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We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who submitted memorials 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.
For the most part, the content is that of the original.*



Anna Kathleen (née Weeks) Morris
Belmont WI
2021

Anna was born in South Kildare, Prince Edward Island on October 20, 1922 to the late Bessie and Hunter Weeks. She had three brothers and four sisters.

Anna moved to Toronto in her early twenties in search of work where she met her husband, Harvey Morris. As Harvey was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, they moved around Canada and were finally posted to PEI in 1970 where they raised their three daughters: Carol, Susan, and Betty. Anna and Harvey and seven grandchildren.

The couple built their retirement home in Belmont where Anna joined the Belmont Women's Institute branch. She enjoyed going to the meetings and getting to know people in the community. During her years in WI, Anna made handicrafts and sent cards to the ill and bereaved on behalf of the branch. In 2006, Anna became a Life Member. Her pastimes included sewing, knitting, quilting, needlepoint, and many outdoor activities. She loved doing jigsaw puzzles and spent many hours putting them together. Anna was a faithful member of the Lot 16 United Church.

In later years, Anna and Harvey moved to an apartment in Summerside. Following his death, Anna moved to Andrews Lodge where she enjoyed her walks, attending musical entertainment, playing her harmonica, and doing puzzles. She remained there until her death in January 2021.

Anna is fondly remembered and sadly missed by her family and WI friends.



Anne Elizabeth (née MacLean) Shaw
Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI
1998

Anne was born in Alberry Plains on October 4, 1925, daughter to the late Ella and Thomas MacLean.

Anne attended grade school in Alberry Plains and then went on to Prince of Wales College. After graduation she taught school in Lyndale and Alberry Plains.

Anne studied nursing and graduated from the PEI Hospital School of Nursing in 1948. She worked at the PEI Hospital setting up and becoming the first post operative recovery room nurse. She travelled and worked in Thunder Bay, Ontario, as well as Vancouver and Kelowna, British Columbia. She received a diploma in Public Health from the University of Toronto in 1957. She joined the VON and worked in New Castle, New Brunswick.

On August 22, 1960, Anne married John Allan Shaw. They made their home on the family farm in Uigg. John and Anne had three children: Ian, Paul and Beth. John died suddenly in 1969. With steadfast faith and hard work Anne maintained the homestead and raised and educated her three children. She returned to nursing at the Kings County Memorial Hospital, working part time on the nightshift until her retirement in 1990.

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Anne had a strong faith and was a devoted member of St Andrews United Church, Vernon. She served on session, Board of Stewards and was a member of the UCW and songsters Choir. She was a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher and Messengers Leader.

Anne had a great sense of community and worked tirelessly for the betterment of it. She was a lifetime member of the Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI, 4-H leader, and founding member of Vernon River Community School. She volunteered time at Vernon River School and was a member of Home and School. Anne was instrumental in the transition of the Uigg School into the Uigg Community Centre. It still plays a vital role in the community today.

Other organizations that Anne was a member of included the PEI Hospital Nurses Alumni and the 4th Queens Liberal Association.

Anne loved gardening and shared her flowers for corsages and decorating homes, halls and churches. She also enjoyed doing crafts and shared her creativeness by teaching others.

Anne had a kind heart and caring attitude. She cared for her aging mother at home. She was always thinking of others and made an effort to visit the sick and shut in.

Although Anne's health in later years gave her trouble, she remained strong, had faith and showed courage to live each day to its fullest.

Anne passed away on May 26, 1998.

It is with fondest memories and cherished thoughts that we remember Anne.



*“Although it's difficult to see
beyond the sorrow,
may looking back in memory
help comfort you tomorrow.”*

- Author unknown



***B. Joan (née Hamp) Homans
Sherbrooke-Summerside WI
2021***

Joan was born in Burton-On-Trent, England to the late Leslie and Nellie (née Armson) Hamp, on March 14, 1930. She, and her two sisters, Margaret (Bill) Broom and Sheila (Arthur) Scott grew up in England and completed their schooling there.

Joan's job was as an assistant to four lawyers, which meant she had to have knowledge in four different areas of law.

Joan met Les Homans and they were married on April 8, 1950. They moved to Canada, settling in Scarborough, Ontario and had two children: Linda (Howard) Smith and Steve (Joanne) Homans. Wanting to spend more time with her young family, Joan started her own catering business. She also began volunteering by teaching Sunday School and joining the PTA.

Joan and Les were always a team and from 1961 to 1984, while in Ontario, they were leaders at all levels of the local Scouting organization, plus helped out with the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The family grew to include grandchildren: Jennifer (Jason) Arsenault, Cheryl (Tim) Brewer, and Christopher (Brittany) Homans. Then later on great-grandchildren: Adella and Katherine Brewer.

When their son and his family moved to PEI, Joan and Les soon followed. Once settled in Sherbrooke, they started volunteering in many organizations across PEI, usually in a leadership role. Some were; PEI Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Diabetes Canada, Canadian Red Cross, Alzheimer's Association, Arthritis Society, United Way, Friends of Summerside Rotary Library, Heart Support Group, and they began the Lady Slipper Naturalist Club.

Joan earned the Champion of Heart Award and was welcomed into the Gold Heart's Circle, by the PEI Heart and Stroke Association. The Summerside Library presented both Joan and Les with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. This was usually awarded to Rotarians only but on rare occasions (as in this case), it could be bestowed upon those who had an active and deep connection to the Library.

Within the Community of Sherbrooke Joan supported her friends and neighbours in all their endeavors and sent cards to all she knew for any special occasion in their lives. She welcomed each new resident with a visit, fudge, and information on WI. She helped out with all community events and lobbied for better lighting and a turning lane off Highway 2. Joan helped make Sherbrooke a closer community and a safer, better place to live.

Joan joined Sherbrooke-Summerside WI in 1984. Through deliberate planning of appointments and holidays, she had perfect attendance for nearly 35 years, until the ill health of her husband and then herself intervened. Even when she wasn't able to attend as often Joan would want to be kept up to date, hear the news and donate in any way she could.

At the branch level, Joan was Secretary/Treasurer for 30 years, Convener of Environment, Home Economics and Health, International Affairs, and Agriculture. She took turns on all WI Committees, opened her home for meetings, nominated others, and lobbied for important issues. Joan never shirked her duties and was always "on the ready" with food and good ideas in case she was needed.

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At the WI District #5A level she was Secretary/Treasurer six times and Environment Convenor for 15 terms. She was always a branch representative for district planning meetings on conventions and anniversary celebrations. She often designed name tags and table favours. Joan also contributed, in any way she could, to PEIWI causes.

As Secretary for any of her volunteer positions, Joan's record keeping was impeccable.

Before delivering the Branch minute books to the Provincial Archives she would go through them and make "mini notes" of anything important, to have on hand, when needed.

Joan was surprised and honoured to be presented with her Life Membership pin in 2006; to be the successful nominee for the Golden Book of Recognition in 2010, and to be the recipient of the Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour in 2019.

Joan said she thought volunteering was the natural thing to do! She indeed lived those words by being a knowledgeable, enthusiastic and dedicated member of all her groups, but she especially loved WI. Joan was always there and always helping out.

Several days after her 91st birthday celebrations, Joan passed away suddenly. We, her sister members of the Sherbrooke-Summerside WI, miss our dear friend greatly.

Joan made the world a better place; we shared happy and sad times with her over the years and now have our many lasting memories. ♥



Catherine "Kay" Elizabeth (née Brehaut) MacLeod
Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI
2020

Kay MacLeod was born in Lyndale to parents Annie and Robert Brehaut. She was the youngest of a family of two sisters and one brother. Kay attended Lyndale School and Montague High School.

In 1956 she married Keith MacLeod of Kinross. Shortly after the birth of their son, Rickie, they relocated to Fort McMurray, which was just becoming settled. During their stay there, both Keith and Kay were involved in the community life of this fast growing town. After they left Alberta, they lived in Toronto where their daughter, Janice, was born. A short time later they relocated back to PEI and settled and farmed in Kinross for many years.

Kay was a faithful member (and Life Member!) of the Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI. Her dedication and book keeping skills were greatly appreciated, as during her term as Treasurer, the Uigg Community Centre was completely renovated, thus creating much extra work such as fundraising, hiring help, paying bills etc.—all of which Kay did to perfection!

Kay was a great homemaker and a wonderful cook. She was well known for her delicious scotch cakes and Christmas puddings.

In later years, Kay and Keith moved to Montague; however Kay kept her WI membership and participated in all its activities as much as her health permitted.

Kay faced many challenges and changes during her life, but she carried on with dignity and courage. Her ever pleasant smile and friendship is greatly missed by all who were fortunate to know and love her.

*“Let no one weep for me, or celebrate my funeral
with mourning; for I still live, as I pass
to and fro through the mouths of men.”*

-Quintus Ennius



**Christene “Chris” MacLeod
Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI
2002**

The community of Uigg and surrounding districts were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Christene “Chris” MacLeod on April 3, 2002.

Chris was a Life Member of the Uigg -Kinross-Grandview WI and was an active member for 56 years.

After attending Prince of Wales College, she taught school for a few years, but returned home to keep house for her family following the untimely death of her mother in 1946. Many years later after the death of her father, she resumed her education at the University of Prince Edward Island and received her B.Ed. She furthered her studies at Dalhousie University. Following completing her special training, she was hired by the PEI Department of Education as one of the Island’s first special education teachers. She taught special education classes at Cardigan Consolidated School for several years and then at Montague Consolidated School. She was very interested in each individual pupil and wanted them to succeed.

She was an avid reader and instilled in her pupils the love of literature. Later in life when she retired, many of her former students and families came to visit her.

Chris was the family and community historian and was called on many times for information of family relations and past events.

It can truly be said of Chris that:

“Things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turn out”

—John Wooden

She is sadly missed and fondly remembered by everyone who knew her.



Dorothy (née Garby) Thompson
Wood Islands WI
2020

On Thursday, October 29, 2020, Dorothy Thompson, 98 years old, passed away peacefully at her home on the Culloden Road in Mount Vernon. Predeceased by her husband, Douglas (1993) and grandson Darryl (2008). Dorothy is survived by her son Kenneth (Arlene), Brockville, ON, and daughters Darla (John Rousseau), Mount Vernon, and Deborah, Woodbury, MN; grandsons Cory Thompson, Kingston, ON, Ryan Thompson, Brockville, ON, Christopher Thompson (Dionne Masse), Kelowna, BC, John Andrew Rousseau (Jessica Gillis), Charlottetown, and granddaughter Aryana Rousseau (Simon Livingstone) Montreal, QC; great grandchildren Lili Lafrance, Joe Lafrance, Paulo Lafrance, Sam Lafrance, June Violet Livingstone and Saga Dorothy Livingstone, all of Montréal and Emily Thompson, Port Hope, ON. Also survived by her sister Tina Kerr, Toronto and Tina's granddaughter Darla Murphy (Paul), Charlottetown.

In 1922, Dorothy was the first of seven children born in Montréal to Violet and Phillip Garby who arrived in Canada in 1918 from Romania. Dorothy went to school in Rosemount and worked in her parents' store until the late 1940s. After World War II she married Douglas Thompson who had fought in the Canadian Navy. Doug and Dorothy lived in Rosemount and, later, Lorraine, Québec as Doug worked for Gulf Oil. At first, Dorothy was a stay-at-home mum as she and Doug began their family. As her children grew up she worked in and then owned a beauty salon.

Dorothy and Doug moved to Prince Edward Island when Doug retired in 1981. They bought a beautiful farm on the Northumberland Strait in Wood Islands. She and Doug opened a bed & breakfast called "Baba's Guest House" where they enjoyed the company of many visitors to the Island.

Dorothy and Doug joined the Georgetown Baptist Church in the early 1980s. Her strong faith carried her through the difficult times surrounding the death of Doug, her husband of 47 years. Dorothy joined the Wood Islands Presbyterian Church in 1994, as well as the local chapter of the Atlantic Mission Society.

Dorothy joined the Wood Islands Women's Institute in 1983. She was President from 1986 to 1988 and then again from 1991 to 1997. She also served as Vice-President for a number of years.

In 1999, Dorothy moved into a new apartment next to her daughter, Darla, in Mount Vernon, where she lived the rest of her life.

Dorothy is greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

*"It is not the length of life,
but the depth of life."*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



Eleanor (née MacArthur) MacNeill
Avonlea WI
2021

The Avonlea Women's Institute was deeply saddened with the sudden death of our dear friend, neighbour and sister WI member, Eleanor MacNeill, on Monday, May 3, 2021, at her home in Cavendish.

Born in Kensington on March 15th, 1939, she was the daughter of the late J. Roy and Verna (née Cousins) MacArthur and the cherished wife of 62 years to Alvin MacNeill. Eleanor cherished her time with her family of three sons, their families, and her many friends.

*Eleanor and Alvin kindly opened their home and hearts to many loved ones from around the world in their Parkview Farm Tourist Home in Cavendish. Eleanor was a wonderful ambassador and represented the tourism industry of Prince Edward Island for over 60 years. In the book, *A Great Day for Livin'* by Juliet Wilson, Eleanor is quoted as saying: "My favourite part is just meeting the guests, talking to them, finding out where they're from, and what they do and things like that."*

Eleanor loved her church and her community. She was a devoted UCW member and the church organist. She was instrumental in welcoming new community members and served in many leadership capacities. She joined the Avonlea WI in 1959 and served for 60 years as a very valuable member of our Institute. During that time, she served in every position of the Branch Executive, and held the position of President in 1980.

With her leadership skills, she created monetary prizes for graduates of the local Bluefield High School and initiated a nutritious snack program at each of the elementary schools in our district. Eleanor also opened her home in Cavendish every February for weekly game nights; up to 60 people attended weekly to play cards, dominoes, and Scrabble, win prizes, and enjoy a lovely lunch provided by our WI members. Proceeds from these activities were donated by the WI to various Island charities. Eleanor fully endorsed WI's Roadside Cleanup and galvanized our members to fill scores of garbage bags every spring.

Gifted with her leadership skills and welcoming openness, she will be missed. Eleanor enriched the life of the community and everyone who was privileged to know her.

*"Love has no age,
no limit;
and no death."*

-John Galsworthy



***Helen Viola (née Brown) Dawson
Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI
2021***

Helen Viola Dawson was born on July 18, 1953 to Bertha and Robert Brown. She was the only girl in her family. She had four brothers, and she was their number one fan at their hockey games. She must have developed all her strength from playing sports in their backyard with them! Helen grew up in Pownal, and attended Elementary School nearby, and later attended CRHS.

Helen married Hal Dawson on October 6, 1973 and moved to Uigg, where they purchased a farm. They raised three daughters, Denise, Angela, Ashely, and one Son, Robbie. Their first son, Denis, (deceased, as an infant). They both worked hard on the farm, with Hal out in the fields, gathering the harvest, and Helen preparing the meals for the workers, as well as, making pickles, chow, jam and jellies. She quite often gave samples to friends, and neighbours. Helen still found time to participate in sports, such as Softball in summer, and Broomball in winter.

Helen was very active in her community and church as well. She was the co-ordinator of the Pownal Memorial Tournament for a number of years, and made sure all former coaches, players, and sponsors were remembered at the tournament. She was:

- ◆ *Overall leader of the Uigg Kinross 4-H club*
- ◆ *Life Member and President of the Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI*
- ◆ *Provincial WI Agriculture Convener*
- ◆ *Instructor at Vernon River Community School*
- ◆ *Member of UCW at St. Andrews Church*

Helen was recognized for all her volunteer work, and was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2013. Sadly in 2016, Helen was diagnosed with cancer.

Helen was a member of the Rug Hookers at Community School. When a fellow branch member and her husband built a new home across from Helen and Hal, Helen brought them a rug that she had hooked as a welcome gift. On another occasion when a fellow branch member was ill, Helen brought her a homemade treat, all while she was on her cancer journey. That was the kind of thoughtful person that Helen was.

As their children got older, Helen found the time to coach her daughters in ringette and softball. In fact, she coached the Canada Games Ringette Team, which her daughter played on. She loved watching her children and grandchildren participate in all their activities.

Helen loved to camp, and she referred to their camper at Lord Selkirk Park, as her “happy place”, especially while on her cancer journey. She made many wonderful memories there, and new camping friends.

On September 25, 2021, Helen lost her battle with cancer and was called home to the Father.

Rest in Peace, Helen.

The community of Uigg and the Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI has lost a valuable member.



An Eternal Memory

*Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile
if only I could have you back
for just a little while.*

*Then we could sit and talk again
just like we used to do
you always meant so very much
and you always will, too.*

-Author unknown



Jane (née Field) Brewer
Lower Montague WI
2020

Jane was born in Brewer, Maine, the daughter of Henry and Phyllis Field. She was predeceased by her first husband, Gordon MacLean and is survived by her second husband, Victor “Stu” Curry, her son, Val MacLean, and granddaughters: Sarah and Sandra MacLean.

Jane’s chosen career was teaching and she taught in Europe before she came to PEI. After moving to PEI, she taught at Air Marshall Johnston School in Slemon Park and at Amherst Cove in Borden.

Jane was always willing to lend a helping hand in support of her church and community. She was a Life Member of Central Bedeque Baptist Women’s Missionary Society, and she was made a Life Member of the Central Bedeque WI in 2002.

Jane liked to keep track of things—she kept notes about everything! She also liked to have fun and could always be counted on to come up with a story or a skit to share when a group she belonged to was called upon to present a program. She and Stu loved to travel—especially to spend winters in Florida.

Jane will be remembered for her smile and her thoughtfulness.



Janna “Jane” (née Wolters) Wilting
Meadowbank WI
2021

At the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 of Janna “Jane” Wilting (nee Wolters) of Meadowbank, age 88 years.

Beloved wife of the late Aike Wilting. Loving mother of Joanna (Gary Meijer), Margaret (Henry Bruinsma), Linda (Charlie vanKampen), Esther (Hans Hovingh), Ingrid (Fred DeJong), Dorothy (Roger Drost) and Hans (Julie). Grandmother of Peter (Catherine), Sarah-Jane (Zachary), Janet (Kevin), William (Kayleigh), Nathan, Evan, Rachel, Janessa (Greg), Esther (Josiah), Stephanie (Alex), Darren (Allison), Nicholas (Maria), Maria (Brian), Aileen (Greg), Jonathon (Becca), Jeanine (Kachi), Andrew (Colleen), Joshua (Katie), Philip, Calvin (Samantha), Joseph, Ethan, Haley (David) and Aike. Lovingly remembered by numerous great grandchildren. Sister of Bert Wolters (Janny) in the Netherlands. Sister-in-law of Tina Wolters (late Albert), Hessie Wolters (late Jan), Annie Hoeksma (Wiecher) and Janny Wilting (late Jaap).

Jane is greatly missed by her family, friends, and Meadowbank WI sister members.



Jean (née Cook) MacDonald
Wood Islands WI
2020

Jean MacDonald passed away on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at Kings County Memorial Hospital with family by her side; beloved wife of the late Angus L. MacDonald.

Jean was predeceased by parents Frank and Bellina Cook, brother Charles Cook, sister Dorothy Dewar, son-in-law Darrell Matheson, father and mother-in-law J. Arthur and Mae MacDonald, sisters-in-law Ardeth MacDonald and Roberta Cook, and brother-in-law Gordon Wilkie, nephew Kenneth Cook.

Dear mother of Lillian Matheson, Lloyd, Kathy, Alan, Joan (Elmer McInnis), Bruce (Lori), Roy, Laura Lee and Shirley. Lovingly remembered by her numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Jean is also survived by sister-in-law Louise Shockey and brother-in-law Athol Dewar.

Jean was known most recently for hosting Wood Islands WI meetings in her home, hosting card parties for friends and knitting volumes of socks, slippers and mittens for WI fundraising events, as well as for the Kings County Food Bank so children would not be cold in the winter.

She was a quiet force for good in the Wood Islands community and she is so missed.

Remember Me

*Remember me with smiles not tears, for all the joy through all the years.
Recall the closeness that was ours, a love as "sweet" as fragrant flowers.*

*Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain, we'll see each other once again.
I am at peace... try to believe, it was my time... I have to leave.*

*But "what a view" I have from here. I see your face, I feel you near.
I follow you throughout the day, you're not alone along the way.*

*And when God calls you... you will be right by my side... right here with me.
Til then, I'll wait by Heaven's door, we'll be united... evermore!*

-Genie Graveline



Kathryn Sara (née Beck) Wilchynski
Oyster Bed Bridge WI
2020

Members of the Oyster Bed Bridge Women's Institute were saddened to learn of the passing of a dear friend and Life Member of our branch, Kathryn Wilchynski, on October 14, 2020.

Kathryn was the eldest daughter of Jessie and Preston Beck. She was an excellent student and became a Laboratory Technician, moving to Alberta to work as a young adult. This is where she met her future husband, Louis, who survives her. After their marriage, they moved back to Oyster Bed Bridge where they became very connected to the neighbours and community.

Kathryn and Louis were the parents of three daughters and one son. One of her deepest desires in life was that all of her four children were happy and doing well, and that they knew the love of God in their lives. Their lives were enriched with wonderful times spent with many family members. She was a fierce advocate for her children, particularly her youngest child, Rebecca who suffers from cerebral palsy. Because of Kathryn's determination, Rebecca became one of the first children with a physical disability to attend public schools in our province.

Kathryn's strong love and support for her family continued on when they reached adulthood as she continued to help them whenever she could. She was blessed with two grandsons and greatly treasured the time she was able to spend with them.

Family and friends were the recipients of her hospitality as she welcomed all to her home—some for weeks or even the whole summer. She was keenly aware of needs within her community and was always thinking of ways to help others. Many folks who may not have had a place to go for Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners were welcomed to the Wilchynski home.

Kathryn grew up in a musical family and was one of the pianists at Sherwood Church of Christ. She often provided the music for concerts and programs at a local daycare center. She was a lady who was full of fun, and we can still hear her end a story or good laugh with "Isn't that a riot?"

Always generous with her time and material goods, she literally poured herself out to others, taking great joy in doing so.

This poem by Emily Dickinson sums up the life of this wonderful woman, Kathryn Wilchynski:

*"If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain."*

Rest in Peace, dear Kathryn.

*“Little by little,
we let go of loss...
But never of love.”*

- Author unknown



Margie MacLeod
Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI
2007

Margie was a very committed woman, to her family, to her friends, to her church, and to her community. She valued the friendships she had in the community through her extensive involvement with the Uigg-Kinross-Grandview Women's Institute. Margie achieved her lifetime membership with the Women's Institute and loved to commemorate events and community achievements by taking many photos and sharing them in albums.

Margie was proud of her occupation as a nurse, and the lifelong friendships she made with her nursing classmates. She was married to Malcolm MacLeod, had three children: Barry, Shirley, and Donna. Margie was known as a great cook and bread baker.

Margie opened her doors and her heart to guests that stayed at her Bed & Breakfast, and eventually cottages over the course of 26 years. She proudly shared information about local attractions such as MacPhails & Orwell Corner. Guests came year after year to enjoy what farming life in Uigg offered, the homemade baking, and laughs around the campfire each evening.

A natural entrepreneur, Margie was ahead of her time creating experiential tourism before it was actually a thing. Frequently guests would abandon their itinerary to spend time on the farm with Margie and Malcolm and they would gladly enjoy the company and put them to work! Guests from around the world continued to correspond with Margie for years, sending Christmas cards by the 100's each year.

She also participated in other community groups including being a leader in 4-H, United Church Explorers, and a member of the United Church Women.

Margie MacLeod passed away at the age of 71 on August 11, 2007 and is greatly missed by family and friends.



Norma Pasatieri
Malpeque WI
2021

An active member of WI and Past President of District #6, Norma brought new life into an aging WI, where her many talents and organizing abilities encouraged members to get their second breath. Norma was our go-to-member with her ability to be factual and gifted in Roberts Rules of Order.

She never tired in doing for others, always volunteering herself and always planning for the benefit for Home and Country. One would never know that she was dealing with Stage 4 cancer that claimed her life on September 26, 2021 but did not claim her song, "I Have a Dream".

She believed in people, good in everything she saw, and will be so missed in our WI and communities.

Norma indeed lived each day of her life (living the dash) which was read at her funeral and printed here for a reminder to all:

The Dash

*I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of his friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning...to the end.
He noted that first came the date of her birth
And spoke of the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years
For that dash represents all the time
That she spent alive on earth...
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not, how much we own,
The cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.
So think about this long and hard...
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real,
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.
And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile...
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.
So, when your eulogy's being read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?*

—Linda Ellis



Roberta "Bertie" Longard (née West) Cook
Wood Islands WI
2020

Peacefully at the Saint John Regional Hospital, the passing of Roberta Longard (née West) Cook, age 83 of Belle River, devoted wife of the late Charles Cook, occurred on Saturday October 24, 2020 with granddaughter Tarah Acorn and daughter Emily by her side.

Born in Eldon on January 10, 1937, Roberta was the daughter of the late Roberts and Emily (née Millar) West. Roberta "Bertie" is survived by her loving children: Emily (Wade) Nicholson, Jim Cook, Frank (Gladys) Cook, Charlotte (Robert) Acorn and Janice (Darryl) Gamble; brother Miller (Wendy) West; sisters, Louise Brown and Helen MacDonald; thirteen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by son Kenneth Cook; daughter-in-law Ginny Cook; brother Frederick West; sisters-in-law Dorothy Dewar, Jean MacDonald and Ruby West; brothers-in-law Albert MacDonald and Ross Brown; and step-mother Alice West.

Bertie was a prize winning quilter (hand-stitched) whose work featured in provincial exhibitions for many years and she regularly donated items for raffles and auctions to support the Wood Islands branch of the Prince Edward Island Women's Institute.

She is greatly missed by her PEI Women's Institute sisters and her community.



Verna Blanche (née England) Banks
Poplar Grove-MacNeills Mills WI
2021

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Verna Banks on March 20, 2021 at the Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville, Nova Scotia.

She was the dearly beloved mother of six children, grandmother to eleven grandchildren, and great-grandmother to ten great-grandchildren.

Verna was an amazing artisan. Her intricate work incorporated various sewing techniques, hand and machine stitching and quilting, fabrics, and appliqué to bring each scene together. Her creations won her much recognition around the world. Her articulate work afforded her the opportunity to share the skills she acquired to teach her art in Japan for two years. She was extremely honoured and proud to have had one of wall hangings depicting an oyster fisher in a dory tonging oysters in Cascumpec Bay, PEI on display at the National Capital Commission Building in Ottawa representing Prince Edward Island as part of a Federal Fisheries Exhibition. She also enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and painting scenes on driftwood and seashells.

Verna was very community-minded and was actively involved in the West Prince Arts Council, as well as her church.

As a valued sister member, Verna was always willing to do her part and held many branch positions over the years.

She is missed and fondly remembered by her family and friends.



Verna Belle (née Murphy) Milligan
Poplar Grove-MacNeills Mills WI
2021

On March 9, 2021, Verna Milligan of Poplar Grove passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family aged 87. Verna was predeceased by her husband, Lester (October 16, 2020) and son, Bruce, whom she lovingly cared for during his lengthy illness. She was the cherished mom to Brenda, Barbara, Bonnie, Brent and Beverly; grandmother to eleven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Verna loved all family gatherings especially Sunday dinners, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, knitting and making quilts. Every family member was gifted with one of her beautiful handmade quilts.

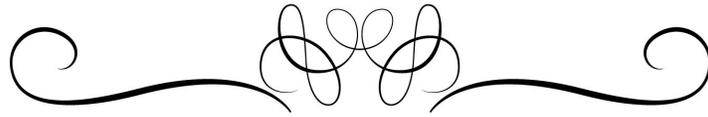
Being a member of the Women's Institute for severity plus years, she was a faithful member having held many positions at the branch and district levels (many times). She was also an active member of her church and the Lioness Club.

A Life Member, Verna was dedicated to Women's Institute and was always willing to do her part; she was the driving force behind planning and ensuring everything was in place for many events.



*“When we lose someone we love
We must learn not to live without them,
But to live with the love they left behind.”*

~Anonymous



*This book is in memory of those who served as
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Christene "Chris" MacLeod

Dorothy Thompson

Eleanor MacNeill

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