



VERA MCIVER

JOHN D. MCIVER

Widow Of Late Islander Receives Order Of Canada

Vera E. McIver, C.M., R.N., widow of the late John D. McIver, formerly of Kinkora, P.E.I., has been appointed a member of the Order of Canada. A recipient of many honors, McIver has been active during the most recent years working with the elderly, and the dying in British Columbia.

Other awards received by McIver include Citizen of the Year by native sons of Victoria; C.K.D.A. Citation in recognition of an outstanding record of community service; Alumnae Honor Roll, School of Nursing, Grey Nuns' Hospital, Regina, Saskatchewan; "The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, The Priory of Canada" for valuable assistance rendered in the furtherance of the work of the order in connection with the Priory of Canada; "Archbishop Remi DeRoo Award" for recognition for the improvement of care given to the elders; "Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia Award" for contributions to the profession of nursing and the advancement of health.

Educated in Saskatchewan, McIver worked in administration of the Hospital Organization and Management sponsored by the Canadian Hospital Association and University of Manitoba.

In 1967 she assumed the position of Hospital Services Director at St. Mary's Priory in Langford, B.C. near Victoria, a long term facility for the aged. She assisted in the successful expansion and mergers of four extended care hospitals bringing the total beds from 95 to 520. She directed the development of the "Priory Method" which was recognized as a psychosocial model of care which at-

age of the frail and ailing elderly in long term facilities by normalizing the total living environment and breaking with traditional modes of nursing and stereotyping.

Due to the successful program the Priory became an educational centre and hosted many national and international visitors and delegations. She produced and edited a well received factual 30-minute film "The Priory Method" which is used as an educational tool in colleges, universities, libraries, health facilities and professional associations, nationally and internationally. It was translated into French and Hebrew.

McIver has participated as a lecturer and keynote speaker at many Canadian and American seminars and conventions, including the presentation of a paper at the Gerontological World Conference in Jerusalem in 1974.

She also became an acknowledged author in professional and administrative journals in Canada and the United States and contributed lesson material to the Canadian Hospital Association's extension courses for administrators.

McIver assisted in developing a training manual "Working with Elderly" by D.O.K. Publishers Inc. Buffalo, New York.

She examined Anton Karch for his Masters Degree as a member of the University of Calgary, Faculty of Social Welfare Committee.

McIver retired in 1979 but then took up the cause of death and dying and has remained involved in the community.

The outstanding Canadian will arrive on the Island to visit her sister-in-law Mrs. Blanche MacPherson of St. Eleanors on Saturday, November