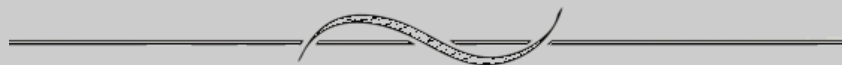
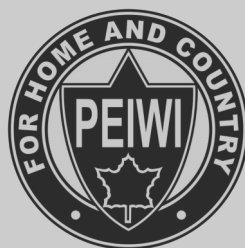


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*We would like to take this opportunity to
thank those who submitted memorials
for this special Memorial Edition.*



*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.*



A.W. "Dini" (née ten Have) Dijkerman
Village Green WI
2020

The death occurred unexpectedly, surrounded by her family, at the QEH on September 3, 2020 of Dini Dijkerman of Stratford (formerly of Village Green and the Netherlands), age 87 years.

Predeceased by her husband Gerrit "Jan" on June 21, 2020. Dini was Ma to daughters Betty Wichers (Rob), Marienne (Derek Penney) and Carla McLeod (Donald), Oma to five grandchildren and Oma Dini to five great-grandchildren. Dini loved her family and friends unconditionally and her love of flowers, birds and all animals will be remembered by everyone.

Dini was a much loved member of the Village Green Women's Institute (1981). Always ready to lend a hand with all projects the Institute embarked upon Dini was an integral part of our Institute. In recognition of this Dini was presented with a Life Membership in 2007. Her last position was as keeper of the Village Green WI Scrapbook.

Her absence has left a void with both her family and her WI sister members.



Brenda (née Crump) Connolly
Rice Point WI
2020

Brenda was born April 21, 1939 in Parry Sound, Ontario to George and Mary Crump. At the early age of 17, she found employment at the Canadian National Telegraph Service in Toronto. Here she met her future husband, Ted Connolly, whose employment took them to many corners of the globe. After living in various cities in Canada, America, Lebanon, and finally Prince Edward Island, they built their retirement home.

Brenda was a devoted wife to Ted, who passed in 2016 after 56 years of marriage. She was a loving and dedicated mother to son Tim and daughter Patti and was grandmother of five, great-grandmother of five, and great-great-grandmother of one.

Brenda had a passion for caring for seniors in her community and beyond, as the need arose, she would be the first one there to help. Brenda also had a big heart for all animals, tame or wild, that crossed her path, many regulars would be at her patio door waiting for a treat.

Brenda freely gave of herself in canvassing for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Diabetes Canada, and the MS Society of Canada. In 2009, Brenda was awarded her PEI Women's Institute Life Membership by the Rice Point WI. She held various offices within WI, and was convener of the Rice Point WI Craft Sale held annually at Afton Community Centre providing funds for various charities on PEI.

Rice Point and neighbouring communities were deeply saddened to hear of Brenda's passing on June 3, 2020. Brenda will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.



Catherine "Kay" (née Buchanan) MacRae
Ebenezer WI
2020

Catherine "Kay" MacRae was born April 12, 1933 and grew up on the family farm with her parents George and Cassis Buchanan, and her sister Marjorie.

She attended the local country school and Prince of Wales College where she became a licensed teacher. She taught in one-room schools until her marriage to Ian MacRae on September 10, 1955. While Ian served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, they lived at different postings across Canada, during which time they had four children: David, Karen, Cassie, Rita (who died in infancy), and Kevin.

After Ian retired, they moved back to Prince Edward Island and lived in Ebenezer.

Ian worked with Island Tel and Kay returned to teaching. She again taught in one-room schools and then at Central Queens Elementary School in Hunter River where she worked until retirement.

Kay and Ian enjoyed travelling and camping. Kay loved being with her four grandsons and visiting her three great-granddaughters out West.

In 1991, after 20 years of service to Women's Institute, Kay received her Life Membership from Ebenezer WI. She was one of the founding members of the Atlantic Missionary Society (AMS) of Glasgow Road Presbyterian Church and was awarded a Life Membership in the AMS.

Kay passed away April 30, 2020 and is greatly missed by family and friends.



*"At the blueness
of skies and in
the warmth of summer,
we remember them."*

*- Sylvan Kamens ©
Rabbi Jack Reimer*



Christine (née MacKenzie) Ellsworth
Lower Montague WI
2020

Christine Ellsworth was born on November 19, 1923 on the family farm in Lower Montague to parents John and Gertie (née Kneebone) MacKenzie. She was extremely close to her seven siblings, all of whom predeceased her. Growing up on a farm, Chris had a lifelong fondness for animals, gardens, and flowers. In 1941 she married her sweetheart Albert Ellsworth who had come to Lower Montague to work at a neighbour's farm. Together they raised a family of four: David, Eric, Wayne, and Corinne. The death of their dear son Wayne in 1970 was a huge loss. Chris was a devoted and loving wife for almost 70 years to her cherished Al who predeceased her in 2011. Together they spent hours volunteering in the community. At the time of her death, her family had grown to include four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Chris loved all family gatherings: Sunday dinners, picnics, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. She was instrumental in organizing the annual MacKenzie Family reunions which were most often held at the Lower Montague WI Hall. She had a special talent for composing poems and wrote many 'addresses' for community and family events. Chris had a great memory and knew the names of family members of multiple generations and followed their accomplishments. She had a great ability of recall and was often called upon by family and community members for assistance to identify the names of people and past events.

Throughout her lifetime Chris made a positive difference in her community. She was a true and loyal friend, 'a beautiful soul on this planet, a calming presence'. She had a heart full of love, an ear willing to listen and a hand willing to reach out and help others around her. She often made an impression on people who spent even a short time in her presence. Chris was a woman of strong faith who was the epitome of a "Good Samaritan".

Chris learned to sew from classes held at the Institute Hall and made many items of clothing. She loved to knit and could be counted on to provide many pairs of mitts for the annual Lion's Club children's Christmas boxes. Every family member and many generations of neighbourhood children were gifted mitts made by her talented hands.

Chris was a member of the Lower Montague Institute for 80 years and was a life member at the time of her death. She was the last founding member of the Lower Montague Women's Institute Hall, built in 1955. Over the years Chris fulfilled all roles on executive, served on numerous committees, held several convenerships, and most notably served as Secretary for 35 years, preserving many artifacts. She was a great cook and contributed to many Institute luncheons, pot luck suppers, and food events held at the WI Hall. A devoted worker, Chris worked alongside her fellow WI members at wedding receptions, dances, regattas, New Year's Eve parties, etc. Nothing was too great an effort if it was for community events.

Right up until her death on October 4, 2020, Chris maintained a great interest in Women's Institute meetings and events and was very pleased that renovations are being made to the WI Hall to continue the legacy that she and her sister WI members envisioned back in 1954 when they undertook to build the hall.

Chris well served her "Home and Country". The world needs more people like Chris.

*“Sometimes,
only one person is missing,
and the whole world
seems depopulated.”*

-Alphonse De Lamartine



***Fannie Irene Mae (née Cole) Roberts
New London WI
2020***

On May 20, 2020, the members of the New London Women’s Institute were deeply saddened when they learned of the passing of their sister member, Fannie Irene Mae Roberts of New London.

Fannie was born in New London on August 24, 1924 to Lucy and Robert Cole of New London. She married the love of her life, J. Nelson Roberts. They raised three children: Eric, Adele, and Marion. She was an adoring grandmother and great-grandmother to several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and was loved by them all.

Fannie was a founding member of the New London branch, where she held many offices over the years. She was a valued employee at the New London Telephone Office, and she spent many years working at Mont MacEwen’s Country Store in New London where she made many new friends. Fannie enjoyed being involved in many community events and was always ready with a helping hand to help those in need.

She was a Life Member of the St. John’s Presbyterian Church in New London where she sang in the choir for many years. She was a Life Member of the St. John’s A.M.S. group; as well as the New London WI.

Following the death of her husband, Fannie moved to Kensington and later to MacLeod Clinton Lodge until her passing.

A life well lived, she is missed by her many friends.



Gail (née Currie) Jackson
Brackley WI
2019

The Brackley Women's Institute was deeply saddened with the passing of our friend, neighbour and sister WI member Gail Jackson on August 27, 2019.

Gail was born in Saint John, New Brunswick on January 13, 1941, the daughter of Robert and Georgie Currie (step daughter to Verna). She moved to PEI as a young girl where she attended Queen Charlotte School and then Prince of Wales College. On August 19, 1961, Gail married Wally Jackson. Together they raised four children: Linda, Michael (Sarah), Mark (Laura) and Jason (Sherri). Wally and Gail are also proud grandparents of five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Gail spent many hours at the rink and on the soccer field with her sons' teams. In 1994 Gail traveled to Holland and England with the soccer team and again in 1998 to Scotland, England and Wales. She enjoyed traveling. Her trips included an adventure to New York and traveling to Alberta to visit her brother Bob. Gail was an avid photographer and from each trip or family gathering Gail would capture those magic moments.

She always had a sleeve of pictures or photo album ready to show friends. She also shared her photography talent while working at the Sear's Photography Studio. Gail loved to bowl and for many years she kept records of the scores for the bowlers. She also went to the pool spa three times a week.

Gail was a valued Life Member of Brackley WI for over 50 years, serving as Treasurer for 48 years, a position she took great pride in. For those 48 years she carried the same tin to keep our petty cash in and loved the feel of a crisp dollar bill. Gail's mother-in-law Pearl was a founding member of our branch. One of Gail's greatest skills was her ability to sell tickets. Whether it was for a raffle or a fall tea, Gail excelled in this role.

Gail is greatly missed by her family, friends and neighbours and sister WI members.



Kathleen (née McCarville) Stewart
Brackley WI
2019

The members of the Brackley Women's Institute were saddened to hear of the passing of our dear sister member and friend, Kathleen Stewart, on May 26, 2019. Kathleen was born on May 7, 1927 to Elizabeth and Leonard McCarville. On November 11, 1954 Kathleen married Roy Stewart and settled in Brackley where together they raised six boys: David, Charles, Paul, Ricky, Allan, and Alton.

On October 12, 1957, Kay joined the Brackley WI and until her health declined, she was an active and valued member who held many roles within our branch. Kay's longest term was as Secretary for 20 years. Kay was a fountain of knowledge and was the "go-to" person in the branch. Kay's community involvement reached out into other organizations. Kay and Roy were active members of the Winsloe Lion's Club.

Kathleen is sadly missed by her boys, twelve grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, friends, neighbours and her sister WI members.

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

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



Lois (née MacKinnon) Matheson
Lower Montague WI
2020

Lois Florence Matheson was born on August 11, 1944 in Brooklyn, Prince Edward Island to Rachel (née Carver) and Alexander MacKinnon. Her family was very involved in church and in the community, influencing her to carry on volunteer work throughout her whole life.

Lois always had a love of teaching and began her career in Bellevue, then to Brooklyn, and upon the closure of the one-room schools, she taught science at Montague Intermediate School until her retirement in 1998. Lois was gifted with a natural story telling ability which greatly added to her teaching. She had a real passion for teaching and even though she was retired; she successfully tutored many local children and adults and continued this until shortly before her death. In later years she was always happy to meet someone she had previously taught or tutored and was very interested in their successes.

She was the beloved wife of John Matheson for 56 years and lived in Lower Montague where they raised four children: Douglas, Sandra, Jamie, and Jeffrey. Lois was extremely proud of her children and their accomplishments. Her family continued to grow as grand-children began to arrive. At the time of her death on September 20, 2020, she had 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Lois was very involved within her community. She worked with many organizations such as Meals on Wheels and Women's Institute, 4-H, Kings County Baseball, Montague Minor Hockey, Montague Figure Skating, and Hillcrest United Church groups such as Session, UCW, and CGIT. At Montague Intermediate School, she was an A-Y leader and helped with many science fairs. Volunteering was second nature to Lois.

When Lois wasn't teaching or volunteering, you would find her in the garden—her second passion. Many preserves and treats were made from her garden and often found their way into the homes of family, friends, and neighbours. She was so proud of her flowers, and spent hours weeding and picking her fruits & veggies.

Women's Institute has truly been a family affair for Lois' family. She joined the Lower Montague Women's Institute in 1991, served as Vice-President for eight years and on the card committee for over ten. Lois' mother, Rachel, was a Life Member of Brooklyn WI, her daughter Sandra Hicken was a member of the Whim Road WI until it closed, and her sister Cheryl Jewell is a Life Member of the Meadowbank branch.

Thank you, Lois, for your years of friendship and service to the Lower Montague Women's Institute.



Margaret "Meg" Henderson
Mermaid WI
2020

Meg's wide smile and cheery personality enabled her to make many friends in Mermaid and the multiple places she lived and worked.

Born in Northern Scotland, she and her husband George and four children: Allie, Charlie, Julie, and Heath. They emigrated to PEI in 1970, but Meg never lost her Scottish accent nor her strong connection to her Celtic roots.

She joined the Mermaid WI in 1972 and was active in all programs—in particular, she loved hosting meetings in her home, and organizing and catering to all activities. She and two members, Mabel Gallant and Judith Lund, formed a catering company (MJM) which assisted many organizations, including ours, in fundraising.

In addition, Meg and George fostered many children and adults with intellectual disabilities in their large Mermaid home. In 1978, they had a family of eight. In a newspaper interview she said, "We have high expectations for the family; good manners, respect for one another, and the acceptance of responsibility. It's important to be recognized as a good citizen."

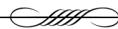
Meg was always a strong advocate for people with disabilities. She believed that a home environment was preferable to an institutional setting, and that everyone was entitled to a fulfilling life including a job, marriage, and family, if so desired.

Meg, a caring and gifted woman, fundraised and supported many different charities such as Flowers of Hope, Hospice, Pat and the Elephant, and the Canadian Cancer Society.

In 1999, Meg and George moved to Brooks, Alberta to be closer to their children and grandchildren. In 2017 they returned to PEI. Meg rejoined PEIWI and renewed the companionship of her fellow members.

Meg passed away at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic, after a short illness, on June 22, 2020, at the age of 76.

*"A stranger is just a friend you haven't met yet."
- W.B. Yeats*



*"Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes.
Because for those who love with heart and soul,
there is no such thing as separation."*

- Rumi



Margaret Rose (née Shaw) MacKinley
North River WI
2020

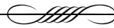
Margaret MacKinley was born on September 18, 1939 in DeSable, Prince Edward Island to the late Myron and Doreen (née Thacker) Shaw. After attending school in DeSable she attended Union Commercial in Charlottetown moved to Charlottetown where she met Bruce "Buddy" MacKinley. They married in 1957 and made their home in North River, farming and raising their four daughters. Margaret helped on the farm also was employed with Holmans and Sears Ltd. in Charlottetown.

She joined the North River WI in 1959 and was a valued member for 61 years where she held many positions as President, Secretary, and hosted meetings for many times, as well as quilting and knitting at home for the WI. She hardly missed a WI meeting. She received her 50 year membership in February 2010. Margaret was also on the Provincial Board, with the position of convener of Canadian Industry and Safety, for two terms, she attended several out of province WI Conventions.

Margaret was a wonderful community person and friend to all, helping with many events such as crokinole, card parties and everything she was asked to help with. She had a great memory she could remember everyone's anniversary, birthday, etc.

Margaret and Buddy also loved playing cards and crokinole and they won many prizes, especially crokinole. Margaret was a member of Cornwall United Church where she taught Sunday school and helped wherever needed with church activities.

She will be greatly missed by her family and her WI members and friends.



Martina (née McKenna) Doyle
Alberry Plains WI
2019

Martina McKenna Doyle was born in Orwell Cove, Prince Edward Island on November 11, 1922. She was the oldest daughter of Peter and Georgie McKenna and one of eleven children. She attended the local school, Prince of Wales College, and started her teaching career at age 17.

In 1943 she married Andrew Doyle, and after his discharge from military duty in 1945, they moved to Alberry Plains where Andrew farmed and Martina's involvement in her community began.

They became the parents of 12 children and encouraged each of them to pursue post secondary education. Martina continued her personal studies and obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in May 1976. While being a wife, mother, and classroom teacher for 22 years.

Martina made time to become a leader/activist in her community. As a member of Alberry Plains WI for 75 years she served in every office. She was involved with 4H and served as leader for 35 years.



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She was a strong supporter of the Vernon River Community School and served as co-chair while enjoying many courses and finding time to volunteer with Project LOVE. Her loyalty to her birthplace brought her to take leading roles in the Sir Andrew MacPhail Homestead and the Orwell Corner Historic Village where she organized and participated in many concerts. In 1995 she was recognized for her outstanding contribution to the preservation of the heritage of Prince Edward Island. She was very active in UNICEF. Martina was an active member of St. Joachim's Parish, Vernon River and taught religion for 39 years. She served on many organizations in her parish and as President of the CWL for many years.

In her retirement years Martina loved to travel with family and friends and she did like to fly away to visit her children in their homes across Canada and often to join them in their adventures around the world.

Martina's birthday and Andrew's military service led her to have a special interest in the annual November 11th Remembrance Day Service. She would work with military personnel to plan a solemn ceremony to be observed at the monument site and after its completion the large gathering would assemble in the parish hall to recall the significance of the day and to celebrate with Martina.

Martina passed away on March 6, 2019 but she is missed and remembered with respect and gratitude.



Mary Fairclough (née Acorn) Hooper
North River WI
2018

“A life of service to her family, home and community... She is well-known for her hospitality welcoming everyone into her home with a kind word, a ready laugh and a cup of tea... She enriches the life of our community.” These were quotes from the citation for Mary Hooper, as she was presented the PEI Woman of the Year Award in 1986 – and they still rang true, over 30 years later.

Mary remained an enthusiastic contributing member of the North Milton Women's Institute holding many offices, and convenerships until her death at age 92 on December 6, 2018. Over the years, many groups were enriched by Mary's kindness, her love of words and her laughter, including Brownies, the St. John's Anglican Church, ACW and Mothers' Union, the Wheatley River Seniors Group, the Miltonvale Community Players, the Memories of Miltonvale Park History Project, Seniors College classes, and the exercise class, which she attended until November 2018. Mary was well known for her delicious apple cakes, which appeared at many community events, and as welcome gifts.

Mary and her late husband Garth operated Wynfield Farm in North Milton, and Mary adapted well to life in the country, after spending her early years in Charlottetown. Many of her married years were spent care giving to relatives, along with raising her own family.

Mary was the loving mother of David (Dawn), Robert (Miriam), and Philip (Deborah); and grandmother to ten, and great grandmother to four. She was predeceased by her daughter Kathy, who was also a WI member.

Mary was a shining example of a life well-lived.



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



Pat (née French) Wheatley
Lower Montague WI
2020

Patricia Frances Wheatley was born on September 17, 1930 to Doris and Fred French in London, England. During World War II when England suffered its worst bombings, Pat and her sister Doris sailed on the SS Oronsay from Liverpool to Canada in August 1940, along with 350 other children for their safety under the British program "The Children's Overseas Reception Board". Pat and Doris came to the loving home of Jack and Belle MacLeod on North River Road. Pat settled in quickly, attending school and church, making

friends and loving the contrast between a peaceful PEI farm and the bomb shelters of London. She embraced all that PEI offered: the abundance of fresh vegetables and fruit and all the bounty of life on a farm. Pat carried this love of PEI with her all of her life. At the age of 15 she and her sister returned to England to be reunited with their parents. At a very early age Pat had experienced much, had learned to adapt quickly to changing life situations and learned to rely on her own self sufficiency.

In 1948, Pat married Gordon Potten and shortly thereafter the couple emigrated to Canada, influenced no doubt by Pat's life here as a young girl. Due to Gordon's work they lived in several places in the Maritimes and raised five children: David, Doug, Kathy, Gail, and Greg. While living in Lower Montague, Pat joined the Lower Montague WI and served as Vice-President and then as President for several terms. She naturally added much mirth and fun, often hosting monthly branch meetings and entertaining members at District Conventions by playing the guitar and singing. A true extrovert, Pat was the proverbial life of the party.

In 1989 with her children grown and gone from the nest, Pat moved to British Columbia to help her sister care for their aging parents who, no doubt influenced by Pat, had also immigrated to Canada. While in BC, Pat met and married Bill Wheatley. They lived on Vancouver Island where Pat loved the small town relaxed lifestyle. In her later years, Pat's life came full circle when she returned to PEI to be closer to her children. She settled into a senior's apartment in Montague where she took pleasure in decorating with many plants and the treasures she picked up at weekly tours of yard sales. Somehow it all fit together into a tasteful and welcoming home. Pat rejoined the Lower Montague WI and easily made friends with new members. She brought laughter and light to our meetings.

Pat loved to be with people and could engage in conversation with all those with whom she came into contact. Her gracious manner made any and every person feel like they had known her for a very long time, especially if a conversation turned to hockey. She also kept abreast of what was going on in the rest of the world, sometimes having to turn off the TV if she became too worked up when listening to interviews and commentaries whose opinions differed from her own on the news.

Pat loved music of all kinds from traditional to roots to classical. At every ceilidh that she attended she would request the song 'Waltzing with Bears', and, if no one knew the song, she would sing it for them!

When Pat recognized that her health and age made living alone too challenging, she did her research and decided that a retirement home would best suit her. She worked her magic touch on her room at Perrin's Villa and filled it with greenery, her favourite things, and a small fridge so that she could have breakfast later in the morning if she wanted to sleep in.

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Unfortunately Pat was diagnosed with colon cancer which changed her world greatly. As it advanced, the things in which she had taken such pleasure lost their importance. COVID-19 made it impossible to see her close friends and pain became constant. She moved in with her daughter Gail and son-in-law Scott who did everything they could to make her comfortable. Due to the Atlantic Bubble she was able to receive a visit from most all of her children, and one good WI friend three days before she passed (October 13, 2020) in great dignity and with a smile.

Pat's Women's Institute friends miss her greatly.



Rinda (née Hopper) Johnstone
Long River WI
2020

Rinda was the daughter of the late Warman and Jean Hopper from Moncton, New Brunswick. She had been a member of Humphrey Memorial United Church and Quispamsis United Church both of New Brunswick, and in recent years since moving to Prince Edward Island, she was a member of South West River United Church in Margate. She had been a longtime leader of CGIT.

Rinda is survived by her husband Allan and daughters: Heidi LaFrance (Mike)—Long River, PEI; Christie Terry (Donald)—Moncton, NB; and Carrie Johnstone (Eric Poirier)—Haute Aboujagane, NB. Rinda had six grandchildren whom she loved dearly. Rinda and Allan operated Hillview Cottage Tourist House for years.

Rinda had been an outstanding member of Long River WI in which she held offices of Secretary, President, and Vice-President, as well as many convenerships. She was also Secretary at our district level. She was always willing to lend a hand where needed. She will long be remembered for her sandwich and fudge trays.

She loved the wild life and spent many hours watching humming birds, foxes, squirrels and chipmunks in her yard. Rinda loved to travel and her and Allan went on many memorable trips.

Rinda knew her health was failing but she was looking forward to celebrating her 70th birthday at home with family and friends, which she did. Rinda was a true friend and will be missed by all.



*"As long as there is
love and memory,
there is no true loss."*

- Cassandra Clare



Roma May (née Bagnall) Birt
Covehead Road WI
2020

Roma was born on July 19, 1946 to Ethel and Reagh Bagnall and had five siblings: Alice Chandler, George Bagnall (Nora), Carl Bagnall (Irene), Joyce Johnson (Vaughn), and Fred Bagnall (Shirley). She married Lorne Birt and had three children: Ronnie (Janet Roy), Nancy Birt-Clark (Sebastian Levesque), and Glen (Amanda). Roma became a grandmother of six: Noah, Wyatt, Daniel, Margaret, Zander, and Xachery.

Roma joined Covehead Road WI in December 1968 after being invited by her mother-in-law to join. Women's Institute seemed to be in her genes—Roma's mother and grandmother were both actively involved in WI, and Roma learned much about the organization growing up. She held all positions at the branch, district, and provincial levels (many times over!). In addition, Roma and her sister, Alice Chandler (Brackley WI), were on the Board of Directors together at the time of Roma's passing—Roma as Secretary and Alice as Cultural Activities convener.

A Life Member, Roma was very dedicated to Women's Institute. She was also a member of the United Church Women where she served as Past President for many years. She volunteered whenever possible, be it a WI event, a special cause, or at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Roma was always first to arrive and last to leave!

Roma passed away on July 25, 2020 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Charlottetown following a courageous battle with cancer. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.



Ruby Eleanor (née MacLean) Cousins
Spring Valley WI
2020

Ruby Eleanor Cousins was born in Lot 16 on October 17, 1930, daughter of Lillian and Sterling MacLean, and passed away on August 13, 2020. Ruby, her husband Maurice, and son Scott moved to Spring Valley in 1980 from Park Corner where they operated a family farm. Not only did Ruby work with Maurice on the farm but also taught school for many years. Family was always important to Ruby and even more so when Scott married Pam, and she later became a proud grandmother to Brittany, Colin, and Adam.

Ruby, a Life Member, first joined WI in her home district of Belmont-Lot 16 and later became a member in the many communities where she taught over the years. This very capable lady held all offices at the branch level, as well as executive positions in District #6. She was always willing to serve on any committee. She enjoyed entering FWIC contests and won many times.

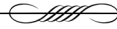
With her retirement from teaching, Ruby's life became very busy with interests in history and genealogy, as well as memberships in many organizations. She was one of the founding members of the Kensington Senior Surfers, an active member of Keir Memorial Museum, MS Society, and the Crohn's & Colitis chapter to name a few. She was always active and willing to work—traits that led her to receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Harvest Festival in 1995, the Senior of the Year Award in 2019 from PEI's Senior Federation, as well as many more awards and honourable mentions during her lifetime which she humbly accepted.



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Ruby's life embodied the WI motto to work "For Home and Country". Ruby is greatly missed by family, as well as her large circle of friends. She was always ready to go anywhere, have some fun, a bite to eat, and a few laughs. Ruby certainly had a life well lived!

"Our world is brighter because you were in it."



Sadie Isabel (née MacFadyen) MacLean
Clyde River WI
2019

The Clyde River WI lost a longtime member and a highly respected lady on June 9, 2019 with the passing of Sadie MacLean. Sadie and her husband Lorne resided on a lovely country farm home on the Meadowbank Road where they were the parents of four children: Donnie, Lorna Docherty (Irwin), Heath (Marilyn), and Robert (Shelly).

Sadie was the daughter of Malcolm and Mary Bell MacFadyen of Canoe Cove where she grew up in a happy home of five boys and two girls.

Sadie's kind and gentle manner, her devotion to family and friends endeared her to all with whom she came in contact with. Her hospitality and fine cooking skills were well known to everyone who visited her home. She was indeed a wonderful example of the Mary Stewart Collect.

Sadie was a dedicated member of the Burnside Presbyterian Church and a Life Member of the Clyde River Women's Institute . She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Our community mourns the passing of this devoted couple. On July 31, 2019 Sadie's husband Lorne passed away .They are together once again—now in their Heavenly Home.

"When the journey ends, we will find everlasting peace, together with the Lord."

Please note: This memorial is a reprint from the 2020 Memorial Book—in the original printing, Sadie's branch name was incorrect.



*"Something still exists
as long as there's
someone around
to remember it."*

- Jodi Picoult



Una A. (née McWhirter) Palmer
Tryon WI
2018

Una A. Palmer of Amherst (formerly of Apple River, Nova Scotia) passed away on March 3, 2018 at the Cumberland Regional Health Centre in Upper Nappan at 87 years old. Born in Apple River, she was the daughter of the late Delbert and Bessie (née Slocum) McWhirter. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Rev. Jack W. Palmer, her daughters Sandra and Karen, and six grandchildren.

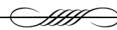
In the early 1980s, the couple moved to PEI where Jack became the minister of the Tryon Baptist Church, and Una joined the Tryon WI shortly after moving to Tryon, taking a very active role in WI.

Music was always a personal love, and she played the piano for many activities, including the Tryon WI Christmas carol singing and other events.

Una loved to travel and visited many parts of the world. Una and Jack enjoyed their retirement years in Nova Scotia. She is so missed by her PEI family and friends.

*“And come in the shade of the evening, when the sun paints the sky in the west,
stand for a few moments beside me and remember only my best.”*

Please note: This memorial is a reprint from the 2020 Memorial Book—in the original printing, Una’s branch name was incorrect.



Virjene (née Crozier) Cole
Spring Valley WI
2020

The community of Spring Valley and surrounding areas were saddened when Virjene (née Crozier) Cole had passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 27, 2020.

She was the wife of the late Brent Cole and mother of Shirley. She had five granddaughters and one great-granddaughter who benefited greatly from her love and guidance. She was a school teacher for many years in rural schools and at Queen Elizabeth Elementary in Kensington. She was a very kind and caring lady who lived by the motto “For Home and Country”.

Virjene was a valued and dedicated member of the Spring Valley WI for 76 years. She served at her local WI, holding all offices and became a Life Member in 1973. She also served at the district level, and in 1991 she served on the provincial Board of Directors as a convener and then as Vice-President for four years. She served as Secretary of the WI Alumnae, and the handicraft classes at the Kensington Harvest Festival for about 20 years. She was recognized as Volunteer of the Year at the Kensington Harvest Festival in 1992. She has participated in WI contests and came second in the Senator Cairine Wilson Competition in 2002-2003 for the collage “Women Weaving Threads of Tomorrow”. Both she and Brent volunteered many hours in the WI room at the Provincial Exhibition. Virjene received the Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour in 2016.

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She was active in her community, supporting all events, was known for organizing Canada Day celebrations in Spring Valley. Besides WI, she was very active in her church, a member of ACW, the LOVE program, Yarns and Tea, Cancer Quilt Group in Kensington, knit mittens and socks for children, and helped anyone in need. She is sadly missed by her sister members in our WI.

*“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.”*



*“Somewhere over the rainbow,
our loved ones are watching over us.”*



Vivian (née MacFadyen) Frizzell
Highfield WI
2020

On July 14, 2020, members of the Highfield Women's Institute were very saddened by the passing of their sister member, Vivian Frizzell. Vivian was born in New Haven, daughter of the late Minnie and Donald MacFadyen. In June of 1955 she married Irving Frizzell of Sherwood Road and they have three sons: Allan (Judy), Glen, and Dean. Vivian had five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

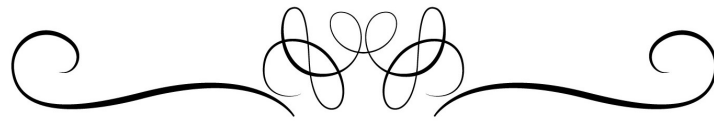
Shortly after her marriage she joined Highfield WI where she was a member for 64 years. She served as President, Secretary, and held various convenerships. For her work with WI, Vivian received "Years of Service" awards from the Provincial Board on several occasions and was awarded her Life Membership pin.

She worked beside her husband, Irving, on the family farm where her "home was her castle" and on any given day she could have won the "good housekeeping" award. Vivian worked tirelessly in her community and was an active member of the United Church Women's organization, Christian Women's group, Red Hat Society, the Winsloe Players and her political party.

Vivian was always a kind, caring and generous person who gave selflessly of herself. She was always the first one at the door with food and to offer support in time of need.

The members of Highfield WI felt privileged to have known Vivian and to be able to call her a friend. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, community and WI friends.

Vivian faithfully served her "Home and Country" for many years and was a model of the Mary Stewart Collect which says, "Let us not forget to be kind"!



*This book is in memory of those who served as
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Brenda Connolly

Catherine "Kay" MacRae

Christine Ellsworth

Fannie Roberts

Gail Jackson

Kathleen Stewart

Lois Matheson

Margaret "Meg" Henderson

Margaret MacKinley

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