

INSTITUTE NEWS

Memorial Edition



Forever in our Hearts

2023

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



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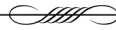


Susanne Manovill
Brackley Beach WI
2022

Susanne was born in Breslau, Germany, and lived and worked in New York and Washington D.C. Susanne, her husband, Robert, and two sons moved to Brackley Beach in 1971.

On the Island, she worked at UPEI as a Librarian and taught a speed-reading course. She was very passionate about helping as many people as possible improve their reading and English proficiency skills. She loved knitting, biking, swimming, making wine and spending time outdoors gardening.

Susanne was a member of the Brackley Beach Women's Institute and enjoyed attending the meetings and social events.



Jo-Ann MacPhail
Clyde River WI
2021

Jo-Ann passed away peacefully at the Q.E.H. on November 16, 2021, shortly after celebrating her 70th birthday at home with friends and family.

She was born in Charlottetown, the daughter of the late Cecil and Hazel Ferguson. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul MacPhail, in June 2007. She leaves to mourn their three children, Mark (Ashley), Victoria, and Peter.

Jo-Ann was a community volunteer to many groups such as Joy Riders, Women's Institute, Women's Missionary Society and several others. She was presented with the Women's Institute Life Membership in 2015. She attended the Clyde River Baptist Church and was a member of the Church choir. She was a lover of the outdoors and gardening was high on her list. Her flower garden was greatly admired by many and her floral arrangements often adorned the Church along with many community events and homes.

Jo-Ann is greatly missed and fondly remembered by many family and friends.

*A beautiful garden now stands alone,
Missing the one who nurtured it,
But now she is gone.*

Barbara Bailey (adapted)



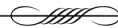


**Wilna Hayden
Dunstaffnage WI
2022**

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Wilna Hayden at Beach Grove Home on April 18, 2022. Wilna (Campbell) was born in Milburn on January 23, 1927. She attended Milburn School then moved to Charlottetown and received her Grade 12 diploma. After graduating from an L.N.A program, she nursed in several P.E.I. hospitals and also in Ontario. She married Sheldon Hayden in 1951. They had one son, Donald, and her family increased with the addition of one grandson and two great grandchildren.

Wilna joined the Dunstaffnage WI in 1962. She has served on all executive positions, also attending conventions and workshops. Wilna was a leader with Girl Guides for a number of years and also volunteered with Boy Scouts and 4-H. She was active in her church, U.C.W., and the Dunstaffnage Seniors.

Wilna was always aware of the needs of others and willing to lend a hand. We will miss her.



**Anna Isabel (MacDonald) Ford
Ebenezer WI
2022**

The members of Ebenezer Women's Institute were deeply saddened by the death of our friend, former neighbor, and WI Life Member, Anna Ford, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on June 4, 2022.

Anna was born July 22, 1942, the daughter of the late Norman and Catherine MacDonald of Glen Valley, PE, where Anna grew up and attended the local rural school.

After leaving school, she worked for several years at Eaton's in Charlottetown where her friendly smile and gentle manner welcomed many customers to the store.

On October 5, 1963, Anna married Robert Ford of Ebenezer where they lived and farmed for many years.

In later years Anna and Robert sold the farm in Ebenezer and moved to an apartment in Charlottetown. Anna continued with the WI meetings in Ebenezer. She hosted many meetings at her apartment as long as her health permitted.

Anna and Robert had two daughters, Catherine Darlene and Heather, and a granddaughter, Katie Anna Ryan. Anna is survived by her brothers Joe and Alan MacKinnon. She was predeceased by her brother Edward.

Anna held several offices in our branch and was always a willing worker on any WI project. She was a faithful member of the Glasgow Road Presbyterian Church.

Anna is greatly missed by all her family, friends, and her sister WI members.





Mary Janet (Janette) Higginbotham
Good Luck Alliston WI
2022

On Sunday, June 19, 2022, family and community lost a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend by the sudden passing of Janette Higginbotham.

Janette grew up in Alliston on the Carver farm of her grandparents. She developed a passion for nature and animals that stayed with her for life. On November 11, 1967, Janette married Bazil Higginbotham. They were married for close to 55 years and had a family of four children - Cindy, Patricia, Michael and Marilyn. Janette and Bazil lived in Murray River and after the family was grown, they moved to Alliston in 1992.

Janette was a member of WI in Murray River and then joined Good Luck Alliston Women's Institute. She was presented with her Life Membership to Women's Institute and was always a valued member. She held the position of President for many years, always calling each member every month to remind them of the upcoming events.

Always wanting to keep busy, you could find Janette at many different tasks. She was one to help out with the fishing or on the fields with machinery in spring. She loved her flower garden, her pets and crafts. She could put her hand to anything - knitting, crochet, woodworking, hooking, sewing - always making things for the home or for family and friends.

Community was also important, with Janette helping in her church, at festival parades for which she made numerous floats, at the school breakfast program or at the children's activities. She also loved to travel. She and Bazil packed up the camper for trips near and far.

Most of all, Janette loved her family. She was proud of each one and their accomplishments. Many times we would hear family stories. She was a gracious host and all felt welcome to come have a chat or cup of tea.



Mary Elizabeth Houston
New Glasgow WI
2022

Mary Elizabeth Houston was the daughter of Rupert and Vera Simpson of Bayview Mills, PEI. She was born November 12th, 1933 at the Prince County Hospital, in Summerside. She was the eldest child and the only girl in the family. She had three younger brothers named Claude, Beverley, and Herbert.

Mary went to a one room schoolhouse in Bayview, which had classes from grade one up to the tenth grade. She furthered her education by attending Prince of Wales College for two years. Following graduation, Mary taught at the Hampshire School for two years.

It was at a dance where Mary met her future husband, Byron Houston, a farmer from Mayfield. They were married on October 22, 1954, and Mary joined Byron and his father Frank to help out with dairy and beef farming, as well as planting potatoes on the Mayfield farm. In the early days, they also raised foxes. Together, Mary and Byron raised their four children, Diane, Wayne, Brenda and Joy by providing them with a wonderful life on the farm.

Soon after her marriage, Mary joined the Mayfield Women's Institute. When it closed in 1967, she joined the New Glasgow Women's Institute. Throughout her time as a member of the WI, Mary played an active role within the organization, holding a variety of positions. On March 7, 1979, Mary received her Life Membership Pin and Certificate, during the New Glasgow Women's Institute's 55th Anniversary Celebration.

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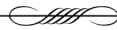
Mary was an excellent cook, and was always appreciated for her delicious homemade rolls and mustard pickles. Her baking was eagerly sought after at WI “Bring and Buy” nights, and she regularly contributed to other events such as NGWI Christmas dinners, Meet Your Neighbour Night, and the spring Coffee Parties.

Community service was important to Mary, and she was very much involved in her community over the years. In addition to being a member of the WI, she was also involved with the United Church Women and the New Glasgow Cemetery. Mary also worked at the New Glasgow Lobster Suppers for over 25 years. Later in life, Mary got her driver’s licence, and found that she loved having the freedom to drive around the community to visit with friends. Her children who lived away from PEI, found it hard to have a chat with her on the phone because she seemed to be never at home!

Throughout her life, Mary made it a point to be physically active. In her earlier days, she loved to skate, and later took up cross-country skiing. Mary always enjoyed going to a good ceilidh, and loved bowling, playing crokinole and a challenging game of scrabble. As well, she loved joining some of the NGWI ladies on their weekly Saturday morning walks – rain or shine! Mary also enjoyed gardening and particularly loved her vegetable garden and her lovely dahlias.

Mary was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved spending time at the rink to watch her grandchildren play hockey and ringette. It was the highlight of her winters to watch them at their games and travel to their tournaments.

Mary was a hardworking, enthusiastic and active person, who liked to participate and help out whenever and wherever she could. She was a kind, strong and resilient person who will be missed by all who knew her.



***Carole MacMillan
New Glasgow WI
2020***

Carole was born in Fort Erie, Ontario and lived for many years in Milliken, Stouffville, Dundas, and Singapore, all located in Ontario.

After completing high school, Carole trained as a nurse, taking her training at the Ontario Hospital Nursing School in Whitby, Ontario, followed by additional training at the Toronto General Hospital and Sick Kids Hospital. It was while working as a nurse that she met her husband, Dr. Joseph MacMillan, and they were blessed with seven children. After raising their children, Carole resumed her nursing career at the Donwood Institute.

Upon moving to PEI in 1999, Carole became the owner/operator of a successful inn in the heart of the community of New Glasgow. In this role, she enjoyed extending hospitality to visitors from all parts, and this talent contributed greatly to the success of her business.

Carole’s B&B was the site of many wonderful gatherings, and Carole was happiest when she could welcome her children, grandchildren and church family. It was also a great joy for Carole that she was able to meet and hold her first great grandson.

In addition to being an active member of her community and church, Carole was a committed member of New Glasgow WI. Carole contributed her talents to the organization in a variety of ways. She has helped to organize a number of WI events including the annual Meet-Your-Neighbour Night and New Glasgow WI’s

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very popular “Coffee Party With a Flair”, which has provided significant funding for organizations such as the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the Prince County Hospital. Carole was honoured with a Life Membership in 2019.

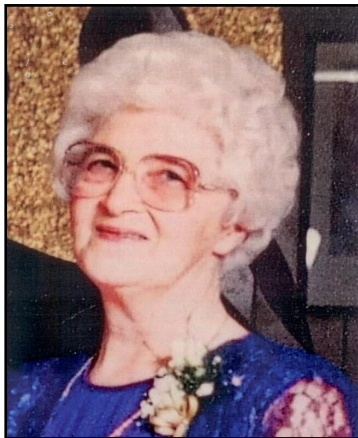
Carole was a faithful and active member of the congregation of New Glasgow Christian Church for a number of years, and has served her worship community in a variety of ways. Carole generously opened her beautiful Inn to several church-organized women’s retreats and other functions over the years.

Carole was blessed with a love for mission work, having spent several months in Poland, volunteering her services to “Graceland Ministries”. In that capacity, she helped with hospitality, taught English and supported staff in other areas. She also spent two winters in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where she taught English and cared for seniors in a rehabilitation hospital.

Carole passed away on November 25, 2020 after a brief illness, and is missed by her family and many friends.



*“When someone you love becomes a memory,
The memory becomes a treasure.”*
- *Unknown*



Catherine Eliza (Weeks) Yeo
North River WI
2022

Catherine Eliza (Weeks) Yeo passed away peacefully on September 26, 2022, at Atlantic Baptist Home, Charlottetown, at the wonderful age of 100. She was the last living member of her nine siblings.

Catherine married George Alfred Yeo on November 21, 1940 and together they raised five children. At the time of her death, Catherine was survived, in addition to her children, by 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, cousins and their families as well as many neighbors and friends in the community.

Catherine was a Life Member of the North River WI and actively served in many offices. She was a faithful parishioner of Cornwall United Church (now West River United) and in later years at Zion Presbyterian when she moved to Charlottetown.

Catherine lived her life fully and followed a life of faith and love; she was a loyal mother and friend who loved the farm as well as knitting, quilting, playing the piano and she was a great conversationalist on many topics of interest. She is and will continue to be missed.



***Avonna Irene Stevenson
New Glasgow WI
2022***

Avonna Irene Stevenson was born in New Glasgow, PEI on May 26, 1941, at the home of her great grandmother. Her parents were Heber and Lorna MacAusland. Avonna grew up in New Glasgow. She attended New Glasgow School from grades one through ten, then took her grade eleven at St. Patrick's High School in Halifax. She went on to earn her teaching qualification at St. Dunstan's University in Charlottetown.

Avonna married David Stevenson and they were together for 63 years. They were blessed with three children, Darren, Lorna and Chris. Avonna was a very loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, doing arts and crafts, baking and sports, and enjoying the great outdoors. When each of her great-grandchildren arrived, she treasured being able to cuddle with them.

Avonna's teaching career began in 1964, at the one-room school in New Glasgow, where she was responsible for grades one through eight. She was only there for two years, because of school consolidation, and was reassigned to Cavendish Consolidated, which had four classrooms with two grades each. It was a big change for Avonna! Following her time in Cavendish, Avonna took up a position at St. Augustine's School, followed by a teaching assignment at St. Ann's Consolidated, Stella Maris, and Gulf Shore schools.

One school season, between 1981 to 1982, Avonna recalled a crazy time when she was teaching math and reading to a small group at St. Ann's and Stella Maris schools. She travelled to Stella Maris from teaching math and reading to a small group at St. Ann's during morning recess. It was a terrible winter! She often found herself driving through one-lane traffic in parts of St. Ann's, so there was lots and lots of backing up!

Avonna joined the New Glasgow Women's Institute in the autumn of 1996, after retiring from teaching. She was very much involved with the Institute and held a number of different positions over the years. In particular, she filled in as Secretary on many occasions, which gave everyone the opportunity to appreciate her beautiful penmanship! Avonna received her Life Membership with a few other ladies of New Glasgow Women's Institute in 2017.

One of Avonna's talents, which was appreciated by all, was her creative writing ability. Because of this, she was often approached to write a tribute to a WI member who was retiring. This tribute generally took the form of a poem, often quite amusing, which put Avonna's talent for words and rhyme on full display. Another gift Avonna was well known for was her wonderful baking and cooking. Her amazing rolls, biscuits, and veggie squares were always a hit! When the New Glasgow WI had their yearly "Coffee Party with a Flair," Avonna was always asked to make one or more of these. She also made them for "Meet Your Neighbour Night" and the annual Christmas Party. Her rolls, biscuits, and jams always went very quickly, and with high bids at "Bring and Buy"!

As an active member of her community, Avonna was very much involved with her church, New Glasgow Christian Church. Every Christmas, Judy Clark would organize a concert for World Vision to raise enough money for a stable orseveral!! She always wanted to have Avonna and Carole MacMillan, one of Avonna's closest friends, in her skits because they both worked so well together. It was always a treat to see them perform.

Avonna was a very kind, thoughtful, and caring friend, and she will be sadly missed. She passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, on March 30, 2022.



Rose Margaret Doherty
Orwell WI
2022

Rose Margaret was born June 16, 1943 in Alberry Plains, to Mary McMillian and John Praught, the second youngest of six.

She attended school in Alberry Plains, Montague and Prince of Wales College.

On July 25, 1964, she married Vernon Doherty, and they settled in Vernon. They raised a family of two sons and one daughter and have six cherished grandchildren. She was always proud of their accomplishments, and spent many hours knitting for them.

Rose taught school for a few years, and later worked as a bookkeeper at Stewart and Beck. She was very involved in community and church. Locations at which she volunteered include the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Rails to Trails, and the Love Program at Vernon River School. She was a Life Member of the Orwell Women's Institute and a member of St. Joachim's Catholic Women's League. She also served as Treasurer for Vernon River Community School for many years.

When Rose began her dementia journey, she was lovingly cared for at home by her husband, Vernon. Her last weeks were spent at the Dr. John Gillis Memorial Lodge.

Rose is gone but not forgotten, most especially by her Women's Institute sisters.

Rest in Peace Rose



Rose (Morrissey) McKenna
Orwell WI
2021

Rose McKenna was born in Newtown Cross on June 25, 1930. She was the daughter of Michael and Hannah Morrissey. She had two sisters and three brothers.

Rose went to Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown. She became a teacher and taught in several small schools in the area. She married Eugene McKenna. After her marriage she moved to the McKenna farm in Orwell where she raised 11 children, nine girls and two boys.

She was an active member of Orwell Women's Institute and held many positions. She was a Life Member and was involved in every activity in which they participated. Rose enjoyed history and in 1985 was one of three involved in writing the history of the community of Orwell, which won first prize in a national competition sponsored by WI.

Rose loved teaching and taught adult education in Vernon River School for several years. She was a member of the LOVE program, was involved with St. Joachim's CWL and was a great community person. Rose was a WI member for 69 years. She passed away at the Gillis Lodge on February 13th, 2021. She will be greatly missed for her friendly disposition and hearty laugh and her dedication to "Home and Country."



Ruth Laura Taylor
Orwell WI
2021

Ruth Laura Taylor was born October 6, 1930 in Orwell to Edythe (Lane) and Clarence MacLean. She was the oldest sibling of four brothers.

Following the war, Ruth met Ernest Taylor and they married soon after. Ernest had purchased a home in Orwell but they decided to relocate to Burlington, Ontario. After 20 years they returned to Orwell with their one son and three daughters.

In 1972, Ruth and Ernest worked together on a heritage project which led to their continuing active interest in Orwell Corner Historic Village. Ruth worked for many years at Orwell Corner where she made many friends. She became a WI member and received her Life Membership pin. Ruthie helped out at many WI events and at Orwell Corner. She would always open the doors and decorate for

Christmas parties, Birthday gatherings, October Fest suppers, card games and other activities. After Ernest's passing, Ruthie enjoyed WI meetings and gatherings for the social part of seeing her many friends and enjoying a cup of tea.

Ruthie passed away on June 25, 2021. She will be greatly missed by her family and WI friends.



Mable Lea "Maylea" (Boswell) Manning
St. Catherine's WI
2022

Maylea was born in Victoria, PEI, on July 26th, 1925, one of seven children born to parents Keith and Ruth (MacGregor) Boswell. She married Ralph Manning and together they raised a family of four children while living in Charlottetown. She was a loving mother to Susan Lea (Allison MacKinnon), Edward (deceased), Alan (Suzanne) and Ralph Jr. (deceased) (Tara), and a loving grandmother to Paige, James, Grace, Heather and Ralph, all of whom she was very proud.

Growing up on the family farm with Ayrshire cattle and Standardbred horses set the stage for a lifetime involvement in agriculture and in particular, horses. In the 1970's the family moved to St. Catherine's on the West River, where they had a small horse farm and could fully enjoy country living and all that it had to offer. Maylea's preference was to be outside working at the barn chores as opposed to being inside cleaning the house! She was a lifetime member of St. Catherine's WI and loved to entertain family and friends at her home. She took great pleasure in the simple things of life; her home, her horses, her faith in God, sitting in the sun, music, and organizing anything and everything. Her tireless energy and love of so much led her to be a significant leader over the years with her contributions to the Old Home Week horse shows, the PEI Music Festival, Confederation Centre Boys Choir, also serving as District Commissioner of the Charlottetown Pony Club, and a Director of Equine Canada. In 2001, Maylea was honored to receive the Order of PEI, an award which recognized her outstanding contribution and leadership in the fields of agriculture, equestrian sports and music. Her husband Ralph Sr., predeceased her and, in later years, she liked to travel to visit her son Alan and his family in Ontario and her sister Ruth in New Brunswick. When Maylea could no longer be on her own, she moved to Burnside Community Care and later to Atlantic Baptist Nursing Home where she passed away on July 9th, 2022, just shy of her 97th birthday. She is greatly missed by family and friends.

Love is Immortal

Love is pure energy, and no matter how hard you try,

You can never kill love, because pure energy can't die.

The feeling of love can fade, and the body can cease to give

But the energy created by love, is immortal and continues to live.

- Author unknown



Harriet Ruth Cole
New London WI
2023

On February 6th, 2023, with family by her side, Harriet Ruth Cole of New London passed away at the Summerset Manor, Summerside. She was 90 years of age.

Born in Linkletter on June 3, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Ruth (Darby) Riley. Harriet was predeceased by her husband, Douglas Cole, in 2019.

She was the cherished mother of Allen (Darlene) Cole, New London, Linda Cole, Kensington, Joyce Andrico, USA, and Scott (Holly) Cole of Irishtown. Harriet was the grandmother to six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, whom she cherished.

Harriet was a very committed woman to her family, friends, and to her church. She valued the friendships she had in the New London community, and was a valued member of the New London WI for many years.

She loved taking pictures and sharing them in albums with family and friends. She was also a great lover of animals both small and large, and enjoyed feeding them in her yard.

She is sadly missed and fondly remembered by her family and Women's Institute members.



Gladys Isabella (Cook) MacLeod
Belle River WI
2021

Gladys Isabella (Cook) MacLeod was born in Belle River in 1934. She lived most of her life in Belle River. Gladys joined the Belle River WI in 1952. She served as Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, and she also served as District 15 Secretary-Treasurer.

Gladys and her husband, John, raised six children, Kevin, Ricky, Charles, Alan, Robert and Kathy. Gladys was very proud of her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an avid reader and she loved going to ceilidhs. She had recently compiled a Memory Book. Gladys was very bright, straight forward, welcoming of visitors and a good friend. Gladys MacLeod passed away August 8, 2021.



Frances Elsie (Cook) MacRae
Belle River WI
2022

Frances MacRae joined Belle River WI in 1953. She had previously belonged to the Iris WI. Frances and her husband, Alex MacRae, raised 12 children. She didn't miss many meetings in all those years. If it was Institute night, and the supper dishes weren't done, that was okay. She would say, "I'll do them when I get home."

She has been involved in many activities, giving freely of her time and talents. Frances loved to knit and always had several projects going at the same time. She knitted without profit for family and friends. Through her church, the Free Church of Scotland, she donated many knitted dolls to sick children in Africa. She moved to Montague in 1991 but remained a faithful member of the Belle River WI. She hosted the annual meeting every September.

Frances was always cheerful, helpful, generous, and a very much valued member of our Institute. Frances was the longest serving member of Women's Institute at an amazing 77 years. She passed away on January 5th, 2022, at the age of 93, just a few months after the death of her sister Gladys MacLeod. We miss both Gladys and Frances very much.

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

- Author unknown



Beverley Ann Brister
Spring Brook WI
2022

Beverley was born in Toronto, Ontario on May 7, 1936, daughter of the late John and Clara (Lamb) Smith. She passed away on May 8, 2022.

Beverley was raised in Toronto and was active in the community at a very early age. She was a member of Girl Guides of Canada and earned her Gold cord and later became a leader. She graduated from the School of Nursing in 1957 and was a registered nurse for over 30 years at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto.

She met her husband Harold in Elementary School and they were married for 55 years. They lived in Mississauga, Ontario, for many years and were blessed with three children: Leanne, Dianne (Bruce), and

Craig (Pauline) Brister. She was a very proud Grandmother to Jeremy and Ryan Brister.

Beverley moved to Spring Brook in 1989 and joined the WI in 1994. She was a wonderful asset to our branch. She held many offices at the local and district level. Her willingness to tackle committees and her expertise on the computer were much appreciated.

Beverley was also a very gifted craftsperson. She hooked rugs, sewed, quilted and completed many beautiful needlework pieces. For her talent, she was awarded the Premier's Craft Education Award at the Provincial Exhibition. She was a member of the Island Treasures Needlework Guild and loved to teach others her craft. She also enjoyed baking, camping and travelling.

She was also a valued member of St. Thomas Anglican Church and the Anglican Church Women's group and volunteered with the Kensington and Area Community School.

Beverley was a devoted WI member and a great neighbour, always willing to lend a hand for the betterment of her "Home and Country".



Prairie Wakerobin
Canoe Cove WI
2022

Our dear friend Prairie is greatly missed by the Canoe Cove Women's Institute members and all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She was the devoted wife of Paul Fontaine, the proud mother of three children and the loving grandmother of four.

Prairie joined the Canoe Cove Women's Institute in 2014 and offered her many talents to our membership. She was extremely talented and displayed a deep compassion and sensitivity to all situations. Her broad range of interests included being an avid reader, conversationalist, writer, blogger, artist, dream counselor, yoga practitioner, dog walker, creative cook, gardener, nature lover, and above all, a good friend.

She will always be remembered by her friends and neighbors in Canoe Cove.



**Frances "Ruth" Walsh
Tryon WI
2020**

On March 18, 2020, members of the Tryon Women's Institute were saddened by the passing of Ruth Walsh. Ruth was born in Tryon on April 11, 1940, to her late parents, Maynard and Emma Foy.

She attended Tryon Consolidated School from grades one to ten and went on to study at Union Commercial College for secretarial training. She started working at Prince Edward Island Hospital as a Licensed Nursing Assistant.

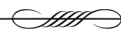
Ruth met her husband Vernon, at the Young People's Group in Tryon. After they married, they lived in Charlottetown for a year. Then they decided to move back to Tryon, bought a home near the homestead where Ruth was born, and there they raised their four children.

In 1981, she found a full-time job with Marine Atlantic, working on the ferries until the bridge was built in 1997. After that, every spring and every fall, you would see her behind the wheel of potato trucks or on a tractor cultivating the land.

She attended the Tryon United Church, was a church elder and supported all their fund raising and social events. She was also a long-time member and supporter of the Crapaud Curling Club. Ruth loved to curl! Everyone would smile (or look the other way!) when they saw Ruth coming as you could be sure she would have tickets to sell in her purse!

Ruth was a passionate member of Tryon Women's Institute for over 20 years. She valued her Life Membership, and was quick to offer her home for our monthly meetings. She held the office of Vice-President for many years, and supported our fundraising, local events, and especially the roadside cleanup activities. She was an avid gardener.

We, the members of Tryon Women's Institute miss Ruth, her friendship, her helping hands, her generosity and welcoming personality.



Life can't be counted on candles, or measured in number of years,

It's counted in small joys, good times and laughter, as well as heartaches and tears.

- Author unknown



Lois Elizabeth Flett
Lower Montague WI
2022

Lois Flett was born in Oshawa, Ontario. She is survived by her dearly loved nephew David and his mother Patsy. Lois was predeceased by her parents and her brother Neil.

Lois' first career as a nurse allowed her the opportunity to travel and provide medical care to celebrities such as Elvis Presley and Alfred Hitchcock. She nursed for 15 years before becoming a teacher where she blossomed in the classroom and made learning fun.

On her first visit to PEI in 1992, Lois fell in love with this province and decided immediately to move here. She searched and found her cherished property at French Creek overlooking the Lower Montague River and named it Aqualea. Lois completely renovated and upgraded

the property, even hand-painting flower borders on the walls. She made many special friends among those who came to help landscape, paint, mow grass, etc. Over the years, Darlene MacSwain became like a daughter to Lois, sharing countless stories and much laughter.

Lois loved observing nature and spent a great deal of time listening to music and the antics of her beloved feline friends, Fred and Ginger, while enjoying majestic sunsets over the river and the peaceful outdoors from inside a beautiful sunroom she had added to the back of her home.

Soon after relocating to PEI, her next-door neighbours, Jim and Laurel Halstrum, invited her to church, which brought a reawakening of faith into her life and led her to visit Israel three times. Jim and Laurel became her cherished friends and adopted family and in later years were a lifeline to her.

Lois always made friends easily and made an effort to keep in touch with them. While living on PEI she was an enthusiastic ambassador for her adopted province by hosting her many, many friends from around the world who came to visit her. No corner of PEI was left unexplored.

Soon after moving to Lower Montague, Jean Annear, a LMWI member, dropped by to welcome Lois to the community and invited her to the next monthly LMWI meeting where Lois made many lifelong friends. She was a multi-talented lady with skilled hands that created beautiful needlepoint, pen and ink drawings, calligraphy, etc. Lois shared her enthusiasm of crafting at WI meetings.

Lois loved to host WI meetings in her home. She always said she was not good at cooking or baking but well-known amongst her fellow WI members for several of her recipes such as raspberry pie!

Lois loved to travel the world and, upon her return, eagerly shared her adventures of visits to such places as Europe, Israel, Egypt, and New Zealand through the loan of her personal photo albums which contained detailed descriptions of her trips. She especially enjoyed visiting Scotland where she researched the origin of her family name.

Lois had 'PEI is Heaven to Me' inscribed on her tombstone. She was truly an angel to the many lives she touched in her lifetime. To know Lois was to love her. When, due to declining health issues, she relocated to first The Perrins Villa and then to the Dr. John Gillis Memorial Lodge, she retained her lively sense of humour and became good friends with many of the residents and staff alike, sharing her faith and regaling them with tales of her varied life adventures.

*Lois is remembered for her love of fun, and the laughter and life that she brought to LMWI meetings.
RIP Lois.*



Helen (Martino) Kulba
Rice Point WI
2022

Helen was born March 20, 1935 to parents Raoul and Ada Martino. She was the beloved wife of the late Peter Kulba and spent most of her life in Quebec. Helen was mother of three children and much loved "Bobbi" to seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

In 2006, Helen and Peter moved to PEI to be near their daughter Gloria and son in law Bruce Lyng, and soon embraced the island way of life and attended St. Martin's Church in Cumberland.

She immediately became a member of the Rice Point WI and quickly became a valued member of the group. Helen will be remembered for her love of crafting, especially stockings that the WI donated to the QEH at Christmas. Helen was also noted for her love of dogs (dachshunds), jewelry, painting, family meals and winter vacations in Florida.

Helen passed away April 2, 2022 at the Mount Continuing Care facility at 87 years of age. She will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

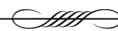


Eileen Smallman
Knutsford WI
2021

Eileen was born to Floy and Oliver Smallman on October 14, 1929. She married Arnold Smallman in 1945 and began life as a farm wife. Together they raised 16 children.

When they retired from farming, Eileen began a bakery out of her home where later she operated a Bed and Breakfast. Eileen's faith and desire to serve was of paramount importance in her life. She was a member of the O'Leary Baptist Church and was involved with the Women's Missionary Society for several decades. Eileen was also an active member of the Knutsford Women's Institute, and over the years served in many capacities including several years as President.

Even though life was busy on the farm raising a large family, she never shied away from participating in various roles in her church and the Knutsford Women's Institute. Eileen passed away in November, 2021, at the age of 92.

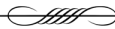




***Thelma Sweet
Knutsford WI
2021***

Thelma Sweet was the daughter of Lorne and Eleanor Betts of Glenwood, PEI. She and her late husband Sam had four children: Amy, Donna, Glen, and Grant. Thelma was Administrator of the O'Leary Services Centre for three decades.

She joined Knutsford WI in 2003 and for several years she served as Treasurer. During this time, major renovations were taking place at the Community Center and Knutsford Women's Institute was the benefactor of Thelma's business expertise. Sadly, Thelma passed away on March 31, 2021.



***Susie Irene (Sweet) Smallman
Knutsford WI
2022***

Susie Irene Smallman was born to Percy and Irene Sweet of Knutsford, PEI on December 25, 1929. She married Herman Smallman on July 21, 1950. Together they operated a very successful farming operation. They had two daughters, Kathy (Stephen) Rogers and Karla (Warren) Maynard, and five grandchildren. Susie sincerely cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren. She enjoyed baking, gardening, cleaning, fashion, and going on shopping trips.

Susie joined the Knutsford Women's Institute in 1959 and served in various positions including President. She was made a Life Member of the WI in 1980. Susie was a member of the O'Leary Baptist Church and the Women's Missionary Society. She also taught Sunday School and Baby Band. Susie was always willing to bake, prepare, and serve food at church and at Knutsford WI functions. Susie passed away on March 3, 2022, at the age of 93.

*Beyond the door, there's peace, I'm sure
And I know there'll be no more tears in heaven.*

Lyrics by: Eric Clapton & Will Jennings



Beverley MacPhail
Argyle Shore WI
2022

The community and WI were deeply saddened to learn of Bev's passing on July 18, 2022. Bev was born on July 31, 1932, the daughter of James and Melinda Beaton of Bonshaw and sister to Eardley Beaton (Ethleen).

She married Cecil K. MacPhail, a war veteran, and moved with him to start her life on the shores of Argyle and raise her family of six children. They had a farm in Argyle Shore and they also farmed with Cecil's brother Fred. Bev and her sister-in-law Edith cooked many a meal for the workers during planting and harvesting time.

They lived in the white farm house on the hill until they sold it and built a beautiful new home just up the road. Bev was the Mom of Trudy Gordon (John-deceased), Granger (Wilma), Debbie, Karen Thomson (Paul), Brian (Corrine) and Greg (Ruth), and a wonderful Nanny to 11 grandchildren who adored and respected her so very much.

Bev was always a devoted member of the Free Church of Scotland in DeSable, PEI, and so loved to hear the sounds of the bagpipes. She travelled with her children but always cherished the feeling of coming home. Her visit to Scotland (which she so loved) was such a special trip. Her descriptions allowed you feel like you were right there with her. She travelled to Florida, Cannon Beach Oregon, California, Bangor and Boston. As well, she did lots of trips within Canada and so loved her visits to her brothers in British Columbia.

Bev joined the Argyle Women's Institute in 1950 and was one of the founding members. Her work throughout the years with the WI helped to build our community to what it is today. She worked tirelessly with bake sales, fashion shows, participated in community concerts, lobster suppers, strawberry socials, community picnics and so much more. Bev loved to share stories of early days in the WI where they went to meetings at someone's home in a snow storm, arriving on horse and sleigh, and shared many memories of the laughs and fun they would have. She felt that the Women's Institute was a safe space to relax, move the community forward, enjoy a lunch with a cup of tea, and where you could spend some time with grown-ups and no kids!

When WI members were asked to provide three words to describe Bev there were too many to name. However, the top one was always "friendly", followed by smiling, great storyteller, family-oriented, loved pop in visits, strong, astute, formidable, loyal friend, hard worker and a most beautiful person. She was one of the women who built the foundation of our Women's Institute in Argyle Shore and it still carries on today. She is so missed in the neighborhood, the community, and in our Women's Institute. However, her legacy carries on.

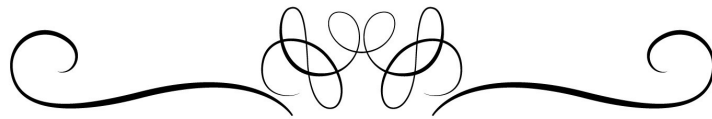
Correction from 2022 Memorial Edition



Jane (née Field) Curry
Lower Montague WI
2020

In last year's Memorial Edition, the late Jane Curry was identified in the block heading as Jane Brewer. Our apologies for this oversight.





*This book is in memory of those who served as
Women's Institute members and passed away in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023*

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Carole MacMillan

Catherine Yeo

Eileen Smallman

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Gladys MacLeod

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Helen Kulba

Janette Higginbotham

Jo-Ann MacPhail

Lois Flett

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