



Alma (née Blye) MacDonald
West Devon WI
2020

Alma was born in Richmond, Prince Edward Island on October 24, 1924 to Melvin and Louise (née Baglole) Blye.

Alma married WWII veteran Horace MacDonald. They enjoyed 50 years together. They raised four children.

She was an active member of her church and community, and was a member of the West Devon United Church. She was also a choir member.

She was a member of the West Devon WI for many years. She held many positions in WI. She received her Life Membership in 1982.

She and her husband operated the West Devon Post Office for a number of years.

Alma is missed by her sister WI members.



Anne Gail (née Phillips) Bond
New London WI
2018

The members of the New London Women's Institute were deeply saddened at the sudden passing of their president, Anne Gail Bond, of Kensington, age 77 years at the Prince County Hospital on Thursday, May 31, 2018.

She was the daughter of the late Earl Malcolm (Bussy) and Winnifred Gay (née Arbing) Phillips of Charlottetown.

Her husband, John Adams Bond, had passed away suddenly just a few days before Anne. She is survived by her beloved son James (Lani) of High River, Alberta. Proud grandmother of Ricardo, Andrew and Victoria. She will be missed by her extended family daughters-in-law Denise (Chris) Austin of Toronto, Jessie (Morris) Caseley of Summerside, brother James (Barb) Phillips, nephew Robbie (Melissa), niece Jamie, and sister Wendy.

Anne was involved in many community organizations. She was a member and recently the president of the New London WI, member of the St. Johns Presbyterian Church in New London. She loved playing bridge with her friends.

She is greatly missed by her many friends.





Annie Florence (née Waddell) Howatt
Tryon WI
2018

Annie was born in Kelly's Cross, daughter of Margaret (née MacDonald) and Gordon Waddell. She grew up on the family farm and attended Crapaud United Church.

She attended Kelly's Cross School from grade one to ten, then on to Prince of Wales College where she obtained her teacher's license. She began her teaching career at Lady Fane School, and from there to Westmorland, North Tryon, and Athena Junior High in Summerside. It was here that she represented her school on the committee of the "Little Red Schoolhouse". Later on in her teaching career, she returned to summer school and night classes at UPEI, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Annie retired from her teaching career in 1987 after 46 years of faithful and dedicated service. It was while she was teaching in Lady Fane and boarding at the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Park Francis that she met and fell in love with Maurice Howatt. They were married in 1945, and had one daughter, Margaret, who is also a school teacher. Annie has two grandchildren.

Annie was a faithful member of the Tryon United Church, and was a loyal supporter of all groups. Annie joined the Tryon WI in 1946, holding all offices whereby she contributed community spirit, total involvement, and natural wit to our WI group. She was a Life Member of the Tryon WI. She also believed that our meetings should be fun and sociable, and not all business.

When Annie's health failed, she moved from Tryon to Moncton to be with Margaret and her grandchildren. Annie passed away on February 8, 2018.

*"Then forget to grieve for my going.
I would not have you sad for a day.
But in the summer, just gather some flowers
and remember the place where I lay."*

*No matter how short her time with us was,
She was put on this Earth for a reason,
If not to bring us all joy.*



Betty (née Thompson) MacEachern
Mermaid WI
2019

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Betty (née Thompson) MacEachern on March 7, 2019, a member of Mermaid Women's Institute for 64 years.

Betty was capable and thorough in all tasks she had undertaken in her life. She served as president of Mermaid Women's Institute for five years and was a effective committee member in all convenerships. Her advice was often sought and given generously at many Institute meetings. Even when she moved to Charlottetown in 2004, she remained interested, concerned, and involved in all activities of the community.

Betty had a distinguished career in health services, being manager of Staff Development and Training at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital from 1982 to 1992. As a nurse, she provided leadership to the Nurses' Association and chaired the Biennial Convention of the Canadian Nurses Association held in Charlottetown in 1988. She later became president of CNA in 1990. She was also founding member of PEI Hospice Association.

Her other loves were her family, husband Bill, son Richard, daughters Zoe Anne and Zandra, and their families, her church—Trinity United, the Bible Society, and the Zonta Club. She served in leadership roles in all groups she joined.

When we visit the chapel at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, we will remember that Betty initiated the idea of a stained glass window. This window was designed to bring a sense of hope and healing within the hospital. Betty enthusiastically chaired the Window Project Committee. On completion, the window was dedicated as a gift from the Zonta Club of Charlottetown.

Compassionate and gracious, Betty was always one to follow her heart giving comfort and care to others in her home, her church, and her community.

"Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself.

Go forward and make your dreams come true."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Carolyn Rosara (née Clark) MacGregor
South Milton WI
2018

Carolyn was born on October 8, 1932. She grew up in Bedeque. Carolyn married James (Roach) MacGregor. They had three children: Doug, Tanya and Trish, along with four granddaughters.

She was a curler, in later years attending the Tournament of Hearts that her daughter Trish played. She was also into harness racing with her husband Roach. After her husband passed away, she spent most winter months in Florida with her daughter Tanya and family.

Her son Doug is also a very well known race driver, and attending Old Home Week was always a highlight of her summers.

Carolyn was a Life Member of the South Milton WI. She had a very good sense of humour, and was a good friend and neighbour.

Carolyn passed away at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on January 21, 2018.

Miss you. Rest in peace.



Catherine (née MacKenna) Annear
Lower Montague
2019

Catherine Annear was born in Victoria Cross on March 30, 1918 to Harry and Margaret MacKenna. She was one of five siblings who were all noted for their longevity, as all five lived well into their 90s.

Catherine moved to Lower Montague to work in 1936 and it was here she met Harold Annear, who she married in January 1940. They lived and farmed in Lower Montague until a fire destroyed their home and barns in 1947. The following year they purchased a farm in Southport, where they lived until 1954 when they moved back “home” to Lower Montague. Catherine and Harold raised four daughters: Margaret, Marilyn, Elizabeth and Linda. The family grew to include 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Catherine joined the Women’s Institute in 1941 and was a member for 78 years! She was a member of the Lower Montague and the Southport Women’s Institutes. She took great pride in being part of the initial group of women who built the Institute Hall in Lower Montague which the current WI members continue to maintain. Catherine was a great person for telling jokes and her wit contributed much merriment to the monthly WI meetings. In the WI and church communities she was well known for her biscuits. Catherine was good natured and a hard worker. She was held in high esteem by her fellow WI members.

Catherine went to work as a clerk at Stewart and Beck’s in Montague in the mid 1960’s. She loved seeing and meeting all the customers and characters at the store. She also ran a small retirement home for a number of years where she cared for her own mother, her father-in-law and several others. She enjoyed traveling with family and visiting family throughout Canada.

Following the death of her husband Harold in 1980, she moved to Montague where she lived independently in a senior’s apartment and then at Perrin’s Villa. Her last few months were spent in hospital and at the Dr. John M. Gillis Memorial Lodge when her physical health declined. Until the very end her mind was sharp. She read newspapers, did word puzzles and kept up on the news of her family. Throughout her life she contributed tirelessly to her community, her church and her family.

Catherine was blessed with an incredible memory and a wonderful sense of humour that she maintained until the end.

She passed away on February 2, 2019—just short of her 101st birthday.

Rest in peace, faithful member.



Catherine "Edna" (née Martin) Poole
South Milton WI
2018

Edna was born on July 7, 1944. The daughter of Florence (née Tremere) and Cyrus Martin. She had three sisters: twin sister Carol Elizabeth who died at birth, Alma who died in infancy, and survived by sister Erdeen. She grew up in Glen Valley.

In 1965 she married Leslie Poole and moved to Milton. They had three children: Paul, Charlotte and Elton. Their only granddaughter, Megan, was their pride and joy. Les passed away in 2010, and Edna moved to Charlottetown in 2011.

Edna had a friendly nature, and was a great cook and hostess. Her home was always open for meetings and parties, or just to drop in. She loved playing games. She worked in the food industry for many years as a cook or a waitress at Bonnie Bree, Tim Horton's, UPEI, Belvedere Golf Club, and Arby's just to name a few.

In 1995 she had open heart surgery. Edna was always smiling and was a fun loving, kind, caring, energetic, and dependable person. Even with her medical afflictions, she always did her share in WI and her community.

Edna passed away on January 13, 2018. Rest in peace.

"A life that touches others goes on forever."



Daisy (née Barlow) Thompson
Silver Birch-Wilmot WI
2019

Daisy (née Barlow) Thompson was born in 1932. The daughter of Howard and Greeta, she grew up in Wellington with her three brothers and four sisters.

After she married Maynard Thompson they moved to Summerside (Wilmot). Daisy and Maynard had five children: Heidi, Kimball, Stephen, Gina and Paul. From their family they were blessed with 15 grandchildren.

When she was younger Daisy worked at Stedman's in Summerside. Later when her own family was young, Daisy looked after children in her own home. As her children grew up, she worked part-time at Ben's Thrift Store Bakery.

Daisy attended Trinity United Church in Summerside and was a member of the United Church Women's Group, helping out where she could. Over the years she was also a member of the Lion's Club, TOPS, and a lawn bowling group.

Daisy enjoyed knitting, crocheting, baking, and attending card parties. She made many afghans and mittens for the church. Spending time at their cottage in Union Corner was something Daisy and the whole family dearly loved. The last few years Daisy had fun while meeting friends for coffee every morning at Tim Horton's.

Daisy was a very involved member of Silver Birch-Wilmot WI. She held various positions including Secretary/Treasurer and was honoured with her Life Membership for all her years of service.

Daisy passed away in Summerside on July 16, 2019 at 87 years of age. She is fondly remembered by her family, friends and sister members of Silver Birch-Wilmot WI.



Dorothy Elizabeth (née Toombs) White
Tryon WI
2018

Dorothy was the daughter of the late Walton and Florence Toombs. She grew up in Darlington, and later her parents moved to Tryon where her mother was instrumental in organizing the Tryon WI in 1945.

Dot, as we called her, married Ernest “Ernie” White in 1945. They had a family of four: David, Carol, Linda and Kevin who were blessed with a loving mother. Ernie and Dot moved to Tryon in 1971 until Ernie’s health failed, and they moved to Halifax.

Dot was an active member of the Tryon WI for 23 years and was made a Life Member in 2001. She served as secretary and welcomed us into her home on many occasions. She also took part in many fundraisers and other WI projects. She was awarded with a certificate of recognition from District #7 at their 90th anniversary.

Ernie was our right-hand man on many occasions, and was a lover of children. Our WI purchased a barbeque for the Tryon United Church Sunday School in loving memory of Ernie.

Dot and Ernie loved to travel and spent many weekends camping. Dot was a master gardener.

Dot passed away on December 26, 2018. Her wishes were to be brought back to PEI to the place she loved.



Edith (née Bagnall) Crabbe
Springvale WI
2019

It was with great sadness that Springvale WI learned of the death of Edith (née Bagnall) Crabbe on May 2, 2019. She was such a great lady and was involved in Institute, her community and her church right up until her death at age 102.

Edith joined the Hazel Grove branch when she was 16. She trained at the Charlottetown Business College and became a telephone operator. When she married Frank Crabbe and moved to Springvale, she became a charter member of the Springvale Institute. She and Frank had three children: Leigh, as well as twins June and Joanne, and worked hard as farmers. Edith and Frank also delivered the mail together for 48 years, starting with horse and wagon/sleigh on unpaved roads, regardless of weather conditions, and spanning an area from Oyster Bed to Wheatley River and Milton Station.

Edith was always very active in the community of Springvale and in St. John’s Anglican Church in Milton, where she sang in the choir until the spring of 2019. She held every post within the Springvale branch (president, vice president, secretary/treasurer and several convenerships), and became a member of the Provincial Board as Environment Convener as well.

She will be remembered for her volunteerism, hospitality, wonderful cooking and most of all for her great humour (her memorable ditties and readings were shared with many WI members across the Island).



Ella "Jean" (née Graham) Llewellyn
Gaspereaux WI
2019

On October 19, 2019 Gaspereaux lost its oldest resident, Jean Llewellyn, in a tragic traffic accident that sent shockwaves through the community.

Jean, born on May 22, 1929, was a lifelong resident who grew up on the family farm with parents Harry and Bertha (née Reilly) Graham, along with her four sisters: Anna, Lorraine, Doreen and Joyce, and three brothers: Bruce, James and Robert. She married Stanley Llewellyn and had two sons: David and Kevin.

Jean worked a variety of jobs and had been retired for over 25 years, remaining in her own home until her death. This is where she hosted many Women's Institute meetings and welcomed friends for her famous cup of tea. She joined the WI at an early age and remained a member until the group folded. She was a very proud Life Member. Over the years she held many offices within the branch, and could be counted on to support all their activities.

Jean leaves to mourn her sons David (Karen) and Kevin (Cindy), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sister Doreen, brothers James and Robert (Marion), sister-in-law Louise Graham, as well as her nieces and nephews.

Jean also leaves behind a grieving community of friends and neighbours, as well as her church family at WellSpring Presbyterian Church. Her funeral service was held at this church and she was laid to rest in the Murray Harbour North Cemetery next to her loving husband.



Grace (née MacPherson) Yeo
South West Lot 16
2018

Grace Yeo (née MacPherson) was born in 1939. The daughter of Ernest and Nellie she grew up in Dunblane with her two sisters.

After she married Wendell Yeo, they lived and ran a family farm in South West Lot 16. Grace and Wendell had two children: Wade and Craig, and were grandparents to three: Carter, Nolan and Neil.

She attended the Lot 16 United Church and was faithful to assist at their many functions. Grace was a Life Member of the South West Lot 16 Women's Institute in which she held many positions, executive and otherwise, over the years. She worked diligently for "Home and Country" and was honoured to have been presented with her Life Membership pin.

Grace is remembered as being "very involved" in the family farm—a hard worker who helped enormously with the milking and all other chores; both when she and her husband ran the farm and later on when their son, Craig took over. Grace is also remembered as someone who visited the sick in the community, bringing them soup and other comforts.

Grace passed away on October 17, 2018 and is missed by family, friends, and her sister members of the former South West Lot 16 WI.



Helen (née Cairns) Millar
Kelvin Grove WI
2019

After a long and well lived life, Helen (née Cairns) Millar passed away at Prince County Hospital on April 25, 2019. Helen was born on October 26, 1929, daughter of Georgia and Scott Cairns of Freetown. Helen and her husband Vernon lived in Kelvin Grove for over 67 years. They raised five daughters: Marilyn, Catherine, Shirley, Wendy and Betty Jean.

Helen was a teacher, ending her career at Queen Elizabeth Elementary School in Kensington. Vernon and Helen enjoyed many active years with the Ladies Slipper Square Dance Club. Helen was a faithful member of the Kensington United Church and Kensington UCW.

This lady took an active part in the Kelvin Grove community and became a WI member in 1955 where she worked for many years helping in all community events. She served in executive positions and had a gift for finding humorous readings for entertainment.

Her strength, determination, and tenacity helped her meet the many health challenges she faced later in life. She is missed by her friends and neighbours, and her sister members of the Kelvin Grove Women's Institute.



Isabel (née MacLeod) Dekker
Sherbrooke-Summerside WI
2019

Isabel Dekker was born on June 8, 1931 to James and Mary MacLeod. She grew up in Mount Hope with her two sisters and four brothers. She married Adrian Dekker on June 26, 1953 and they resided in Sherbrooke. They ran a small family farm and had one son, Douglas.

Isabel joined Sherbrooke WI almost immediately upon her arrival to the community and was also a member of Trinity United Church in Summerside. She held various positions at the WI branch and district levels over the years and was awarded her Life Membership pin. Isabel hosted many WI meetings in her home and helped out at community card parties. Isabel also helped co-write a Sherbrooke WI History.

She is remembered for her willingness to try new things and have fun—whether it be donning a silly hat or simply being silly for some "fun and nonsense"! She is described by sister members as a good neighbour who couldn't do enough for you and was always willing to help out. You were always welcomed into her home with a warm smile, lots of conversation and a cup of tea.

Isabel worked as an LNA at the Prince County Hospital. She and Adrian ran a bed & breakfast in their home where they charged \$25.00 a night. Between the great price and Isabel's good cooking, it's no wonder they were booked the whole tourist season! They also sold eggs inside their garage door (on the honour system). Egg buyers put their name and amount bought in a scribbler and left the required payment in a box—that too was a very busy venture.

Isabel passed away on June 1, 2019. She is missed and fondly remembered by family, friends and her WI sisters of Sherbrooke-Summerside WI.



Isabel Jean (née MacKay) Cousins
Silver Birch-Wilmot WI
2018

*"Time is not measured by the years you live;
but by the deeds you do and the joy you give."*

Isabel was born in Pleasant Valley on October 10, 1922. She was the daughter of Hugh and Annie (née MacDonald) MacKay.

Isabel attended Pleasant Valley School, and later attended Prince of Wales College where she earned a Teaching Certificate. After moving to Summerside, she upgraded her Teaching Certificate and worked with children with special needs until her retirement. She also taught in various schools across the Island.

When teaching in Borden, she met her husband Lorne. They had a family of three: Hughena, Sylvia and Blair.

Isabel was very involved in the United Church before and after she was married. She taught Sunday school, was a leader for Canadian Girls in Training, was a United Church Women member, sang in the choir, and was involved in Camp Abegweit, at one point being a Camp Director, along with various other church duties.

In 1963 they moved to Summerside and lived in a variety of homes due to Lorne's hobby of building houses. Later, they moved to Andrews of Summerside.

Isabel was a member of Silver Birch-Wilmot Women's Institute, in which she was very active.

Isabel passed away in Summerside on January 12, 2018.



Jean E. Simmons
Silver Birch-Wilmot WI
2018

"A loved ones life ripples on and on to touch the lives of others"

Jean Simmons was born on August 1, 1930 to Roy and Blanche (née Crozier) Simmons. She grew up in Summerside with her two brothers and one sister.

Jean married Wallace Simmons and moved to Wilmot. They were married 67 years and had four children: Brenda, Gary, Greg and Kathy. This family grew to include eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Jean worked at Summerset Manor for 26 years. She also helped out in the Prince County Hospital Gift Shop and donated many pairs of slippers to "help the cause". One family member said if her mom knit one pair of slippers for the hospital; she knit at least a thousand! Therefore, it's no surprise her hobbies included knitting and crocheting.

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After retiring, Jean discovered she had a new found talent in oil painting and especially loved to paint scenery.

Jean was an member of the Summerside Baptist Church where she helped out when the need arose. She was a very active member of the Silver Birch-Wilmot WI. Jean held various positions, executive and otherwise. She was pleased to have been awarded her Life Membership pin.

Jean is described as a family oriented lady who had family functions all the time. She wanted "everyone" there for meals and especially to play a game of cards!

Jean passed away in Summerside on November 2, 2018 at the age of 88. She is missed by family, friends and her sister members of Silver Birch-Wilmot WI.



Jean (née Stewart) Edwards
Hampshire WI
2018

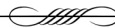
Jean (née Stewart) Edwards grew up in Mt. Albion.

Before her marriage, she worked as a bookkeeper. In 1955, Jean married Ralph Edwards and worked by his side in a very successful farming operation. They raised one son and two daughters. They have one grandson.

Jean joined Hampshire WI in 1957 and was honoured with her Life Membership in 1980. Jean was a very active member. She had served several times as branch treasurer and secretary.

Jean was an excellent seamstress ,cook and homemaker. She shared her talent at bake sales and community events. In the past Jean, helped out teaching 4-H members.

Jean passed away on September 6, 2018.



“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



Joan (née Bernard) Thompson
Long River
2018

Joan Thompson was born on May 21, 1939 in Spring Brook, the daughter of Ralph and Lucy (née MacKenzie) Bernard and Jessie (née McKeeman) Bernard.

Joan worked at the Telephone Office and the Summerside Medical Centre before marrying Wendell Thompson, a farmer from Long River. Joan became a farmwife on their family farm, operating machinery, milking cows and doing whatever else was needed to contribute to the farm operation. Joan and Wendell raised a family of one son and two daughters, followed by devoting time to their beloved eight grandchildren and

four great-grandchildren.

Joan was an excellent homemaker, cook and craftsperson, and was very active in the community. She was always willing to share her talents.

Joan was a Life Member of Women's Institute, she held many offices in the Long River branch and she helped plan and prepare many banquets for Elderhostel groups. She was a Life Member of United Church Women, was a Sunday School teacher, and also was a 4-H leader.

Joan is missed greatly by her family and all her community neighbours and friends.

*"Those we love don't go away.
They walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard,
But always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear."*



Joyce G. (née Andrews) Paynter
Spring Brook WI / Coronation WI
2019

WWII Veteran Joyce G Paynter formerly from French River passed away at the age of 93. Joyce was the loving wife of the late Arthur Paynter, also a veteran of WWII.

Loving Mother of Gary (since deceased), Doreen, Sandra (Rendle) Gauthier, Robert (Isabel) and Derrick (Jean), grandmother to eight and great-grandmother to six.

Joyce was born Joyce Gwendy Andrews and originated from Leicester, England. She was a proud veteran and British war bride. She was a Private in the Canadian Armed Forces, Canadian Women's Army Corps assigned to the 43rd company out of Canada's military headquarters in London during the Second World War.

In 1943, she married Arthur Paynter while volunteering with the British Red Cross and without setting foot on Canadian soil, enlisted with the Canadian Armed Forces. She came to PEI via the Ile de France troopship through Pier 21, Halifax in 1945. Art and Joyce settled in French River where they farmed and were lighthouse keepers of the Cape Tryon Lighthouse until Art's health issues took them to Charlottetown. During their life in the rural PEI, Joyce became a member of Spring Brook WI and also Coronation WI.

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Art and Joyce worked as a houseparent team at the Sherwood Home until Art's passing in 1970. As a young widow, she devoted the remainder of her life to her family and community.

She was a loyal and decorated member of the Royal Canadian Legion since 1962 and a member of the "sick and visiting" committee for 12 years. An advocate for ex-servicewomen, her efforts earned women the right to parade back to the branch following Remembrance Day Services. She established a number of other firsts for female veterans. She was the first woman to serve as Honourary President of Branch #1 and of the PEI Provincial Command.

She has been associated with the Poppy Campaign, Meals on Wheels, Canadian Red Cross, 4-H, Women's Institute. She was also associated with the physically and mentally challenged and the PEI Addiction Foundation, through which she helped form an auxiliary for the Alcoholism Treatment Centre. She was past president of the Women's Auxiliary of the CNIB, assistant director of Local 19 of PEI Government Retirees, founding member of Big Brothers in PEI, and a member of Seniors Active Living Centre.

In 2002, she received the Minister of Veteran Affairs Commendation Medal in honor of her contribution to the care and wellbeing of veterans and also for her own sacrifices as a veteran.

She passed away at the Whisperwood Villa on July 30, 2019. She was a role model "For Home and Country".

"Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be."



Kathryn "Kaye" Crabbe
Springvale WI
2019

Kathryn "Kaye" Crabbe was much-loved by her family and a friend to many. She was born in New London and grew up on her parents' farm. She married Ralph Crabbe in 1951 and moved to Springvale where they farmed side-by-side for many years. Together, they raised three daughters: Beth, Merle and Lois.

Kaye was always involved in the community and ready to take part in fundraising activities to help those less fortunate. She was instrumental in organizing the Springvale 4-H Sewing Club and volunteered as a sewing instructor at the Charlottetown Rural Community School. She was also very active in St. John's Anglican Church Milton, serving as Sunday school teacher and bible school instructor.

As a young bride Kaye joined the Springvale Women's Institute and always tried to live up to its motto "For Home and Country". She held executive and convener positions in the Springvale branch, and was District #10A president. Kaye joined the Provincial Board in 1979, becoming involved in the Farm to Table, Farm Safety and Roadside Cleanup programs, and became Provincial President in 1989. As such, she served on the National Board of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada and represented her province and country at international Associated Country Women of the World conferences in the United States and England.

Kaye became a Life Member of the Institute, and was the recipient of many awards, notably, the Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour in 2000 and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Kaye passed on October 16, 2019 and is greatly missed.



Linda "Gail" (née Graham) Creed
Gaspereaux WI
2019

Tragically, Gail's life came to an end on Thanksgiving Day as the result of a car accident while out enjoying the beauty of the fall colours.

Gail grew up in Pembroke with her parents Carl and Jean (née Sorrie) Graham, along with her three sisters: Sandra, Mavis and Cindy, and her two brothers: Donald and James.

Gail married James Graham and had two daughters: Lisa and Holly, and two sons: Carl and Matthew. She later married Gary Creed and had a son, Daniel and a daughter, Glenda who died in infancy.

Gail became a hairdresser, but over the years she did a variety of jobs while continuing to hairdress until her death.

She joined the Pembroke Women's Institute as a teenager and later became a member of the Gaspereaux WI where she was an active member. She held various positions at the local and provincial levels. One of her favourite projects was the Roadside Cleanup. She would drive around putting cleanup bags in everyone's mailboxes in hopes that the whole community would do their part.

Gail was a great supported of the Murray Harbour North Hall and the WellSpring Presbyterian Church. This, along with her passion for social media kept her busy after she retired.

Left to mourn her passing are her children: Lisa (Farran), Holly (Frank), Matthew (Jessica), and Daniel (Jenna), as well as her grandchildren: Bayou, Cedar and Syllas. She is lovingly remembered by her sisters: Sandra (Blain) Kerwin, Mavis (Gerard) Landrigan, Cindy (Brenty) MacLeod, and brothers: Donald (Denise) and James. She was predeceased by her son Carol and infant daughter Glenda.

Gail is greatly missed in her community and by all her Facebook followers. Her funeral was held from the WellSpring Presbyterian Church. May she rest in peace.



Lorena (née MacLellan) Gillis-Cardwell
Traveller's Rest WI
2019

"I Would Like Your Memory of Me to be a Happy One"

Lorena Gillis-Cardwell (née MacLellan) was born in 1927. She grew up in Spring Valley in a family of two brothers, one sister, plus a foster brother and sister.

She married Camillus Gillis and moved to Traveller's Rest. They had three daughters and two sons. After Camillus passed away, she later married Patrick Cardwell, thereby gaining two step-daughters and a step-son. Over the years, this loving family grew to include 14 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

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Lorena was an involved member of the St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Summerside. She was a published Author of "Lorena's Notebook" and the official book launch was held at the Church.

Lorena joined the Traveller's Rest WI in 1950. She held almost every position at the branch and district level. She was honoured to have received her Life Membership pin and later the Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour.

Lorena was a school teacher by profession and had a knack for literature. She excelled at being able to find the right words and then put those words to paper to make a proper "write up".

Lorena passed away on February 20, 2019. She is missed by family, friends and sister members of Traveller's Rest WI, who describe Lorna as being "a wonderful lady who was outgoing and so very caring".



Margaret I. (née Matheson) Shaw
DeSable WI
2017

Margaret was born on April 1, 1908 to Rebecca (née MacPhee) and James L. Matheson. She grew up on the family farm in Appin Road, the eldest of five children.

On November 9, 1940, Margaret married farmer Archie Shaw of DeSable. Being a farmer's wife, Margaret worked faithfully by his side. She became the loving mother of son James and daughter Annita, and grandmother of six.

She was always busy—be it in farm-life chores, household chores, or supporting her community. Her hands were always busy knitting, embroidering, covering hangers, crocheting—handiwork of all kinds. Margaret knit all things from mitts and socks to king-sized bedspreads. Her afghans, baby blankets, and bedspreads are treasured among many. She won first prize for one of her afghans at the Provincial Exhibition. At age 101, she took second place for a baby blanket which was for her great-grandson.

Margaret always supported the work of the DeSable WI. Although she didn't become a member until she and her daughter Annita joined DeSable WI in 1975, she was a member until the group disbanded.

Margaret was a life member of the DeSable Church of Scotland, attending until she was 103. A step in the wrong direction ended in a fall, hospital stay, and a move to the Atlantic Baptist Nursing Home at nearly 105 years of age. She met this move head on as she said "it was her lot in life", and made the best of it. She joined in all the activities at the home, made new friends, and kept in touch with the "forever ones". A week prior to her passing, she enjoyed attending the musical entertainment.

Margaret was pleased to complete her wish by getting down to the waterfront to see The Emerald Princess cruise ship – made possible by her son-in-law, Harold Smith, and Coach Atlantic. She expressed "that is some big sight to see".

A life well lived – she is missed and is fondly remembered.



Marion Ellen (née Leard) Howatt
Tryon WI
2019

Marion was born in North Tryon on October 19, 1925, the daughter of Nellie (née Fell) and Fred Leard. She grew up on the family farm, attended North Tryon School and Tryon Consolidated School. She enrolled at Prince of Wales College and Normal Training School in 1942, and graduated in 1944 with Superior First Class License. Marion taught school in Crapaud, Augustine Cove and Tryon Consolidated School.

Marion was a faithful member of the Tryon United Church, she attended Sunday School, Mission Band, Young Peoples, and in later years was a Sunday school teacher.

She met the love of her life, Sheldon Howatt, and they were together for 72 years. They were the proud parents of two children: Vickie Joy and Scott, and grandparents of eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Marion joined the Tryon Women's Institute in January of 1946, and was a faithful and valued member. She was a Life Member and held all offices on the executive. Marion was always supportive of our fundraisers and our outings, such as the sleigh rides and carol singing, but most of all, enjoyed our social time after our meetings.

Marion passed away at the South Shore Villa on May 31, 2019. She is lovingly remembered by her wide circle of family and friends who will never forget her wit, and respect for mankind.

We miss you, Marion.

*"As days go by, we feel you near
feel your presence, your voice we hear
When thoughts go back, as they often do
We treasure the memories we have of you."*



Marion (née Adams) Luxton
Traveller's Rest WI
2019

Marion was born in Knutsford on July 24, 1927. She was the daughter of the late Harvey and Edith (née Hardy) Adams. In 1952, she married Lorne Luxton. They took over the family dairy farm and also established Lorne's carpentry and plumbing business. She was the mother of one daughter, Janet, whom they loved dearly and later, the grandmother of five grandchildren whom they cherished.

Marion lived all her life on the O'Leary Road. Together, she and Lorne worked the family farm, cared for Marion's parents, raised their family and shared their mutual dedication to the community.

Marion was a Life Member of the Knutsford Women's Institute and her home was always open for WI meetings. She was awarded WI's Golden Book of Recognition Award, and in 2008 received her 60 years of service certificate. Notably, Lorne—also an avid community supporter—received WI's Erland Lee Award of Appreciation for his volunteer contributions to the Knutsford Women's Institute.

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Marion was a dedicated member of the O'Leary United Church. She held numerous roles, taught Sunday school and was very involved with the United Church Women.

She was much loved by all who knew her. She was a wonderful friend and neighbour who was willing to share her time and talents helping others. She was a quilter, a gardener, enjoyed knitting and growing beautiful flowers. She was an amazing cook and was famous for her home cooked meals.

Both Marion and Lorne cherished their family and friends. Their home was a gathering place for all—both home and those from away. Over the years they also made trips across Canada and the USA to see the country and visit relatives and friends.

On November 5, 2019 Lorne and Marion had shared 67 happy married years together. Marion peacefully passed away November 7th at the Stewart Memorial Senior's Home in Tyne Valley at the age of 92, where she had received loving care over the years. She was loved by all and had a life well lived.



Marjorie Matilda (née Campbell) Aitken
Lower Montague WI
2018

Marjorie was born on November 5, 1928 in Whim Road to Cecil and Lilla (née MacDonald) Campbell. She was second youngest of four siblings: Shirley, Patricia (Pat), Robert (Bob) and Richard (Dick). On March 21, 1952 she married Fred Aitken in Brantford, Ontario and moved to Lower Montague in 1953 where they raised five children: Suzanne, John, Jane (who married Gordon Brookins), Lynn (now deceased, who married Michael Brazel) and Paul (who married Donna

Condon). At the time of her death, Marjorie had five grandchildren who were the apples of her eye.

After completing school in Whim Road and being too young to enter nursing training, Marjorie taught school for one year. She always said it was the worst year of her life. Marjorie graduated from the Prince Edward Island Hospital School of Nursing in May of 1950. Shortly after Marjorie graduated, she and classmate, Joy MacLeod, flew to British Columbia where they both nursed in Summerland. In this short time, Marjorie was missing her boyfriend, Fred, who was working in Ontario, so she moved to Brantford and they were married. In 1953, Fred's Uncle Bill passed away and the "Stone House" was offered to Marjorie and Fred if they wanted to move home. Marjorie joined the Lower Montague Women's Institute but with work and young children, she had to take a break.

In the early 1970s, Marjorie worked for Public Health and then went to home care, which she loved. Marjorie always worried about patients after they were released from the hospital. Marjorie travelled from Wood Islands to East Point to Charlottetown and everywhere in between. For years when taking Marjorie for a drive she would say "I went to that house", "I had a client in that house". Marjorie retired in October 1988 in anticipation of her first grandchild.

Marjorie's other love was The Order of the Eastern Star where she held many offices. In December of 2017 her daughter Suzanne had the honour of presenting Marjorie with her 50 year jewel.

Marjorie rejoined Institute with Suzanne, who retired and moved back to Lower Montague.

Marjorie passed away February 18, 2018. Her Lower Montague WI family cherishes the memories of the many fun times spent with Marjorie and will miss her greatly.



Myrtle (née Wadman) Ceretti
Augustine Cove WI
2018

Born in Augustine Cove in 1920, Myrtle was the youngest of six children of Joseph and Maude Wadman. Myrtle was widowed at a very young age when her husband was killed in a train-truck accident. She subsequently struggled to support her four under school-aged children working at various jobs in the local area. She cooked meals for children attending Camp Abegweit, cut "sets" in a local potato warehouse, cleaned houses, and provided care and assistance to families needing her during times of sickness. Over the years, her family expanded to include nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

It was her community involvement that cemented Myrtle's relationships. She was a valued member of the Abegweit Senior's Club, serving in the executive for nine years and a long-term member of her ladies church group. However, it was her 75 plus years in the Women's Institute that connected her to her community on a multigenerational level. In an interview in 2014, she vividly recalled her activities as a 19 year old founding member of Augustine Cove Women's Institute, "we immediately began helping in our community. We did a lot of Red Cross work. We knitted clothing and made care packages for the soldiers during World War II. We also knitted sweaters, socks, and hats for children who needed them. We supplied the local school with chalk as they used blackboards back then. We also supplied books, and when it was available we supplied the school with a flush toilet. We never really had a lot of money, but whatever money we did make was always donated to a charity. We often catered to a group of people known as the Masons."

Since 1939, Myrtle was a willing participant in activities undertaken by the Augustine Cove Women's Institute. This involvement produced long term, lasting relationships with the members of her community and enabled her to excel in canvassing the district. Whether it was by car or by phone, Myrtle campaigned faithfully for the many agencies who solicited funds from her local Institute and singlehandedly sold more tickets for the annual Ice Cream Social than any other member. Until 2015, she WAS the "card committee", connecting to community residents with get well, sympathy, congratulations and thank you cards on behalf of the membership. In her 2014 interview she remarked "I am still an active member of the Augustine Cove Women's Institute and have been so for 75 years. I am 94 years old, and it has made a difference in my life and the lives of people around me for being a part of the Women's Institute."

Myrtle passed away in 2018 after 78 years of Women's Institute activity within her community. Her legacy lives on to a younger generation who receive educational scholarships from the Augustine Cove Women's Institute, funded from a foundation established by the efforts of remarkable, community minded women such as Myrtle Ceretti.

"Death is a challenge.

It tells us not to waste time."

-Leo Buscaglia



Myrtle Ruth Wigmore
Traveller's Rest WI
2019

Myrtle Ruth Wigmore was born on May 2, 1922 and was the daughter of Walter and Catherine Wigmore. Her siblings were George, Lloyd, Joseph, Willard, Ralph, Eric, Glenn, Helen and Elva. Her early education was received in Breadalbane.

In 1941, her teaching career began in a one room school in Spring Brook. She joined Spring Brook Women's' Institute in November, 1941. While in Spring Brook she boarded with Dan and Vera MacKay. She also taught school in Long River before joining the army.

After the war ended, she enrolled at Mt. Allison University in New Brunswick and graduated as a home economics teacher. She traveled to many areas in Canada over the years teaching, and returned to Prince Edward Island for her final years of teaching at Athena Consolidated in Summerside.

She resided in Kensington where she always greeted friends and relatives to a beautiful smile. She was a wonderful baker and cook, and treated many to beautiful meals. She was also an avid gardener and gardened well into her 90s. Few visitors left without a bag of fresh veggies or a bouquet of flowers.

When she was no longer able to be in her home in Kensington, she moved to Andrews Lodge in Summerside where she passed away on November 29, 2019 in her 98th year.

She was a wonderful daughter, sister, aunt, friend and neighbor, and was loved by many.



Norma Jean (née Crozier) Huestis
Wilmot Valley WI
2019

Norma Jean (née Crozier) Huestis of Wilmot Valley was born in Summerside.

She started her career as an employee of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Following her marriage to Lyman Huestis, she moved to Wilmot Valley where she became a very active farm wife, devoted mother to her three children, and adoring grandmother to her four grandchildren.

In 1964, Norma assisted as a support leader to Wilmot Valley 4-H Club and in 1967 was one of the inaugural members of the Wilmot Valley Women's Institute and became a Life Member.

As a very active member over the years, she served in many offices, held many community activities including potluck dinners and more.

It was with sadness that the news of Norm's passing on June 22, 2019 was received by the members of the Wilmot Valley Women's Institute.

She is greatly missed.



Pauline Audrey (née White) McAusland
Brackley Beach WI
2019

From the time Pauline joined the Women's Institute in Ontario at the age of 18 until her health failed, she gave outstanding leadership and made a significant contribution.

Pauline was born in Toronto on April 14, 1933 and worked with the Bank of Nova Scotia for 39 years. When she and her husband, Orban, moved to PEI in the late 1990s, Pauline became a member of the Brackley Beach Women's Institute where she served four years as president and one year as treasurer. She also served as program convener and director throughout the years.

In 2009 Pauline was elected to the Prince Edward Island Women's Institute Board and served as Exhibition Co-Chair. The following year she was awarded Life Membership by the Brackley Beach WI members.

Pauline was a co-leader of the Infrastructure Project at the Brackley Beach Community Centre which began in 2004 and extended to 2008. During this time the interior and exterior of the building were revitalized and significantly improved. She spearheaded a campaign to raise \$12,000—the community's share of the costs. This fundraising included a series of bake sales, yard sales, plant sales, and dinners. She continued to take lead roles in ensuring all aspects of maintaining the building were addressed.

Pauline had a large circle of friends and was generous with her time, talents and donations to respond to a wide variety of requests. She was a strong supporter of the West Covehead United Church Women's group, and her interests included all types of handwork, baking, reading, gardening, and square dancing.

It is an honour and a privilege to recognize Pauline McAusland's outstanding contribution as a leader, organizer, and promoter of the Women's Institute and the community of Brackley Beach. She is remembered kindly for her generous spirit and all her efforts on behalf of others.



Roma (née MacKay) Francis
Highfield WI
2019

On February 3, 2019 members of the Highfield Women's Institute were very saddened by the passing of their sister member, Roma Francis.

Roma was born in Stanley Bridge, daughter of the late Margaret and Cranford MacKay. She attended Stanley Bridge School and Prince of Wales College. Roma taught school in Spring Brook at the age of 14. She then started a long career with Matthew and MacLean's in Souris. Her second career was as office manager with the Souris detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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Roma met Lorne Francis, her late husband of 65 years, while working at the Souris Theatre. She and Lorne had three children: Rory, Vicki, and Randy, as well as six grandchildren.

Roma was a Life Member of the PEI Women's Institute and served on the provincial Board of Directors. We, the members of Highfield WI were blessed to have her join our WI when she and Lorne retired to Winsloe in 1996. She served on many Convenerships with WI.

For many years, Roma was "our" knitter of purple hats for babies and Christmas stockings for the patient trays at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Roma was an active member of the United Church Women's organization in her churches. She was always very involved in her community, be it as a Girl Guide leader or baking and serving at many community events.

Roma enjoyed many athletic activities including skiing, skating, bowling, and was an avid Leafs fan. Roma was a kind, caring, loving person who always gave selflessly of herself. We, the members of Highfield WI were privileged to have known Roma and to be able to call her our friend. She is greatly missed by her family, friends, community, and WI friends.

Roma 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".



Roma Jean (née Murray) Parsons
Pleasant Valley WI
2019

Roma Jean Parsons, daughter of James and Marion (née Matheson) Murray of Pleasant Valley, was born on April 9, 1940 and passed away on December 19, 2019.

Roma helped her mother entertain the Pleasant Valley Women's Institute members while growing up and later became a member herself, earning a Life Membership in 2013. She was always available to cater to suppers, participate in the community concerts, and gather garbage for the Roadside Cleanups. Roma has hosted and provided programs for meetings, served as convener, and collected and counted money for the branch for Pennies for Friendship. She enjoyed attending workshops, conventions, and the "Spring Is in the Air" Gala Dinners.

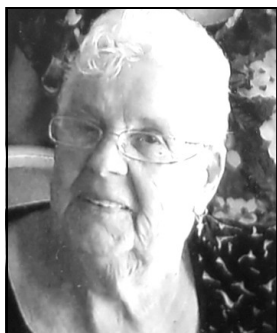
Roma was also very involved in 4-H. Her mother was the founder of the Pleasant Valley Sewing Club where Roma earned prizes for her work. She also earned prizes with her calf as she joined the Calf Club when it was formed. Roma became a leader when her son Robert joined 4-H, taking calf and various projects. After her father died, Roma continued to farm with her husband and later on her own. She loved cows and horses. She later worked in the summers at Bay Vista Motor Inn and Fyfe's Landing on the North Shore, and at MacLaughlan's Hotel in Charlottetown.

Roma was a member of the Pleasant Valley United Church. She also had beautiful vegetable and flower gardens. She also attended Community School taking various crafts as well as line dancing.

Roma is greatly missed.

Roma learned to drive a truck later in life and enjoyed taking her granddaughter, Mary Jean, for drives and to special events.

She is missed by her fellow WI members and her family.



S. Joan (née Paynter) Cole
Spring Brook WI
2019

S. Joan Cole was born in Long River on July 2, 1941 to parents George and Norma (née MacKenzie) Paynter. She had two brothers: Douglas (deceased) and Herbert, and three sisters: Muriel MacRae (deceased), Gladys Stavert and Brenda Baglole. Joan received her education at the local school and moved to Spring Brook when she married Wesley R. Cole in 1960.

Wesley and Joan raised three daughters: Connie Reeves, Linda Crozier and Barbara Dunn, along with one son, Stephen Cole in Spring Brook. From this union came eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three step-children, two step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. Joan's main interest was her home and family, but she still found time to assist with many community activities. Their home was always open to visitors and neighbours who were always made to feel welcome.

Joan worked at Cousin's Cannery, L & C Fisheries, Cavendish Farms Ltd., Polar Foods, and Black Magic Golf. In addition, she was an excellent volunteer. Some of her volunteer time was spent at Kensington Community Gardens Rink, Harvest Festival, the school lunch program, Water Safety Program, and Blood Donor Clinics. She canvassed our district for many worthy organizations and had a special interest in Diabetes Canada.

Joan joined Spring Brook WI in 1961 and over the years served as vice-president, treasurer, auditor, director, and served on numerous committees and in several convenerships. She represented our WI on the executive of District Convention #6B, and served as our representative to the meetings of the New London Rural Community Fire Company.

Joan was a member of St. Thomas' Anglican Church and the Anglican Church Women and also assisted with the Sunday School. She was a faithful member of TOPS and liked to read and knit as a past time.

In later years, Wesley and Joan sold their home in Spring Brook, moved to Kensington, and eventually resided with their daughter Linda, her husband Bob, and their family in Hamilton, Prince Edward Island.

In 2018 after a lengthy battle with ill health and when they were no longer able to be at home, Joan and Wesley moved to Clinton View Lodge. Joan passed away on January 21, 2019, and her beloved Wesley passed away on January 31, 2019—just 10 days after her passing.

Joan is sadly missed by her family and friends.

"Of all possessions, a friend is the most precious."

*“A good heart has stopped beating,
But a heart that has touched so many lives
Can't help but live on
In those it loved.”*



Sadie Jane (née Smith) Frizzell
Glen Valley WI
2018

Sadie Jane (née Smith) Frizzell was born in North Granville on February 15, 1927 to Samuel and Phoebe (née Axworthy). She was the oldest of eight children. She married Roy Frizzell (1925-1999) on May 6, 1950, and they began their life together on a mixed farm in Glen Valley. They continued to grow the farm “Frizzell's Valleyville”, and today the dairy farm is carried on by her son Garth and his two sons. In addition to Garth, they had two daughters: Betty Lou and Donna Lee (deceased).

Sadie was a Life Member of the Glen Valley WI, Pleasant Valley United Church, as well as helping her husband host meetings. The house was always abuzz with activity, and serving food was something she was well known for. No one went away hungry—wonderful meals or just a lunch were served to all.

She was the resident cookie maker for many years and served cookies to her five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, to whom she was known as “Great One”. Along with being a great cook and baker, Sadie was an accomplished seamstress, making the most of the children's clothes, as well as many quilts for everyone in her family. Knitting was another pastime/passion that she enjoyed and afghans were produced in great number. Reading was an enjoyment she pursued in her later years, and she devoured books.

She lived on the family farm her entire life and saw it grow along with her family. Sadie was a talented domestic housewife and mother/grandmother/great-grandmother, was loved by all, and enriched the lives of many.

She slipped from our lives November 10, 2018.



Sadie Isabel (née MacFadyen) MacLean
Glen Valley WI
2018

Clyde River Women's Institute has 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 in a lovely country farm home on the Meadow Bank 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 (née 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, devotion to family and friends endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. 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 Clyde River WI. She is greatly missed by family and friends. 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."*



Shirley Elizabeth (née MacLennan) Dickieson
Glen Valley WI
2019

Shirley Elizabeth Dickieson was born on August 23, 1936 and passed away on April 26, 2019. She was the oldest of 12 children born to John and Mae (née Smith) MacLennan. In her early years, Shirley attended Hazel Grove and Glen Valley Schools. She went by train to Kinkora Convent and received her teaching license. Shirley continued her education at Prince of Wales College and the University of Prince Edward Island, achieving the highest teaching license available at that time. She was one of the first three resource teachers in PEI and worked with other teachers to develop programs for students with special needs.

Shirley enjoyed being involved in many community and social events during her lifetime. She was a first aid/CPR instructor, as well as a coach and judge for many international first aid competitions with the Canadian Red Cross. She was a Life Member of Glen Valley Women's Institute. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a teacher/superintendent of the Sunday school. She enjoyed volunteering and providing bereavement counselling with hospice. Shirley was an active member of the Lions Club, holding many offices at the local, national, and international levels. She was the District Governor for 41-N1 in 2003-2004 where her motto was "Together We Can". She was the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award and the Harry A. Newman Diabetic Award, to name a few of her accomplishments.

Shirley loved her family and friends. Shirley and her husband, Donnie, had six children: five sons (one deceased) and one daughter. Together they operated a tourist home in Glen Valley for many years—a small business they enjoyed. She was happiest helping those who needed a hand or just a friendly face. Shirley had many interests. She was an avid reader, made Swedish embroidery afghans, and sewed many quilts for babies near and far. She loved music, concerts, theatre, going for long drives, and always enjoyed a picnic lunch.

This corner of the universe was filled with kindness and light because she was part of it!



Una A. (née McWhirter) Palmer
Glen Valley WI
2019

Una A. Palmer of Amherst and formerly of Apple River, Nova Scotia, passed away on March 3, 2018 at the Cumberland Regional Health Centre in Upper Nappan. She was 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, the Rev. Jack W. Palmer, her daughters: Sandra and Karen, and six grandchildren.

In the early 1980s, Una and Rev. Jack moved to PEI where Jack became the minister of the Tryon Baptist Church, and Una joined the Tryon WI shortly after moving to Tryon, and took a very active role in the 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, and she is dearly missed by her family and friends on PEI.

*"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."*



Verna A. (née Younker) Coles
Springvale WI
2019

Verna A. (née Younker) Coles grew up in East Wiltshire. She was an only child and enjoyed riding horses, playing the guitar and piano. Later, she married Kenneth D. Coles and moved to Springvale where they raised their four children: Alvin, Marvin, Faye and Craig. Verna died on December 2, 2019.

Kenneth and Verna lived on a mixed farm and later established their construction company, where Verna did the accounting. As retirees, they ran a bed & breakfast for five years.

Verna was involved in the Springvale School as treasurer and helped organize the Springvale 4-H Sewing Club. Though she was extremely busy she still found time for her hobbies—singing in the church choir, knitting, gardening, and helping Kenneth with his black angus show cattle.

During this time, Springvale was a very active branch and Verna served as treasurer, secretary and president. She volunteered at the Provincial Exhibition for many years.

She and Kenneth hosted an annual community corn boil in the late summer on behalf of the Springvale Institute. She became a Life Member in 1996. The last meeting she attended was hosted at her home on Valentine's Day 2019.