation from your clergyman.

**August 28, 1937**  
**Letter from Sister Monica Director, St Joseph's School of Nursing**

**Marion Townsend application to enter School of Nursing on probation has been accepted for the February Class**  
**Complete the form for uniforms with accurate measurements**

**Include certificate from physician with immunizations**

**Bring a supply of underclothing and personal articles**

**Bring 4 uniforms, 8 aprons, bath robe and slippers 2 pair of comfortable white shoes, a set of plain cutlery**

**All articles of clothing are to be marked with full name in woven name tape**

**Bring 3 dozen extra name tapes.**

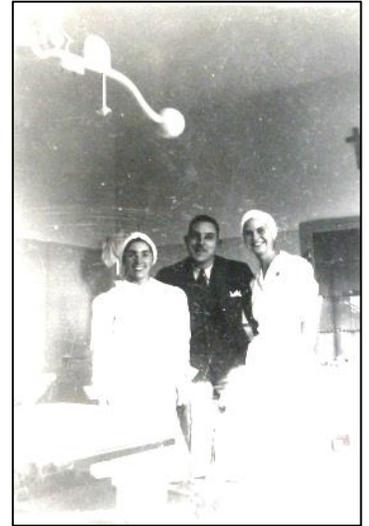
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**There are no tuition fees.**

**Each student deposits \$35 on registration to cover the cost of text books, collars, cuffs, gowns instruments etc.**

**Please forward a letter of recommendation from your clergyman.**

**Frances O'Brien '41 Dr. G.S.Tull Irma Keller '41**  
**Working in the O. R.**



**1942 Staff in Casa Maria**  
**Alice Lindsay'41 Betty Brown'44**



**Frances O'Brien'41 Helen King'42**  
**Loreen Leatherdale'43**



**Helen Grigtmire '45 Frances O'Brien '41 Gerarda Clark '44**  
**Working in the O.R.**



**Class of 1941**



*Class of 1941*



*Catherine Brown '43, Irma Keller '41  
Lorraine Stewart '45, Betty Martin '43  
Working in the O.R.*



*Class of 1941*



**Back row:**  
*Frances O'Brien '41    Helen Kubilis '46    Dixie (Watts) Fletcher '47    Winnie Walker '47*  
**Front row:**  
*Barbara O'Brien '47    Donna (Devine) Gravis '46    Winnie Ayres Rankin '46*  
 1949 -----O. R. staff in the John St building



*Class of 1941*



**Front:**  
*Ruth deMontmorency '45    Marion Ionson '45    Frances O'Brien '41    Katherine Dasher '45*  
**Back:**  
*Helen King Marcellus; '42    Loreen Leatherdale '43    Catherine Boyle '44*

*Graduation ceremonies held in Undermount Nurses Residence*

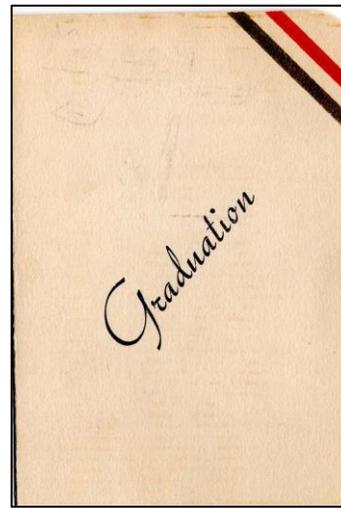
*Dr Downes staff chairman presided.*

*Right Rev. Monseigneur Cassidy officiated at the presentation of diplomas and graduation pins.*

*There were 33 graduates in the class of 1941.*

*World War 11 was raging in Europe, so much to the dismay of the graduates,  
instead of the glorious Pomp and Circumstance March, the music for their procession was  
"There will always be an England".*

*They met in the garden for the reception.*



**October Class 1941  
Leona Johnson**

*Wishing you Every Success  
Oct. 7 1941  
La Mery Green*

*Joy- That will linger the long  
year through:*

*Wisdom- To guide you in all  
you do:*

*Friends- Who are treasured, and  
tried, and true:*

*May the Giver of Gifts Grant  
These to you.*





The Sisters of St. Joseph  
and the Graduating Class of 1941

St. Joseph's Hospital

School of Nursing

cordially invite you to be present  
at the

Graduation Exercises

Thursday afternoon, May the twenty-second  
at three o'clock, D.S.T.

"Undermount"  
Hamilton, Ontario



Leona Johnson '41    Dr John Tilden    Frances O'Brien '41

# Graduating Exercises

St. Joseph's Hospital  
School of Nursing

Nurses' Residence  
"Undermount"

3 p.m.  
Thursday, May 22nd  
1941

## Programme

Chairman

W. P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M. - Chairman of Staff

Presentation of Diplomas and Pins by

HIS EXCELLENCY

MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, D.D.

Addresses to Graduating Class

HIS WORSHIP  
MAYOR MORRISON

HONOURABLE HAROLD J. KIRBY, K.C.  
Minister of Health,  
Toronto, Ont.

HIS EXCELLENCY  
MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, D.D.

Presentation of Prizes.

# Nurses Enter on Career At Most Important Period

Hamilton, May 22 <sup>1941</sup> (Staff). — Never in the history of the world did humanity need the services of nurses more than at the present time, Mayor William Morrison told the graduating class of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing this afternoon. He congratulated the young women upon the successful completion of their course and said there was no profession which offered greater opportunities for service than that which they had chosen.

Right Rev. Monsignor G. L. Cassidy, representing the Bishop of Hamilton, complimented the nurses and officiated at the presentation of diplomas and pins. Dr. W. P. Downes, staff chairman, presided. The program was held at "Undermount," the nurses' residence. Special prizes were presented by the donors or their representatives.

Winners of special awards included: General proficiency prize by Dr. L. L. Playfair, to Miss Ariel Bird, Glanford Station; bedside nursing, by Dr. F. Woodhall, to Miss Jennie Lostracco, Welland; surgical nursing, by Dr. John R.

Parry, to Miss Marian Townsend Cayuga; medical nursing, by Dr. William P. Downes, to Miss Ann Sponder, Port Colborne; professional ethics, by Dr. H. J. Sullivan, to Miss Alice Lindsay, Simcoe; nursing and examination in preventive medicine, by Dr. A. G. Martin, to Miss Michelina Pullan, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Obstetrical nursing prize, by Dr. A. A. Cauley, to Miss Helen Barry, Guelph. Gynecological nursing, by Dr. William Jamieson, to Miss Leona Johnson, Brantford. Nursing eye, ear, nose and throat, by Dr. W. L. Crewson and Dr. H. W. Whytock, to Miss Shirley Bech, Hagersville. Clinical pathology, by Dr. John Tilden, to Miss Kathleen Sheppard, Burlington. Public health nursing, in memory of the late Dr. James Roberts, given by Mrs. James Roberts, to Miss Margaret Pace, Simcoe.

Other members of the graduating class were:

Misses Mary Aussem, Hamilton; Margaret Eano, Peterborough; Eileen Gardner, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Ethel Gilmour, Galt; Elsie Hilbert, Greenville; Illa Jardine, Hespeler; Irma Keller, Hamilton; Margaret Lottridge, Stoney Creek; Marjorie Lowe, Stratford; Myra MacDougall, Smithville; Doris Maclin, Hamilton; Mary Minnes, Hamilton; Anne McNeilly, Port Dover; Frances O'Brien, Peterborough; Eleanor Quarry, Burlington; June Marie Ross, Hamilton; Grace Scroggie, Toronto; Madeline Smith, Hamilton; Frances Stoneman, Caledonia; Marguerite Swales, Hamilton; Jacqueline Thomson, Grimsby; and Monica Walsh, Jarvis.



Marguerite Swale '41

1941



May 22 1941

**PRIZE-WINNERS**—At the graduating exercises of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing to-morrow afternoon, presentation of prizes will be an interesting part of the program. Above are pictured the nurses who have been awarded prizes. In the centre is Miss Ariel Bird, Glanford Station, who is the winner of the prize for general proficiency, given by L. L. Playfair, M.D., F.R.C.S. (E). In the top row, left to right, are: Miss Shirley Beck, Hagersville, who has been awarded the prize for examination and nursing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, given by W. L. Crewson, M.D.C.M., and H. W. Whytock, M.B., F.R.C.S. (E); Miss Kathleen Sheppard, Burlington, prize for clinical pathology, given by John Tilden, M.D.; Miss Michelina Pullano, Niagara Falls, Ont., prize for nursing and examination in preventive medicine, given by A. C. Martin, M.B.; Miss Marian Townsend, Cayuga, prize for surgical nursing and examination, given by John R. Farry, B.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. (C); Miss Anne Sponder, Port Colborne, prize for medical nursing and examination, given by William P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M. Second row, left, Miss Helen Barry, Guelph, prize for obstetrical nursing and examination, given by A. A. Cauley, M.D.C.M.; right, Miss Jennie Lostracco, Welland, prize for efficiency in bedside nursing, given by F. Woodhall, M.B. Bottom row, left, Miss Leona Johnson, Brantford, prize for gynecological nursing and examination, given by William Jamieson, M.D.C.M.; right, Miss Alice Lindsay, Simcoe, prize for professional ethics, given by H. J. Sullivan, M.D.C.M. Miss Margaret Pace, whose picture was not available, is the winner of the prize for public health nursing, given in memory of the late Dr. James Roberts by Mrs. James Roberts.

—Photos by Hubert Beckett.



**PRIZE WINNERS 1941**

**TOP ROW** left to right  
 Shirley Beck examination and nursing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat  
 Kathleen Sheppard clinical pathology  
 Michelina Pullano nursing and examination in preventive medicine  
 Marian Townsend surgical nursing and examination  
 Anne Sponder medical nursing and examination

**MIDDLE ROW** left to right  
 Helen Barry obstetrical nursing and examination  
 Ariel Bird general proficiency  
 Jennie Lostracco efficiency in bedside nursing

**BOTTOM ROW** left to right  
 Leona Johnson gynecological nursing and examination  
 Alice Lindsay professional ethics

**Photo not available:** Margaret Pace public health nursing

The Annual Dinner  
 of St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae  
 in honour of the Graduating Class  
 will be held at the Royal Connaught Hotel  
 on Monday, May 26th, 1941 at 6.30 p.m.

Bill Andrew's Orchestra Dancing 9.30-1



Marion Townsend '41 Ethel Gilmour '41

## Programme

- Prize for General Proficiency  
Given by L. L. Playfair, M.D., F.R.C.S. (E.)  
Presented by Mrs. Playfair. MISS ARIEL BIRD
- Prize for Efficiency in Bedside Nursing  
Given by F. Woodhall, M.B.  
Presented by Mrs. Woodhall. MISS JENNIE LOSTRACCO
- Prize for Surgical Nursing and Examination  
Given by John R. Parry, B.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. (C.)  
Presented by Miss Rosa Parry. MISS MARIAN TOWNSEND
- Prize for Medical Nursing and Examination  
Given by Wm. P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M.  
Presented by Mrs. Wm. P. Downes. MISS ANNE SPONDER
- Prize for Professional Ethics  
Given by H. J. Sullivan, M.D.C.M.  
Presented by Mrs. H. J. Sullivan. MISS ALICE LINDSAY
- Prize for Nursing and Examination in Preventive Medicine  
Given by A. C. Martin, M.B.  
Presented by Mrs. A. C. Martin. MISS MICHELINA PULLANO
- Prize for Obstetrical Nursing and Examination  
Given by A. A. Cauley, M.D.C.M.  
Presented by Mrs. Cauley. MISS HELEN BARRY
- Prize for Gynecological Nursing and Examination  
Given by Wm. Jamieson, M.D.C.M.  
Presented by Mrs. Wm. Jamieson. MISS LEONA JOHNSON
- Prize for Examination and Nursing in Diseases of the Eye, Ear,  
Nose and Throat  
Given by W. L. Crewson, M.D.C.M., and  
H. W. Whytock, M.B., F.R.C.S. (E.)  
Presented by Mrs. H. W. Whytock. MISS SHIRLEY BECK
- Prize for Clinical Pathology  
Given by John Tilden, M.D.  
Presented by his mother, Mrs. Isabelle Tilden.  
MISS KATHLEEN SHEPPARD
- Prize for Public Health Nursing  
Given in memory of the late Dr. Jas. Roberts by  
Mrs. Jas. Roberts.  
To be presented by his son, Lewellyn Roberts.  
MISS MARGARET PACE

GOD SAVE THE KING

## February Class 1941

*Miss Townsend*

*Joy - That will linger the long  
year through:*

*Wisdom - To guide you in all  
you do:*

*Friends - Who are treasured, and  
tried, and true:*

*May the Giver of Gifts Grant  
These to you.*

*Feb 1941*



Marion Townsend 1941

## Jennie Lastracca '41

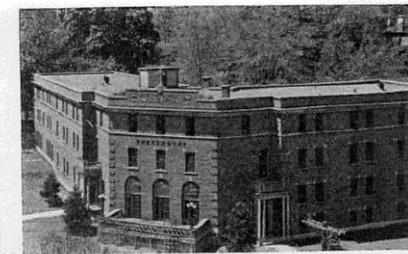


The Graduating Class  
of St. Joseph's School of Nursing  
requests the pleasure of your company  
at their  
**Graduation Dance**  
on Thursday, May the sixteenth  
nineteen hundred and forty

"Undermount"  
8.30 p.m.

## Graduates of 1941

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|---|---|
| MISS MARY AUSSEM,<br>HAMILTON, ONTARIO            | MISS DORA MACLIN,<br>HAMILTON, ONTARIO            |
| MISS HELEN BARRY,<br>GUELPH, ONTARIO              | MISS MARY MINNES,<br>HAMILTON, ONTARIO            |
| MISS SHIRLEY BECK,<br>HAGERSVILLE, ONTARIO        | MISS ANNE MCNEILLY,<br>PORT DOVER, ONTARIO        |
| MISS ARIEL BIRD,<br>GLANFORD STATION, ONTARIO     | MISS FRANCES O'BRIEN,<br>PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO    |
| MISS MARGARET EANO,<br>PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO      | MISS MARGARET PACE,<br>SIMCOE, ONTARIO            |
| MISS EILEEN GARDNER,<br>NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO    | MISS MICHELINA PULLANO,<br>NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO |
| MISS ETHEL GILMOUR,<br>GALT, ONTARIO              | MISS ELEANOR QUARRY,<br>BURLINGTON, ONTARIO       |
| MISS ELSIE HILBERT,<br>GREENSVILLE, ONTARIO       | MISS JUNE MARIE ROSS,<br>HAMILTON, ONTARIO        |
| MISS ILLA JARDINE,<br>HESPELER, ONTARIO           | MISS GRACE SCROGGIE,<br>TORONTO, ONTARIO          |
| MISS LEONA JOHNSON,<br>BRANTFORD, ONTARIO         | MISS KATHLEEN SHEPPARD,<br>BURLINGTON, ONTARIO    |
| MISS IRMA KELLER,<br>HAMILTON, ONTARIO            | MISS MADELINE SMITH,<br>HAMILTON, ONTARIO         |
| MISS ALICE LINDSAY,<br>SIMCOE, ONTARIO            | MISS ANNE SPONDER,<br>PORT COLBOURNE, ONTARIO     |
| MISS JENNIE LOSTRACCO,<br>WELLAND, ONTARIO        | MISS FRANCES STONEMAN,<br>CALEDONIA, ONTARIO      |
| MISS MARGARET LOTTRIDGE,<br>STONEY CREEK, ONTARIO | MISS MARGUERITE SWALES,<br>HAMILTON, ONTARIO      |
| MISS MARJORIE LOWE,<br>STRATFORD, ONTARIO         | MISS JACQUELINE THOMSON,<br>GRIMSBY, ONTARIO      |
| MISS MYRA MACDOUGALL,<br>SMITHVILLE, ONTARIO      | MISS MARIAN TOWNSEND<br>CAYUGA, ONTARIO           |
| MISS MONICA WALSH,<br>JARVIS, ONTARIO             |   |



Undermount  
School of Nursing

1941

*Reunion pictures class of 1941*  
*Pictures submitted by Marion Townsend '41 and Leona Johnson '41*



*Left to right REUNION February Class of 1941*  
*Rop Row: Mary Shirley Marion Ethel*  
*Minnes Beck Townsend Gilmour*  
*2nd Row: Marjorie Lowe Ariel Bird*  
*Front Row: Margaret Eano Mary Aussem*



*Left to right REUNION Class of 1941 Celebrating 25 years*  
*Top Row: Marion Shirley Doris Mary Marjorie Ariel Ethel*  
*Townsend Beck Maclin Minnes Lowe Bird Gilmour*  
*2nd Row: Monika Margaret Mary Michelina*  
*Walsh Eano Aussem Pullano*  
*Front Row:*



*Celebrating 25 years*





*Doris Bunker'39 Irene Murray'19 Ethel Gilmour'41*



*Eileen Gardner'41 Doris Macklin'41*



*Anne Andrychuk 1940*



*Myra MacDougal'41 Mary Lottridge'41*



*Mary Haley'42*



*Mary Haley'42 Margaret Peart '44*





*Anne Sponder '41 Ethel Gilmour '41*



*Mary Haley '42 Marg Enos '41*



*Doris Butler '41*



*Photo identified as Anne Sponder '41 "Mama Lee"  
Margaret Lottridge Marjorie Butler Ethel Gilmour*



*Back row: Anne Sponder Marion Townsend  
Front row: Margaret Eano*



*Mary Minnes*



*Margaret Eano*

*Class of 1941 Celebrating 50 years at the Officers Club*

*Marion Townsend (top left 2<sup>nd</sup> row)  
Anne Spender Margaret Eano*





*Sister Mary Austin Reding '43*



*Back row:  
Marion Townsend*



*Mary Minnes      Ann Sponder      Margaret Eano*



*Reunion Day 1986*

*Sister Camilla Russell '26      Sister Cordula McNamara '28*



*Frances Stoneman '41 on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday*



*Dressed in footman's livery, Mr. Jack Vander Veen (left) adds to the gaiety of the occasion as he shows Mrs. Stanley Hudecki and Dr. Hudecki to their table at the Chrysanthemum Ball of St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association at Fischer's Hotel last evening.*



*Chrysanthemum Ball 1961 ---- Theme was "Cinderella"  
Leona Johnson Hudecki '41 and her husband Dr Stanley Hudecki orthopedic surgeon*

May 6 1977

Dear Karen -  
 Enclosed please find  
 cheque for \$140.00, re  
 4 tickets to Annual Reunion  
 dinner June 6/1977.

Those attending are -  
 Marjorie (Lowe) Butler - Class '41  
 Margaret (Lottidge) Hill - Class '41  
 Myra (McDaugal) McEerachuk - Class '41  
 Leona (Johnson) Hudecki - Class '41

Now about that Karen,  
 56 years ago on May 22, 1941,  
 we marched down the aisle  
 in our crisp white uniforms  
 and bouquets of red roses

**Letter written by Leona Johnson '41  
 to Karen Martin '69 Dinner coordinator**

**Leona Johnson Hudecki '41 served on the executive of the  
 Nurses Alumnae**  
**1942 she was on "Dance Committee"**  
**1942 she was the "Canadian Nurse Representative"**  
**1943 she was the "Treasurer"**  
**1944 - 1945 she was the 8<sup>th</sup> President of the Alumnae**  
**1947 she was the "Representative to the RNAO"**

**While she was the President  
 she initiated the "roll call" at reunion dinners.**



**Leona Johnson Hudecki '41 celebrating 70 years**

The aisle was in Undermount  
 and I believe (?) there were  
 (34) of us.

The war (WW II) was  
 raging in Europe, so much  
 to our dismay in place of  
 the glorious Pomp & Circumstance  
 March, that we had dreamed  
 about, the strains of  
 "There'll always be an England"  
 filled the auditorium.

It was a beautiful may  
 day to match the beaming  
 faces of the newly graduated  
 young ladies and their happy  
 friends & families. We met  
 in the lovely garden behind  
 Undermount for the reception.

Thanks for listening -  
 Leona (Hudecki)



**Leona Johnson Hudecki '41  
 Sister Virginia Hanlon '45**



**Leona Johnson Hudecki '41  
 with her daughter Barbara Hudecki Barlow '63**

REUNION DAY 2016



To the Grads of '46 and '41

For those who were able to attend the Reunion Day Events but were unable to stay for the photos; and to those who were unable to attend the Reunion Day Events:

*Happy 70th and 75th Anniversaries.*

