



Roadside monument near Bewdley. Drive north on Hwy. 28 to County Road 9 (14.5 KM). Turn east, .7 km to junction with Rice Lake Road, turn left to monument immediately on right side.



Pengelly Cemetery at Rice Lake, the final resting place of Joseph Scriven. Drive north on Hwy. 28 to Bailieboro (25 km), east on County Road 2 to Scriven Road (3.5 km). Turn south to historical plaque and cemetery on left side (1km).

Historic Port Hope, located 100 km east of Toronto, just south of Highway 401 on the shores of Lake Ontario, offers lots to see and do year round.



Visit the three Joseph Scriven monuments marked below.



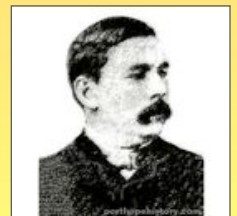
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## Joseph Scriven Memorials Port Hope, Ontario



AUTHOR OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS HYMN

WHAT A FRIEND  
WE HAVE IN  
JESUS





**Memorial Plague at Pengelly Cemetery, near Rice Lake.**

An exemplary Christian, Joseph Scriven, led a tragic but inspiring life.

Born into a devout family in County Down, Ireland, in September of 1819, he was educated at Trinity College, Dublin. A convert to the Plymouth Brethren, Joseph Scriven spent the last twenty five years of his life in Port Hope. He performed hundreds acts of Christian charity, giving the needy his clothing, money and his labour. He cut wood for the destitute, delivered milk for his landlady and cared for the sick without payment.

The famous hymn was published in 1886, just before his death under mysterious circumstances. Joseph Scriven and his fiancée are buried in the Pengelly Cemetery overlooking Rice Lake.

Joseph Scriven has left us a lasting legacy of one of the world's most beloved hymns.

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged:

Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Saviour, still our refuge,

Take it to the Lord in Prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms He'll take and shield thee  
Thou will find a solace there.

*Joseph Scriven, 1819 - 1886*



*Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1886) is best known for his world-famous hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".*

*The hymn remains one of the most often sung and performed pieces of music and has been rendered into many languages and hundreds of settings.*



*Port Hope's monument to Joseph Scriven is located in Memorial Park, Queen Street, just south of the Visitor Information Centre. In 2009, brass plaques and a low dry stone wall were added.*