

# Geraldine Leone Settee - Murder

Friday, January 2, 1970



Shortly after 8 p.m. on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1970, 11-year-old Geraldine Settee left her home at 813 St. Mary's Road, for a short walk to Swanson's Drug Store just down the street. She carried her new transistor radio and \$1.09 in change to buy some pop and potato chips.

It is unknown if she arrived at the drug store as it closed at 6 p.m. that night. However, when Geraldine was gone for more than 25 minutes, her father began to worry and called on another daughter to look for her. The police were called at 10 p.m. when Geraldine was not found.

On January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 a.m., a relative discovered Geraldine's partially frozen body in a bushed vacant lot between 785 and 789 St. Mary's Road. Her transistor radio was found directly in front of her body. Her jacket was open and three buttons were missing. There appeared to be blood on her blue sweater.

## Slain Girl's Body Found

**'Seems A Real Kook Or Screwball Is  
On The Loose,' Says St. Vital Chief**



*Treed lot between 785 - 789 St. Mary's Rd where Geraldine's body was found*

An autopsy would reveal that Geraldine had been stabbed 6 times in the back and chest with a knife that was about 5 inches (12 centimeters) long and about 2 centimeters wide. The cause of death was “hemorrhage secondary to wounds of heart and lung”. She was fully clothed and there was no evidence of a sexual assault. The three buttons from her camel (tan) coloured jacket were found on the ground near her body.

A Winnipeg Police officer on his way to work caught his bus in the area of the vacant lot about 8:30 p.m. He did not observe anything unusual. An area canvass by police the following day did not turn up any witnesses who saw or heard anything unusual.

The youngest in the family, Geraldine was described as being very smart. Also, at the time, St. Vital was regarded as a very safe neighbourhood. However, shortly before her death, Geraldine had answered a mysterious phone call that left her feeling scared. The next day, she fainted after the phone rang again. It was unknown who the caller was.

After Geraldine’s death, a 14-year-old boy was interrogated and arrested by police but he was later released because of a lack of evidence. A year later, a \$1,500 reward was offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction. Just two years after the death of Geraldine Settee, her father, Leonard, passed away.