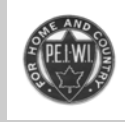


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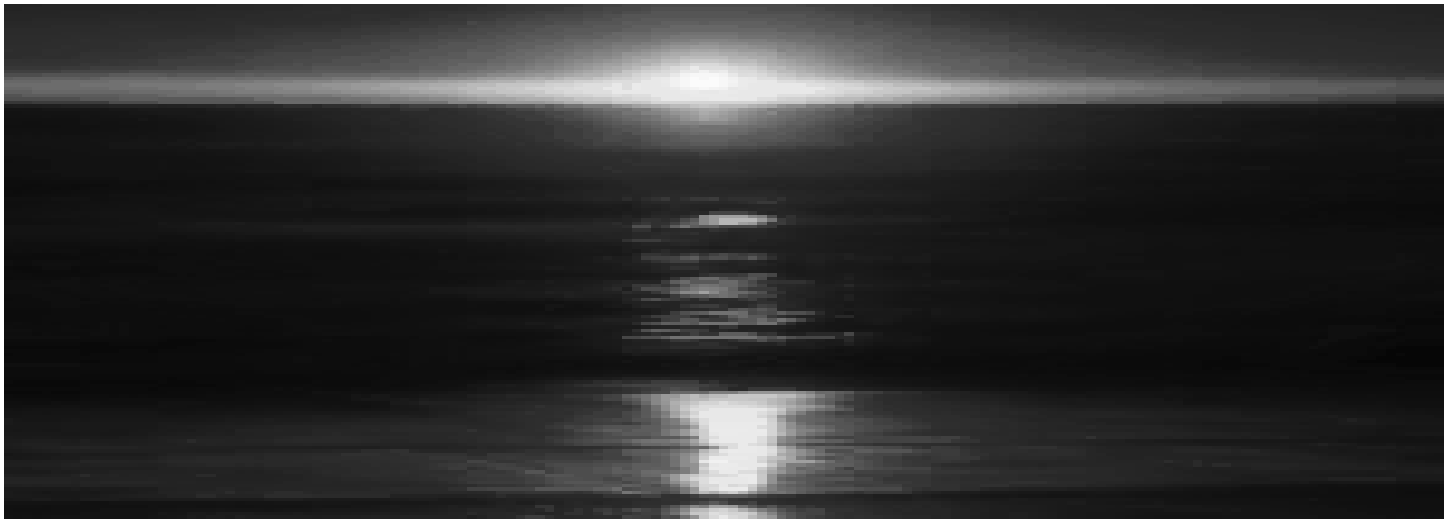


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AS TIME WEAVES THE THREADS OF LIFE INTO
A PATTERN OF PLANNED DESIGN,
THE MAJESTY OF GOD'S MIGHTY HAND
GUIDES THE SHUTTLE, LINE BY LINE!
SOMETIMES THE THREADS ARE DARK AND ROUGH,
LIKE SHADOWS THAT CLOUD THE BLUE;
SOMETIMES GOD'S WEAVING IS GOLDEN BRIGHT
AND SHIMMERS WITH SUNSHINE, TOO!
BUT WHEN THE LAST THREAD HAS DROPPED IN PLACE
AND THE SHUTTLE AND LOOM ARE STILL,
YOU WILL FIND THERE'S A LOVELY PATTERN
WOVEN BY GOD'S PERFECT WILL.

—JON GILBERT



Gertrude Elizabeth (Bovyer) Vessey ~ Alpha York WI ~ March 11, 1914 - January 25, 2003

Gertrude (Gertie) Elizabeth Bovyer and her brother were born in their parents modest farm home in Covehead Road on a cold winter night, March 11, 1914. Small but feisty, the little girl fought for life and for the next 90 years was a force to be reckoned with. As a young girl she was a leader in her school and church activities. Due to her father's illness she was unable to continue her early education and later attend college, something she always regretted.



In 1941, Gertie married B. Frank Vessey and moved to York where they operated a mixed farm, grew potatoes, strawberries and market vegetables. In later years they opened their home as a Bed and Breakfast Tourist Home. She was one of the first women to acquire a driver's license, which proved to be an asset in her everyday life. Neither snow or ice ever daunted her.

Gertie accompanied her mother-in-law to a meeting of Alpha York WI and became an active and dedicated member for 60 years and always encouraged every young women to become a member. She took her turn at all offices of the WI and served on committees to include: 4-H as leader, PEI Music Festival, PEI Rural Beautification, York History Committee, York Concert Committee and she was a strong supporter of the Canadian Bible Society. She canvassed the community for many charities.

Gertie was a faithful member of York United Church, became the first female elder, serving twice, and was later appointed Honorary Elder. She was active in all church women's groups and was a life-member of York United Church Women.

Her energetic presence is missed at our WI meetings. Gertie passed away January 25, 2003 survived by one daughter, Beryl, and four grandchildren.

Vaunda Estelle (Watts) Lewis ~ Alpha York WI ~ February 21, 1915 - August 22, 2003

Vaunda was the eldest of a family of six children and the daughter of William and Myrtle (Roberts) Watts of York, PEI. She attended York School and graduated from Prince of Wales College.

As a young girl, she was active in York C.G.I.T and Sunday School, and was excellent at and enjoyed skating all her life, as well as being an avid fan of hockey and figure skating.

Vaunda met the love of her life, Ira C. Lewis, after he moved from Freetown, PEI and purchased a farm in York. They were married April 19, 1944, and honeymooned in Quebec City. They acquired interest in traveling early in their life. Their travels took them from North America to South America, from Hawaii to Israel and many places in between.

Vaunda was a loving and dedicated wife to Ira in all his endeavors. She prepared many meals for farm workers, allowing her kitchen to be used for business and was a true confidant. Her mind appreciated business.

Vaunda & Ira were happy parents to Heather and Scott and their grandchildren Melissa and Tara. Holidays, Birthdays, Sunday School, Community became a new routine in this home. They loved their family dearly and followed them through their growing years.

Vaunda was a 4-H leader for many years, a Life Member of Alpha York Women's Institute; and a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Charlottetown and a Life Member of the Ferne Levy W.M.S. Missionary Group.

Her gentleness, love, influence and the many wonderful memories will live forever in the hearts of her family and all who knew her.

"Beautiful memories of a loved one are the keepsakes of the heart".



Frances Gertrude Elizabeth Vessey ~ Alpha York WI ~ July 17, 1910 - November 8, 2005



Frances Vessey was born in York, the middle child of three. Her school days were cut short at an early age due to illness in her family, a brother with polio and the poor health of her parents. It was required of Frances to stay at home to assist with their care. This prepared her for a lifetime of caring for others. She was asked to help care for a first cousin with spina bifida and then for numerous other family members. Frances helped with the care for another cousin, Orlo Vesey, through a lengthy illness and she then became housekeeper for Orlo's son, Arthur. Frances prepared meals, etc. for the many market gardening employees who boarded at the Vesey home. She later worked in the office of Vesey's Seeds.

As a teenager Frances attended meetings of Alpha York WI with her mother and later received her life membership. She served as secretary-treasurer for many years. Frances was a great supporter of the Mount Herbert Orphanage and did door-to-door canvassing for numerous charities.

Frances was a faithful member of York United Church. She was choir member, CGIT leader and life member of York United Church Women.

Frances had a wonderful spirit and loved to laugh. She was a great actress and took part in many local variety concerts and community plays.

Frances passed away November 8, 2005.

Mary "Evelyn" Vessey ~ Alpha York WI ~ March 11, 1913 - February 8, 2006



Evelyn was born in 1913, the daughter of Robert and Sarah MacCallum of Brackley Point, PEI. In 1938, Evelyn married Raymond Vessey of York, the community where they started their new life together. They made their first home on a farm jointly owned by Raymond and his brother, Louis. The two couples lived together with their children until Raymond acquired his own farm and built their first home in 1946. Three children were born to Evelyn and Raymond, Hazel(Lynn Ernst), Lorna and Allison. Evelyn and Raymond were blessed with six grandchildren and two great-children.

Evelyn took an active role in her community and church and was a Life Member of the Alpha York WI and a Charter Member of the York United Church Women. Evelyn held offices in both of these organizations and also contributed leadership to the local 4-H Garden Club.

Evelyn and Raymond were lifetime members of York United Church and active participants in all church related activities and held the position of Treasurer for many

years.

Evelyn and her husband worked tirelessly, side by side, on their farm growing fresh vegetables for market, strawberries and raspberries and of course, 'Potatoes' for which they were most well known. Evelyn and Raymond, grew, selected and prepared samples of several different varieties of potatoes and exhibited them at local and Maritime fairs with great success. They then began to exhibit their prizewinning potatoes at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. Their entries of both Seed and Table-Stock Potatoes consistently won top awards at the 'Royal Winter Fair' and brought fame and notoriety to Prince Edward Island and the community of York. They won their first Grand Championship Award in 1960 and continued exhibiting for several years and bringing top awards home to PEI.

In 1980, Evelyn and Raymond were honored to receive Canada's highest distinction, The Order of Canada, in recognition of their contribution to agriculture, presented by Governor General Edward Schreyer. In 1986, the University of Prince Edward Island conferred 'Honorary Doctor of Laws' degrees on both Evelyn and Raymond for their role in being leading promoters of agriculture in PEI.

Evelyn was passionate about her garden but equally passionate about her love of travel, which both she and Raymond shared in together. She delighted in taking pictures as they traveled and was always willing to share her travel slide shows with friends and family at home. Evelyn always enjoyed good conversation with friends and was always ready for a good game of cards. Evelyn will be missed but fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Marion Josephine Hagen ~ Springfield WI ~ March 10, 1936 - December 8, 2006

On December 8, 2006, friends and neighbours from Springfield and surrounding areas were saddened by the passing of Marion.

Marion was born on March 10, 1936, the youngest of a family of twelve, to Walter and Margaret (Bolger) Toole of Green Road. Upon completing her education she worked a number of years in Charlottetown. On June 20, 1962 she married Alan Hagen. In 1965 she moved with her husband and young family that included two sons: Wilbert and Albert to the farm next to Alan's parents in Springfield. That family grew to include daughter Deborah and twin daughters, Margaret and Mary and later 5 grandchildren whom she adored.

Shortly after moving to Springfield, Marion joined the local WI. She became an avid supporter and worker for WI acting in the capacity of Vice President and then President for a number of years. Leading in many convenership positions, hosting WI Meetings, canvassing the community for many worthwhile causes, baking and knitting for whatever project was on the agenda made her a valued member.

Marion was also actively involved in St. James Roman Catholic Church in Summerfield. In the CWL she also held the positions of Vice President and President as well as being on the Parish Council and Christian Family Life. She was presented with a 40 year pin by her fellow CWL members in 2005.

For a number of years, she was active in the local 4-H Club as a Leader.

Her many hobbies included baking, playing the guitar, baking, singing in the choir, knitting, entertaining in her home, and baking. Her door was always opened with a welcoming smile and her hospitality was well known. A lunch or a meal at Marion's was fit for royalty. In her younger years, she entertained by playing the guitar and singing at many dances and community or family functions with other members of her family, especially her brother Stephen.

Marion loved her family, many relatives and friends. She is indeed missed and her passing has left a void in the hearts of many.

We can do no great things; only small things with great love.
- Mother Theresa



Jennie 'Isabel' Farquharson ~ Mt. Herbert-Bethel WI ~ September 13, 1917 – May 18, 2007

Neighbours of Mt. Herbert and surrounding communities were saddened to hear that one of its long-time residents, Isabel, had passed away peacefully at the Atlantic Baptist Nursing Home, in her 90th year. In May of 1997, Isabel had suffered a stroke and following it she was not able to return to her home because of care requirements.

She was born in Cross Roads, to Lettie (Jardine) and Neil MacKinnon, where she resided until 1940 when she married Russell Farquharson and moved to Mt. Herbert where they made their home and raised their family: Lowell (Audrey), Gladys Hunter and Jeannie (Kevin) MacAulay. She is also survived by grandchildren Sherri (Lane) Pineau, Stephen Farquharson, Norma Jean Hunter, Erin and Michael MacAulay; as well as great grandchildren Marissa and Emily Hunter, and Bethany and Dominik Pineau.

In 1953, she was one of the ladies of Mt. Herbert who met to form a Women's Institute, and at the time of her passing she was the second last surviving Charter Member of the branch.

She was always available to help with any branch activity, be it raising money to pay for a school music teacher, cleaning the one-room school, mending clothing for the children at the Protestant Children's Home, or helping with the Island roadside clean-up in the spring. For many years, she served as branch treasurer and convener, and represented her branch at district and provincial conventions.

In addition to Women's Institute activities, Isabel worked untiringly knitting for the Canadian Red Cross, and also with Trinity UCW.

*"Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain, laughter and pleasure, teardrops and pain, . . .
and nothing on earth can make life more worthwhile than the sunshine and warmth of a beautiful smile."*
- Helen Steiner Rice

Her memory will remain with us for many years.



Annie Rosina Mary Taylor ~ Alpha York WI ~ February 15, 1917—October 17, 2007



Annie (Evered) Taylor, a life-member of Alpha York WI, always looked forward to attending WI meetings and events. She enjoyed the fellowship of her fellow members and always inquired on the well being of their husbands and children.

Annie was born in Nova Scotia and lived with her family in Dartmouth and later Hopewell until she met and married Harold Taylor and moved to York in 1957. Harold and Annie operated a second-hand shop, 'Harold's Furniture and Annie's Antiques' until Harold's death in 1985.

Annie attended York United Church and was life-member of York United Church Women.

Dogs were special to Annie and she always had one as companion until she had to leave her home due to health problems and move to Prince Edward Home.

Annie passed away October 17, 2007.

Ella Margaret (Thomson) Chappell ~ Alpha York WI ~ 1917 - November 4, 2007



Ella was the daughter of Gordon and Lena (MacDonald) Thomson, formerly of Tryon and now recently of Cornwall. She married Clifford Arthur Chappell, son of Robert and Katie (Mallett) Chappell of York, PEI. They were married on December 1, 1943, at the Thomson home in Cornwall. Clifford and Ella put down roots on the family farm in York where they spent most of their married lives.

During the farming years, Ella's life revolved mostly around being a farmer's wife and a faithful mother of three, Raymond, Donald and Anne.

Ella had many interests along life's way. She and Clifford and family attended York United Church where Ella became a life member of the UCW. She was also a life member of the Women's Institute which she enjoyed and was actively involved for many years. The Rural Beautification Society also had a special place in Ella's life and she delighted in helping with a book denoting the history of this society. Other organizations to which Ella belonged were the I.O.D.E., C.N.I.B., Liberal association

and the Order of the Eastern Star. Ella was a social lady and often liked to accommodate any of these meetings in her home.

With airport expansion Clifford and Ella, sold most of their property (including their home) to the government and built a new home across the road which was completed early in 1981. Sadly in June of 1983, Clifford passed away at age 62. Ella bravely carried on and kept busy.

An interest that Ella always had, but certainly continued after her husband's passing, was gardening. A by-product of her gardening skills showed up in many baskets of flowers that she arranged for numerous activities.

Another passion of Ella's was poetry. For many years she composed poetry for special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries, and in 1995 she compiled a book of poetry, Ella's Island Poetry. Ella also enjoyed submitting articles to the "Voice for Island Seniors," a monthly publication in the local newspaper "The Guardian". At age 90, at the time of Ella's passing she was working on a submission for this publication.

During Ella's life she was basically an industrious lady, helping out on the farm by raising chickens, growing corn for sale and accommodating tourists. She was also interested in seeing others prosper. This was evident as grandchildren and great-grandchildren were growing up and getting established.

In the last number of years as Ella was slowing down and not able to move around so easily she was still a social person and enjoyed immensely the many phone calls and visits from family, friends, and neighbours. After three months of hospitalization Ella passed away at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Sunday, November 4, 2007.

Annie Matilda MacIntyre ~ East Point WI ~ November 30, 1916 - February 04, 2008

Annie was born at North Lake, PEI. Her parents were Vera and Stephen MacDonald. She was the oldest of 14 children.

As many of her day, Annie left home to find work at sixteen years of age. She worked in Charlottetown, Montreal and Washington, D.C.

Annie came home in 1942 to look after the family after her mother died.

Later, she married Stewart MacIntyre and settled at East Point Lighthouse. She had two daughters, Ruth and Anne.

Annie joined the Women's Institute in 1944 and was an active member until she moved to Charlottetown in 1962.

Annie was a kind, thoughtful, and caring person who helped a lot with community, war effort, Women's Institute and Church work.

She was known for her gift of hospitality, culinary talents, handiwork and quilting until failing health forced her to forego these things.

After the death of her husband, Annie lived in an apartment, then the Garden Home where she died.

We all miss her sense of humor, her stories, wisdom, and her caring, loving ways. She is missed by her many friends, relatives and fellow Women Institute members.



Margaret Blanche Howatt ~ Wilmot Silver Birch WI ~ April 18, 1932 - July 7, 2008

Blanche was born in Wellington, PEI, the eldest daughter of the late Garfield and Eva Day. She went to school in Wellington and sang in the Wellington United Church Choir. She went on to Commercial College in Summerside and then started working at T. Earl Hickey's Office and was there for a number of years. In 1955 she married Raymond Howatt and raised a son Victor and a daughter Shelley. Blanche was a faithful member of Trinity United Church, an Elder, and a dedicated member of the Epworth Unit. They lived in Summerside for a number of years then moved to Wilmot. It was at this time she joined the Wilmot Silver Birch WI. Although a member for just a few years, she became a valued member always willing to help out in any way she could. She passed away July 7, 2008 and is buried beside her husband Ray in the Hillside Cemetery, in Wellington. She is deeply missed by her family and all who knew her.

Gertrude Elizabeth Partridge ~ Gaspereaux WI ~ February 24, 1915 - October 18, 2008

Gertrude was born in New Rochelle, New York to Elizabeth Cortelyou and Merle Cooke. She was one of three children, a brother John and sister Johanna.

She attended McGill University in Montreal and the College of Rochelle graduating with a B.A. with honours in Biology. In 1938 she married Glen Partridge of PEI and moved to Kinburn, Ont. where Glen was a Presbyterian Minister who later joined the army in WWII.

They raised a family of 2 boys, Roderick and Peter and 2 girls, Johanna and Susan.

Gertrude was active in politics and social causes. She worked as a lab. technician and microscopist in Montreal. After moving to Ottawa she became a member of The Voices of Women.

In 1972 she and Glen moved to Panmure Island where they operated a B&B. Here she became a WI member holding many offices. She again became interested in politics and became the author of "The History of Panmure Island" and "Glen Partridge Remembrances". After Glen passed away she remained on Panmure Island, until she moved to Charlottetown with her caregiver Sioney Brisson. Sadly missed and remembered by her sister members of Gaspereaux WI.



Leona Margaret Robertson ~ Clyde River WI ~ 1950 - 2008

“THOSE WHO LIVE IN OUR HEARTS WILL BE WITH US ALWAYS.”



Leona Margaret Robertson grew up in Mayfield, PEI. She was the daughter of Leo and Irene Gallant. It was a happy home with loving parents and eleven children. Leona received her early education at St. Ignatius and Stella Maris schools and furthered it at UPEI from where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts. She enjoyed her summers working at the various tourist establishments in Cavendish and later at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital where she gained the respect and admiration of many friends and co-workers. Leona met and married the man of her dreams, William Robertson. Following their marriage they moved to Ontario for several years but the lure of the Island and many family members brought them back in 1975. They built a new home and settled in Clyde River. This was another very happy home which included three children, Darcy, Jeremy and Mary Ellen.

She was a faithful member of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Cornwall and of Clyde River Women's Institute. She joyfully took part in all activities of WI whether it be the Apple Pie Festival or just having a fun time. She also served as secretary as long as her health permitted. Her joyful attitude and glowing smile would lighten up a room upon her entrance.

Leona faithfully took part in the Relay for Life and to honor her memory “Leona's Ladybugs” participate in the relay each year. Her full active life and positive outlook to the end are living examples of the principles of our Mary Stewart Collect.

Leona is greatly missed, but fondly remembered by her family and her friends including the members of Clyde River WI. “It is the song you sing and the smiles you wear, that makes the sun shine everywhere.”

Chris Nicholson Gillis ~ Belle River WI ~ January 17, 2009

Chris passed away on January 17, 2009, after a brief illness. Very active in her community all her life, she gave freely of her time to her church, her family and friends. She took in every event, card parties, church suppers; in fact if you were somewhere Chris wasn't, you'd wonder why. She lived her whole life in the house she was born in. She was Secretary-Treasurer of Belle River Women's Institute for over fifty years. We miss her very much. Always true, unselfish and kind. Those are the memories, she left behind.

Katherine Elise (MacPherson) Ings ~ Cherry Valley WI ~ November 6, 1920 – January 28, 2009



Katherine was born in Irma, Alberta and she came with her parents to Oyster Bed Bridge, PEI due to her father having a terminal illness. After attending Prince of Wales College, Katherine taught school for a year in Rustico and two years in Millview. While in Millview she met Stirling and they married in 1943. Their family is Janet (Herb MacPherson); Dwain (who died in 2002), Sherrill and Cynthia.

Kay and Stirling operated a country store and Kay loved working in the store. She got to meet many people throughout the day and kept in touch with the community. She also was involved with the farm operation as well.

Kay was a charter member and first president of Cherry Valley Women's Institute and also held Treasurer and President of the District Units. She was a member and first president of the Cherry Valley Women's Auxiliary. Then this became the Anglican Church Women (ACW) where she was President, Secretary and Treasurer and Provincial

President of the National ACW Board.

She was the Chair of Cherrycliffe Community Centre; Poll Chair of 4th Queens P.C.; Sunday School Teacher; and, 4-H Leader for 10 years. She was a member of the Order of St. Luke, Charter member of Atlantic Mission Society of Glasgow Road; a member of Christ Church Cherry Valley since 1943 where she became a Diocesan Lay Reader in 1984 and Delegate to many Diocesan Synods.

Kay was involved with as much activity as she could right up until the time of her sudden death on January 28, 2009. The poem we all know, and was read in her Eulogy, “Miss Me, But Let Me Go” pretty well sums Kay and her thoughts.

Grace E. Hickox ~Springfield WI ~May 16, 1912 - February 19, 2009

Grace E. Hickox was the daughter of the late Frank and Lulu (Hooper) Deacon of Freetown. She had a sister Hilda and 2 brothers, Morris and Allison. Grace went on to Prince of Wales College to earn her Teacher's License. Grace met and married Jack Hickox of Springfield, where they resided on their farm. Grace continued to teach for many years as well as faithfully serve in her community.

Grace was an active member of the Springfield Women's Institute where she held the Offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, all the Convenerships and District Convention Secretary. Grace loved to attend the Women's Institute Conventions, and she was the proud recipient of a Life Membership Pin which was presented to her in September, 1976. Her specialty was lining up Programs for the monthly meetings.

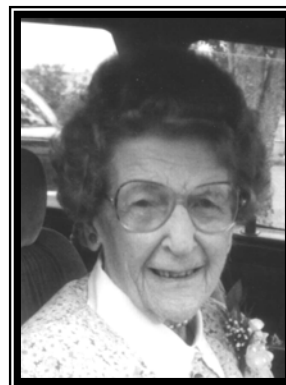
Grace was a devoted member of the Breadalbane Christian Church where she taught Sunday School for many years and was a member of the Women's Missionary Society.

Grace was a wonderful hostess, holding meetings in her home far more often than her share. Although she had no children of her own, she took great interest in neighbouring children, often tutoring them or taking them to Sunday School. Grace loved to send cards to encourage people in times of sickness or bereavement adding extra verses to the thoughtful messages she had chosen.

Grace and Jack moved to South Shore Villa in Crapaud when health necessitated the change. Grace did not end her good works there, but continued to organize church services and musical specials. She passed away at the age of 96.

Grace was predeceased by her husband but will be remembered and loved by many, including sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you..." John 14:27



Belle Collicutt - Brackley Beach WI - July 7, 1940 to February 21, 2009

Belle was the daughter of Russell and Edith Haywood and spent her early years in Mill River, PEI, where she attended school with her brothers. On the farm where she grew up, she enjoyed her horse "Tony".

In 1964 Belle married Wesley Collicutt. They lived in Summerside where their son Blake was born in 1966.

They moved to the community of Brackley Beach in 1978. Belle enjoyed gardening and her flowers. Her grandson Cameron gave her much joy. Belle made many friends through the Women's Institute and joined in the activities in her quiet and gentle manner, always with a smile on her face. She also attended a Bible study in Sherwood. Belle acquired ALS and faced this disease with courage until she passed away on February 21, 2009.



Anne Elizabeth Fotheringham - Brackley Beach WI - August 29, 1936 to February 22, 2009

Anne was born in Charlottetown, daughter of John and Mary Tierney, and later moved to Toronto. When Anne and her husband, Norman Fotheringham, returned to PEI, she became a member of the Brackley Beach WI and enjoyed attending the meetings and being involved in community activities. Anne actively participated until prevented by poor health. She fought her illness for 25 years. WI members were pleased to host a reception in the Community Centre following her funeral and meet her family.



Charlotte C. (MacEachern) Jenkins ~ Mt. Mellick WI ~ January 29, 1962 - March 2, 2009



To know her... was to love her... After a long and courageous battle with kidney disease and cancer, Charlotte, 47 yrs. passed away on March 2, 2009 leaving behind her devoted husband Randy, and extended families and friends.

During her short life, Charlotte worked for Veterans Affairs for 20 yrs., became bilingual, and graduated from U.P.E.I. with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with Honors. Socially and community-minded, Charlotte was extensively involved in community and church alike. She was an avid animal lover and involved in "Cat Action" for almost a decade. At the time of her passing, Charlotte was President of Mount Mellick Women's Institute and Cultural Convener of the Provincial Women's Institute. A faithful member of St. Andrew's United Church, she served as chair and member of numerous committees and was secretary of the P.E.I.U.C.W. Presbyterial at the time of her passing.

After joining Mt. Mellick WI in 2004, Charlotte took the office of President, which she still held. Under her leadership, we were invigorated by her drive and spirit! We held twinnings with our WI buddies, fund raising flea markets, ticket raffles, and an auction with Village Green Institute to raise money for breast cancer, and had numerous guest speakers! In October /08, Charlotte organized and presented 4 Life Memberships. At the Christmas meeting, she surprised each one of us with a card and gift! Charlotte had the courage of a lion, a smile that would light up a room, and a heart of gold!!! She rose to every challenge and lived each day to the fullest...her life was one of caring, giving and loving. We were blessed to have her in our midst...

Beatrice Mercedes (Cheverie) MacDonald ~ East Point WI ~ September 18, 1916 - March 03, 2009



Beatrice was born to parents, Fred and Mamie Cheverie on September 18, 1916.

She lived her early life at East Point. Being the oldest in the family, she helped her mother with the younger children making the girls look and feel pretty with big bows in their hair. Beatrice went with her mother to her first Women's Institute meeting and remained a member all her life.

She worked for a year in Montreal, coming home to marry Jim MacDonald in 1945. She moved to his home in North Lake where they raised nine (9) children - six (6) boys and three (3) girls.

She was always busy around the house and in her spare time she did embroidery work on dresser scarfs, pillow cases, and tablecloths which she gave as gifts to her daughters, granddaughters and daughters-in law. She knit mitts for her husband, sons, and grandsons.

"She is always busy with wool and flax, she does her work with eager hands."

- Proverbs - Ch:31,V:13.

Beatrice had two sisters, Rita and Marie, and a daughter-in-law, Anne, with whom she shared membership in East Point Women's Institute.

Beatrice died at the age of 93 years, surrounded by all her family, on March 03, 2009.

Beatrice was a faithful member of St. Columba Roman Catholic Church and St. Columba Catholic Women's League.

We, her family, would like to think she sent us these words at Christmas: Merry Christmas from Heaven. I still hear, I still see the lights, I still feel your love on cold, winter nights. I still share your hopes and all of your cares. And I'll even remind you to still say your prayers. I just want to tell you, you still make me proud. You stand head and shoulders above all the crowd. Keep trying each moment to stay in His grace. I came here before you to help set your place. You don't have to be perfect all of the time. He forgives you the slip if you continue to climb. So my family and friends, please be thankful today. I'm still close beside you in a new special way. I love you all dearly, now don't shed a tear 'Cause I'm spending my Christmas with Jesus this year.

John W. Mooney, Jr.

Sylvia Jean VanInderstine ~ Beach Point WI ~ October 4, 1928 - March 12, 2009

This is a tribute to the life of Sylvia Jean VanInderstine.

Sylvia was born October 4, 1928 in Beach Point to Annie and Harry MacNeill. Her family consisted of one sister and five brothers. She attended school in Beach Point to Grade 10 and then went to Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown to get her teacher's license.

In the late 1940's, Sylvia married Les MacKay. They had two children, Gerald and Margie. Unfortunately, this marriage had its problems and Sylvia and Les eventually divorced. Sylvia taught school in Beach Point to support her young family. In the early 1960's Sylvia married Ashley VanInderstine of Murray Harbour. They had one daughter, Wilma. Sylvia helped her husband, Ashley, run the family garage business. She did the bookkeeping and worked at the garage pumping gas and booking appointments. For most of her adult life, Sylvia also taught school. She taught in Beach Point, White Sands, and Murray Harbour and, after school consolidation in 1973, she taught at Southern Kings Consolidated. She continued teaching there until she retired. Many people from the Murray Harbour-Beach Point area who are now 40-70 years old, had Sylvia for a teacher at some point during their school years.

Sylvia joined the Beach Point Women's Institute in 2000. Every meeting that Sylvia attended was always entertaining. She had a good sense of humour and could be quite witty. She continued to be a member of the Institute until she had to move to a nursing home due to failing health.

Sylvia had more than her share of health problems in later years. She underwent not one but two heart bypass operations. In 2006 she moved to the Dr. John Gillis Lodge in Eldon. Sylvia's life journey ended there on March 12, 2009 She will be sadly missed by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; her brother, Bub; friends and neighbours; and her sister members of the Beach Point Women's Institute.

Erma Anna Ferris (nee Houston) ~ Fredericton - Hazel Grove WI ~ September 18, 1903 - March 17, 2009

Erma was born and raised in North Rustico and then moved to Boston to work. She moved back to PEI and married Reagh Ferris, a farmer from Hazel Grove. On their farm in Hazel Grove they raised two daughters, Audrey & Esther.

On the farm Erma was an avid gardener, enjoyed picking berries and preparing home cooked meals. In her spare time she hooked mats, did embroidery work, and made many quilts. Many were given to her 12 grandchildren and some great-grandchildren.

In February 1996 Erma and Reagh moved to Andrews Lodge where Erma resided until her death.

While at Andrews Lodge, Erma still continued using her sewing skills. It would not be uncommon to find her sewing buttons on clothing, hemming pants or skirts for other residents as well as making lamp shades.

Erma was a Life Member of Hazel Grove WI and then Fredericton Hazel Grove WI. She was a great neighbor by always welcoming people to her home and visiting new residents in the area.

Erma was a great example of living out our mission for Home & Country.

Inez Clara MacLeod Stevenson ~ Ebenezer WI ~ June 8, 1919 - March 31, 2009

Inez was born in New Glasgow PEI to Richard & Clara Stevenson, the ninth child in a family of ten. At a very young age her father died and her mother & brother ran the family farm. Inez attended school in New Glasgow. Inez's mother moved to Charlottetown and kept boarders so Inez and her sister and brother could get further education. Inez went to Prince of Wales College and got her teachers license. On July 8, 1942 she married J. Daniel MacLeod in a double wedding with her sister Margaret. Inez and Dan lived in Charlottetown for a short time and then moved to Ebenezer where they lived on the Family Farm and ran the General Store on the farm. Inez and Dan had a family of four, Margaret, Jean, Donald, and Lloyd. They had 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren whom she loved dearly. Inez was a Life Member of the Ebenezer WI and she received a certificate for 50 years service to WI on PEI. During her years as a member Inez held all the different offices. In addition to her WI involvement Inez provided leadership for many years to the youth who attended Sunday School at the Glasgow Road Atlantic Missionary Society until her death. Inez loved to read and travel. She went on several trips with family and friends. After her husband died Inez continued to live on the family farm and several years later her daughter Margaret and her husband moved in with her. After Inez was diagnosed with cancer Margaret looked after her mother. Inez died March 31, 2009 at the QEH just after being there only a few days.

We the members of Ebenezer miss our sister member for her gentle manner and great love for her family and community.

Ruth (Tuplin) Poole ~ New Annan WI ~ 1921 - April 1, 2009



Ruth Poole, wife of the late Herbert Poole of New Annan passed away on April 1. She was residing at Andrews Lodge in Stratford prior to her death.

Ruth grew up in New Annan and spent all her life there before entering Andrews Lodge. She was the mother of five children and was a home maker for the better part of her life with the exception of a few years that she worked in Summerside when her children were grown. Ruth was a member of Travellers Rest Women's Institute for many years and joined New Annan in the fall of 1963 as her remaining children were attending New Annan School. Ruth remained active in the Women's Institute for many years leaving when she began evening work in Summerside. She took a keen interest in her Church in North Bedeque where she sang in the choir for many years.

Ruth and her husband grew a large garden and marketed their vegetables from their home and in Summerside. Ruth was a quiet lady who took great pride in her children and grandchildren and was on the internet in her later years to keep in contact with them as they traveled to various places in the world.

Vera Robinson ~ West Devon WI ~ June 21, 1921 - April 1, 2009



Members and Community were saddened at the passing of Vera Robinson at the Margaret Stewart Ellis Home in O'Leary, April 1, 2009.

Vera was born in Glengarry, PEI on June 21, 1921, daughter of Percy and Pearle Baglole and the second child of 7 girls and 1 boy.

Vera married William Robinson and moved to West Devon where she lived and raised 8 children.

She was a Life Member of West Devon WI where she held many offices. She was also active in community work including Member of West Devon United Church where she attended faithfully until her failing health.

She enjoyed quilting and knitting afghans.

Vera was a friend and had a bright friendly smile. She will be missed by family and friends.

‘Mary’ Lela Vessey ~ Alpha York WI ~ March 5, 1917 - May 9, 2009

Mary was born in 1917 in Crossroads, PEI, the daughter of Earl and Laura Jenkins. On October 10, 1940, Mary married Lloyd Vessey, a farmer from York and it was in this community that they started their married life, living in the home where Lloyd was born. They later moved to their new home next door, where they raised their family of three children, Ferne (David MacPhail), Gordon (Ethel) and Lowell (Mary Lou). Mary and Lloyd were blessed with ten grandchildren and several great grandchildren.



Mary took an active role in her community and church in many ways, including being a Life Member of the Alpha York WI and a Charter Member of the York United Church Women. Mary held offices in both of these organizations and contributed to both with her time and talents.

Mary had a very special musical talent...the ability to play piano both by note and by ear. She was pianist for many special occasions, concerts, showers and other community activities. She also devoted many years as organist in her church, but she most enjoyed helping with music for Sunday School programs and other youth activities. Her quiet way always brought out the best in the children. Music was also an important part of her home where she would often accompany a group of young people gathered for a musical evening or help other young people prepare for a musical competition. This was indeed a home where young people loved to gather.

Mary and Lloyd were devoted members of York United Church and it was an incentive of ‘seed money’ donated by this couple that enabled the York Church congregation to proceed with building a new church in their community.

Mary was a helping hand to Lloyd on their successful family farm where they had a large herd of Holstein cattle, the farm being carried on to this day by their family. Mary was always a staunch supporter of the efforts of her husband, as he took on other business endeavors.

In 1969, Mary and Lloyd once again built a new home in their community, close to the site of the original ‘Vessey’ homestead. They opened their new home for tourist accommodation, known as ‘Vessey’s Tourist Home’ and it was probably the first of its kind in York. Together they operated their tourist home business for many years and those guests that came as strangers, left as friends.

Mary was a wonderful cook, but what most children and adults in the area remember most is her delicious ‘brown sugar fudge’ which she always made for Hallowe’en treats. Mary will be missed but fondly remembered by both young and old.

Evelyn Alice Woodley ~ Alliston WI ~ May 23, 1928—May 16, 2009

Evelyn moved from Ontario in the early 70’s and stayed to call Alliston, PEI home. She and her husband Don, operated a hog farm, along with their children Shawn and Sherry.

For Evelyn, it was her passion to be working outside with the animals and in the garden. She was devoted to the family and welcomed friends and neighbors warmly to her home. This would include a cup of tea and homemade treats from her kitchen. Evelyn was a life member of Alliston WI. Institute friends will miss calling on Evelyn for her well-kept notes of all meetings and happenings. She is remembered for her kindness and willingness to share with others.



Evelyn was a caregiver and in her illness she appreciated the care she was given. As we say goodbye, we pray Evelyn is at home and cared for well. In her words, ‘I have all I need.’

Jean Elizabeth MacPhail ~ York Point WI ~ January 9, 1941 - May 19, 2009



Jean Elizabeth MacPhail was born January 9th, 1941, the second youngest daughter of George and Hazel Parker, North Carleton. Jean grew up and attended school in her home community. She spoke often of happy childhood memories with her brother John, and sisters Doris, Florence, Marion and Shirley.

Jean went on to take the Commercial Course at P.W.C. and upon completion of her course began working at CIBC. In 1960 Jean married Howard MacPhail and moved to York Point where they operated a mixed farming operation and raised their three children, Andrew, Julie, and Jennifer. Jean took a break from working at the bank to raise her family and resumed work at CIBC in 1981.

Jean had a gentle, warm, and caring personality. She loved children, and had a genuine interest in all people. She worked cheerfully, caring for farm animals, her children, nieces and nephews, and her home. She supported her husband in the early years of building the North River Fire Department, always willing to bake and cook for banquets and work at dances. She and Howard were also members of the Couples Club at Cornwall United Church. She cultivated many friendships along the way and loved every minute. She was the best of neighbours, always there with a helping hand and a kind word. She was never too busy to have a good game of Scramble or Connect Four with children, and will be forever remembered in the MacPhail family for her wonderful homemade bread.

Jean joined the York Point Women's Institute shortly after her marriage, and remained an active member all her life. She served in every office of her local branch, and was always a faithful supporter. She loved attending teas, coffee parties, craft shows, workshops, and various WI events. She was awarded a life membership in early 1990's. Jean passed away on May 19th, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer and is deeply missed by all her family and many friends.

Nancy Grace MacFarlane ~ Bedeque WI ~ February 9, 1934 - June 28, 2009



It was with deep sadness that we received the news of the death of Nancy Grace MacFarlane (nee Shirky) at the Prince County Hospital, Summerside on Sunday, June 28th, 2009, aged 75 years. Nancy was born on February 9th, 1934 in Chicago, Illinois to Louis and Inez (nee White) Sharky and here she spent her early years. As a young schoolteacher she decided to see a little more of the world and applied for a position in three different areas of Canada, finally accepting one on PEI. She moved here in 1959 and soon after she met and fell in love with Douglas MacFarlane. In 1961 they were married and the 'city' girl settled into married life on the MacFarlane family farm in Fernwood. She embraced the role of a farmer's wife and involved herself very much in the life of the community. She and Douglas raised three sons, Peter, Ranald, who now runs the farm and Daniel.

Nancy joined the South Bedeque branch of the Women's Institute in 1963 and received her life membership in June 2000. She was a very active and enthusiastic member, always looking for interesting speakers to attend the meetings and give people a broader view of the world. She was always willing to take on a cause that she believed in and over the years presented many resolutions to the annual conventions. When the South Bedeque branch disbanded in 2003 she joined the Bedeque branch.

She was an active member of the Bedeque United Church and Unit IV of the United Church Women. She was active in the Bedeque Seniors Rainbow Club. In earlier years she was involved with 4H.

Promoting Island History was one of her passions, and she worked tirelessly to keep the Lower Bedeque Schoolhouse where Lucy Maud Montgomery taught, open as a tourist destination in the Summer months. This at times included pressuring Politicians for funding to maintain the building. When necessary she would spend time showing visitors around and several Japanese tourists she met still kept in touch with her with letters and photographs. In her later years she always appeared to put the care and needs of others ahead of her own. After Douglas died she had her own retirement home built on the farm property which she took a very active part in. Sadly she didn't spend enough of her later years in her new home. A 75th birthday party was held for her last February by her family at the Bedeque Church Hall for family and friends, with some family members coming from the US. Nancy will be dearly missed by her family, friends and all those who knew her.

Lorna J. Heffell ~ Maple Leaf WI ~ July 12, 1923 - July 9, 2009

It was with much sadness that the members of the Maple Leaf WI of Travellers Rest mourned the death of our sister member, Lorna. In the early days she was treasurer for many years, worked on committees and was available for transportation to workshops and conventions and never left the house without food for meetings, sick or shut-ins. Her kindness was known far and wide. Although unable to attend meetings for the last few years of her life, she was a life member and participated when able.

She was a faithful member of the Kensington Presbyterian church and the ladies "Guild".

She and her husband Jim, were childless but took great interest in the children of the community helping out where needed. She also worked for Holman's Ladies Wear and later the Barbara Ann Ladies Wear, besides keeping books for her husband's business. Her presence in our neighbourhood is thoroughly missed.

A DAY OF WORK WELL DONE, A DAY OF REST BEGUN.



E. Joyce (Falconer) Willis – North River WI - April 22, 1922 – September 2, 2009

Friends, neighbors and WI members were deeply saddened on September 2, 2009, to learn of the passing of E. Joyce Willis. Joyce was born in Newport Station, N.S., on April 21, 1922 to Clarence and Zelma Falconer. She was the middle child in a family of seven girls. She spent most of her early years in Pictou, N.S., until she moved to PEI. She trained to be a nurse at the Provincial Infirmary and was a Licensed Nursing Assistant. She took great pride in her nursing and worked as a nurse at Beach Grove, Prince Edward Island Hospital, Rehab. Centre, and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. She did regular duty nursing and in the later years, some special duty nursing. Joyce married Milton Willis on Nov. 27, 1946 at the Manse for Cornwall United Pastoral Charge. They spent their married life on the family farm at North River and in 1996, they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Milton passed away in February, 1998.

Joyce and Milton had four children: Susan, Billy (Deceased), John and Philip (Patricia) and had five granddaughters. Family, farm life, community life and nursing were important to Joyce. She was an active member of the Kingston United Church. She joined the North River Women's Institute in 1951 and served as President, and Secretary-Treasurer. She was always willing to do her part for "Home and Country" and collected for many charities. She received her Life Membership in the North River Women's Institute in 1997 – a special recognition for her. Joyce was a resident of Beach Grove Home for seven years, where she passed away Sept. 2, 2009. She will be missed within our WI and community.



*Memories we will have day to day
No length of time can take away-
She lives with us in memory still
Not just today but always will*

Hazel Louise Mintie ~ New London WI ~ December 18, 1924 - September 8, 2009



Hazel was born on December 18, 1924, in Middlebury, Connecticut, USA, the daughter of Samuel and Grace Townsend. After graduating from high school she went to work in the Bank. There she met her husband-Stuart Mintie. Later she worked as church secretary and with the Marazana Group. Hazel and Stuart were parents of a daughter and two sons, grandparents to six and great-grandparents to five. In the summer of 1955, Hazel and Stuart and family came on their first visit to the "Island". In 1970 they built a cottage in the New London community. When they retired, they spent six months here and six months at their home in Connecticut. Hazel loved the Island. She claimed in later years she had more friends here. She joined the NL Women's Institute and the Auxiliary of Atlantic Mission Society, and was honored with Life Memberships in both. She was also a member of the local Senior's group. Hazel loved to attend card parties and jamborees. She was a faithful daily visitor to Clinton View Lodge. She and Stuart attended St. John's Presbyterian Church, New London, PEI. Stuart predeceased her by several years. She kept herself occupied with her love for gardening and visiting family and friends.

In the early spring of 2009, her health began to fail, but she longed to return to her beloved Island and in the latter part of August her wish was fulfilled. She convalesced at Clinton View Lodge for a very short time where she died suddenly on Tuesday, September 8th, 2009. Her funeral was held from St. John's Presbyterian Church with Rev. Linda Berdan officiating. She was laid to rest beside her husband at the Geddie Memorial Cemetery, Springbrook, PEI.

Irene (Young) Beckman ~ Earnscliffe WI ~ June 7, 1923 - October 19, 2009



Irene was born in Hazelbrook to Mildred and Lawson Wood. Later she met and married Russel Young and from this union there were three children, Marion, Douglas, and Allen, a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her dream of becoming a nurse was fulfilled when her children were grown. She nursed at the Prince Edward Island Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital before retiring.

Her first husband passed away in June of 1990 and later Irene married Ted Beckman and he passed away in 2006.

Irene loved to paint, garden and knit. She knit for her great grand kids during the months she spent at Andrews of Stratford.

Besides being a valuable member of our Earnscliffe WI, she was a member of the Belfast Presbyterian Church in Belfast.

Irene is very greatly missed by her family, her sister WI members, her nursing friends, and her community. We mourn her loss.

Laura Singleton ~ Eldon WI ~ October 11, 1919 - October 19, 2009



Laura was born in Albany, PEI on October 11, 1919. At a very young age, she married Lloyd Singleton and together they had five boys. Sadly, one of her boys predeceased her in 1951.

She was a faithful member of the WI for 68 years, a member of the St. John's Presbyterian Church and also a member of the Millenium Seniors Club. Laura's hobbies included rug hooking, knitting, cooking and going out with family and friends. Family, friends and the Eldon WI members held a 90th birthday celebration for her on October 11, 2009. It was no surprise to anyone that there was such a large turnout to honour and celebrate 90 years with her. Her wish: that her favourite hymn would be sung for her "One Day at a Time". It was very fitting that only one week later she passed away peacefully in her sleep.

It is with fond memories that we think of Laura. She will be sadly missed by family, friends and WI members.

Lillian Frances (MacWilliams) Cutcliffe ~ Augustine Cove WI ~ February 13, 1920 - October 25, 2009

Lillian was born in Augustine Cove and spent her entire life on a farm in that community. In 1937, she married Roy Cutcliffe and they became parents of three daughters, Joan, Joyce and Carol, and two sons, Ronnie and Eric. She had 11 grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. Lillian was a charter member and Life Member of Augustine Cove Women's Institute. Lillian was active in her community and will be greatly missed by all especially her sister WI members.

Lillian was an avid bridge player and was well known for the beautiful quilts which she continued to make until the time of her death.

Lillian and Roy ran a Bed and Breakfast for many years and developed a friendship with many visitors who often returned to enjoy their hospitality.

Lillian was a faithful member of the Church of Scotland, Cape Traverse from where her funeral was held on October 28, 2009



Edna Harding ~ Spring Brook WI ~ November 8, 2009

Edna was born in Clinton, PEI grew up in Kensington and attended Kensington School. She married Joseph Harding of Spring Brook and they lived here for a few years. She joined Spring Brook WI in November 1951, and assisted with all WI and community activities. She and Joe later moved to Kensington where daughter Joanne and son Paul were born and raised. She was a member of St. Mark's Anglican Church, the Guild and Ladies Auxiliary. In 1955 she joined the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch No. 9 of the Royal Canadian Legion, where she was a charter member. She was a tireless worker assisting in the many legion activities. In recognition of her services she was awarded a life membership. She passed away on November 8, 2009 and is buried in Kensington Peoples Cemetery.



Helen Kathleen Johnston ~ Ray of Hope WI ~ January 1914 - November 9, 2009

This is a tribute to Helen Kathleen Johnston. Helen was born January 12, 1914 in Murray River, PEI to Ben and Katherine Reynolds. She was the fourth child of seven children.

She married Reg Johnston of Peters Rd. in June, 1933. Helen and Reg had 8 children that were all born in Murray River. Helen was a member of the Murray River United Church and was a good worker in the church and sang in their choir for many years. Helen worked hard raising her children. She raised them with love and devotion. She used to sew a lot of their clothes from old clothes and knit them all mitts and sweaters. She used to do all the cooking and every day used to make biscuits or bread. She loved to knit and crochet and right up until she died she was still knitting. She also did many quilts over the years but her one passion was hooking mats, sometimes from wool and sometimes from old rags. She used to hook at least one mat a year. She hooked her last mat at age 91.

Helen loved to be outside in the fresh air. In the summertime you would always find her out in the garden or just sitting in her chair in her last years. She loved flowers and you would always find a flower somewhere in her house whether it was summer or winter.

Helen was a member of the Ray of Hope WI for over 50 years and she was a life member. Helen stayed in her own home until she was 93 years old. She died at Whisperwood Villa in Charlottetown on November 4, 2009. We will miss Helen.

Those who weave colour into our lives leave us with a tapestry of beautiful memories.



Catherine (Kaye) Margaret (MacLennan) Campbell – North River WI – November 9, 1919—Nov. 21, 2009



Friends, neighbors and members of North River Women's Institute were deeply saddened on November 21, 2009 to learn of the passing of Catherine (Kaye) Campbell. She was born in Wood Islands. She was a Life Member of North River Women's Institute and served in the positions of President and Secretary. In 2008, she received a Certificate of Appreciation for 50 years plus of service to "Home and Country". In 1949, Catherine began working at Beach Grove Home as a Licensed Nursing Assistant. She met a former military man by the name of Roy Campbell. Roy was working on the farm at Beach Grove. They married, and Catherine had a baby girl, Edith, in 1953, (predeceased her in March 2009) followed by the births of Alex (Janice) and Sheila. She was active in her community e.g., working at North River Rink, visiting, and collecting for various charities. Catherine returned to work at Beach Grove in 1963. She took a great interest in every staff member who worked there during her twenty-five years. In her little book, she recorded their information. Anytime someone would wonder about any of the staff when they came or retired at Beach Grove, Catherine could supply the information from memory, lifting her head from reading The Guardian, or doing the daily Crossword Puzzle. She enjoyed her grandsons, Gordon and Warren, and especially so in later years when they helped with chores such as grass cutting, etc. Catherine was a dedicated member of the Zion Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown. She enjoyed the many visits from her long-serving Minister, Rev. Dr. Gordon Matheson. Rev. Dr. Matheson presided at Catherine's funeral service and gave a great message having known Catherine so well. The hymn, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung beautifully; this was one of Catherine's favourite hymns. She often expressed her appreciation of Sheila being present during her journey home. Catherine bore her grief in silence, and never did "wear her heart on her sleeve." She was generous and kind, and welcomed her caregivers as part of the family, thus, a deep friendship was established. Catherine is missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Among the great & glorious gifts our heavenly Father sends,
Is a gift of gentle kindness that we find in loving friends

Marion Mae (Hume) Davison – North River W.I. – November 13, 1939 – November 24, 2009



Friends, neighbors and members of the North River Women's Institute were deeply saddened on November 24, 2009, to learn of the passing of Marion Davison. She was born in Little Sands, the daughter of Carleton and Abena Hume in a family of four children. Marion was a graduate of Union Commercial College and was employed at the Eric Found Centre, Sears (Cornwall). Marion and Walter's home was "home" to preschool children who were always welcome. Marion and her husband Walter had one son, Bruce (Shannon) and a daughter, Janet (predeceased). Marion was very fond of her two grandchildren, Laura Elizabeth and Julia Kathleen. Walter was transferred from North Bay to Summerside, and in 1979, they bought a home in North River where Marion resided until her death. She was a Life Member of the North River Women's Institute and held many convenorships. She always enjoyed volunteering at the Women's Institute Handicraft Exhibition. Marion was a dedicated member of Cornwall United Church, and U.C.W. She was convenor of the kitchen, flowers and friendship at her Church, as well as a member of the Memorial Catering Committee which organized post-funeral receptions. Marion was one of the founding members of the Senior Luncheons Committee, shared between Cornwall United and St. Francis of Assisi Church; she was in charge of meal preparation, and was very skilled in this area, attending to every detail and always the last one to leave the kitchen. "Cleanliness was next to Godliness" with Marion! She was very community-minded, she collected for various charities, participated in the Upper Room Ministry, and befriended a neighbor who needed a call or a visit with some food, and have a chat. She enjoyed teaching the neighborhood children how to bake, as well as her granddaughters, and letting the girls share their baking with neighbors. Marion was conscious of the environment and led by example. She was a willing worker and we miss her quick step and beautiful smile.

"Your presence we miss - Your memory we treasure."

Hilda Rebecca MacNevin ~ Clyde River WI ~ 1926-2009

Hilda Rebecca MacNevin was a Clyder River girl. She grew up and lived the greater part of her life in the community which was very special to her. Hilda was the third member of the MacNevin family, namely Lorne, Ivan, Hilda and Jessie, all deceased including her parents John and Edna MacNevin. Hilda attended Clyde River School. She was a faithful member of Burnside Presbyterian church and a Life Member of Clyde River Women's Institute. She was a willing worker who added much fun and merriment during the various events. She will always be remembered for her jovial disposition, her hearty laughter and her story telling. Hilda was a valued member of the LePage Shoe store on Grafton Street Charlottetown where she was well known as the "Shoe Lady. It has been said that she had memorized the correct shoe size for many of her customers. After retirement she moved into an apartment nearer Charlottetown where she joined and enjoyed the social activities of the West Royalty Senior's Group. She also enjoyed many happy weekends with her good friends at the Trailer parks. Hilda's last years were spent at the Garden Home on North River Road where she was lovingly cared for. Her final resting place is the Burnside Presbyterian cemetery, which is very near to her old homestead. Hilda is greatly missed by her family and her friends including the members of Clyde River WI.



"When I come to the end of my journey, and I trod my last weary mile,
Just forget, if you can, that I ever frowned, and remember only the smile."

Mina McArmand ~ Summerside WI ~ 2009

Mina McArmand was a member for many years, first with the Searltown WI, then in Summerside. She was in her 80's.

Madelyn Perry ~ Summerside WI ~ 2009

Madelyn Perry was a member for 30 years. Madelyn was very community minded. She donated many homemade afghans, quilts and baby sets for fundraisers. She was 87 years old.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who submitted write-ups for this special "Memorial Edition."

- *If we have made any editing errors or omitted any write-ups or photos, we sincerely apologize.*
- *Some minor editing has been done but for the most part the content is that of the original.*

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