

*This is in memory of
those who served as
Women's Institute Members
and have passed away during
2009 to 2013.*

2009

Bessie Mae Robblee, Fulton, Ingalls

Tryon WI

1914 - 2009



Bessie was born in Maine, USA on February 25, 1914. She later moved to Grand Mannan Island in New Brunswick to live with her aunt and later to PEI where she met her late husband, George Robblee of Tryon. George and Bessie lived on a farm where they raised a family of four. A daughter Burdena (deceased), three sons, Harry (Carol), Wesley (deceased) and Allison (Judy). She was also a loving grandmother of sixteen and great-grandmother of many children.

Bessie was a busy farm wife and a loyal member of the Tryon Baptist Church. She was gifted with a beautiful voice and called upon numerous times, joined by her daughter, to sing on many occasions. She was a faithful and valued member of the Tryon WI for many years and helped support many events in the community.

The members of the Tryon WI miss her cheery disposition and her wonderful hospitality extended to our WI over the years.

*Away in the beautiful hills of God, by the valley of rest so fair,
Someday, we know not when, we will meet our friend up there.*

2010

Laura Marjorie (Johnston) Boswall

Dunstaffnage WI

1921 - 2010



Laura passed away peacefully on November 17, 2010 at Whisperwood Villa in her 90th year. She was born on September 30, 1921 in Rouleau, Saskatchewan, the oldest of four children to Hillard and Janet (Matheson) Johnston. At the age of 10, Laura moved with her family to PEI and settled on a mill/farm in Suffolk where she attended a one room school. At the age of 14, she passed the entrance exams for Prince of Wales College with scholarship marks, she completed her first year at home because she was so young.

Laura worked as a school teacher for two years, and then moved to Halifax to work for the Civil Service. During the war, she joined the air force and was stationed in different areas across Canada. In 1946 she began training to become a registered nurse, which was to be her lifelong career. Upon graduation, she married George Boswall and they raised seven children on their farm in Frenchfort. George's mother "Tillie" and sister "Rob" lived with the family and were a great help raising the children, particularly when Laura returned to nursing in 1961. Her career took her from staff nurse, to nursing instructor, to head nurse, to nursing supervisor and she ended her career as Associate Director of Nursing at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. She was respectfully known as Mrs. Boswall or Mrs. B, and her very presence quietly demanded the respect of fellow nurses and doctors alike. Laura retired a few months before turning 65 to nurse Tillie who was 96 and Rob who was terminally ill. She selflessly looked after them until their passing.

Laura was involved in Dunstaffnage Women's Institute from the early 1950's until she went to Whisperwood Villa in 2007. She held positions of President and Secretary-Treasurer and attended many conventions. Always ready with a helping hand for fundraising etc. She was also involved in Alumni of the PEI Hospital Schools of Nursing, and was a faithful churchgoer. She was an avid gardener and a great support to George and Blackadder Farms. Her door was always open, whether it was to find a bed for someone or a meal for anyone who stopped in. Laura and George enjoyed travelling and those travels included a number of trips overseas. She was always so proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They were always supported and encouraged to be all they could be.

The Laura you saw or met was the true Laura. There was no pretence or getting "dolloed up" to make an impression. It was her character, presence, integrity and strength that spoke clearly to those who met her.

Laura is survived by her husband George, her children Norman (Anne), Kathleen McCaffrey, Jean (Herb) Foster, James (Dianne), Helen (Robert) Verhulp, Guy (Margie), and Marjorie (Brent) Biggar, 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

2011

Esther Elizabeth Bell

Royal Oak WI

1934 - 2011

Esther Elizabeth Bell was born on October 15, 1934 to Elliot and Janie Williams of Beach Point. She was the fifth child in a family of seven. Esther grew up in Beach Point, attending school there through grade 10 and then Prince of Wales College where she received her teaching certificate. Esther was a member of the Beach Point Women's Institute from 1950-1953.

Esther married Craig Bell of White Sands on July 18, 1953. They lived with Craig's parents on the family farm for 6 years. After that time, Craig's parents retired and built a small house next door on the farm property. When she married and moved to White Sands, Esther was a member of the Royal Oak Women's Institute for a number of years. Esther and Craig raised a family of two girls and three boys. Esther helped Craig on the farm and later lobster fished with him for 15 years. She also had many other jobs over the years. She taught school, worked in the fish plant, worked at Northumberland Ferries, and was a dental assistant for her nephew, Dr. Charlie Williams. After the passing of Craig's parents, Esther operated a tourist home called "Mom Bell's" in their house next door.

Throughout her life, Esther was known to be a good cook and baker. She always had all the family, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren over for supper on Sundays. In later life, she was especially known for her carrot cakes. You could always count on Esther to have a carrot cake ready for any benefit fundraiser in the area.

After the death of her husband, Craig, in 2008, she moved to an apartment in Montague. She continued to go to the house in White Sands for short periods of time in the summer and on weekends. Esther suffered a stroke and passed away on October 28, 2011. She will be missed by everyone who had the privilege to have known her.

Marion Emily (MacEachern) Boswall

Dunstaffnage WI

1921 - 2011



On November 6, 2011 family and friends were saddened by the passing of Marion Emily (MacEachern) Boswall. Marion was born in Charlottetown on October 12, 1921 and lived her early life in Mermaid. She married Borden Boswall on April 25, 1945 and moved to Dunstaffnage to a large mixed farm. She was the mother of six children.

Marion was among the women who reorganized the Dunstaffnage Women's Institute in 1945. Over the years she held all executive positions. She received her Life Membership in 1987.

Along with the Women's Institute, Marion was a faithful member of Central United Church where she also held several positions. She was very supportive of agriculture activities and the local 4-H.

Her last twelve years were spent at the Dr. John M. Gillis Memorial Lodge in Eldon where she was loved and respected by all she came in contact with. During that time she attended several Women's Institute meetings with the Eldon WI.

Marion will be remembered for her quiet manner, pleasant smile and quiet laugh.

Laura (MacDonald) Fisher

Eglington-Howe Bay WI

1918 - 2011



November 4, 1918 – March 4, 2011. Laura was the last living member of the late Lucetta & George MacDonald of Howe Bay. She grew up on the family farm, than taught school before moving to Montreal and then Ottawa before returning to PEI in 1945.

She married Alex Fisher in 1946 and raised their family on the farm in Bay Fortune. She loved her family and was an active member in her community as well as her Institute. She received her Life Membership with a number of other members at a big celebration of the branches 70th Anniversary in 1993. She has held many positions, hosted countless meetings and participated in her branch even after moving to Charlottetown as her and her husband's health required. She joined the group to celebrate other Life Memberships being awarded. A number of the ladies went to

Charlottetown to celebrate her 90th birthday and she rarely missed making the trip out home for the June windup meal at a local restaurant.

She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all those who knew her.

Bertha Frizzell

Glen Valley WI

1930 - 2011



In 1983 Bertha was awarded a Life Membership in PEIWI by her Glen Valley branch in honour of her service helping Home and Country. Bertha (Smith), daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Axworthy) Smith, came to Glen Valley as the young bride of Ivan Frizzell.

She became a WI member and willingly helped with all the projects of the branch. In those days emphasis was placed on keeping the local school clean and comfortable for the students. Bertha could be found cleaning windows, scrubbing floors and wielding a paint brush. She served on the school committee that visited schools monthly to provide much needed items.

Being a good cook, she was ever helpful when food was needed for bake sales, ice cream socials and fundraisers. While helping in so many ways she was a loving and hard working mother to a family of eleven children. She could turn her hand to almost anything around home and farm. She was a caring and generous neighbour who opened her home on numerous occasions for meetings. Even after moving to Winsloe, she still remained a helping member and enjoyed meetings in her home.

It is with a feeling of loss and remembrance that we, present and past members wish to have her name added to the memorial book.

Florence Margaret Bertha Lea

Victoria WI

1918 - 2011



When Florence's name is mentioned one reflects back to a dedicated wife and mother, gifted musician, excellent cook, and a highly intelligent person who knew to live life in a joyful way.

Florence, the daughter of John and Lizzie Lord of Victoria PEI, was born and spent her early childhood in Calgary because her father worked on the railway. Following her father's retirement the family first moved to Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia and then to PEI. Florence met a local boy, Allison Lea, and soon was married. Together they operated a very successful dairy farm while raising their two daughters Lillian and Mary. Florence was a trained nurse but she chose to dedicate herself to her other talent-music. For many years she was a much sought after piano teacher remembered for her patience and positive attitude.

Florence and Allison were devoted community workers especially at their local church where Florence was the church organist. They supported the Arts community and all community gatherings. Florence shared her talents with the WI, helping with concerts and baking for suppers and bake sales.

Upon retirement Florence pursued another passion of hers, genealogy, and helped to research and compile her family history "The Lord Family". They were also able to do some travelling to different parts of the world.

Florence and Allison's home was a very welcoming place. Not only did one get served delicious food but they had a wealth of knowledge to share.

Florence lived the values of WI by helping and sharing her talents with everyone. She taught us how to be positive and patient when dealing with projects. Her infectious giggle that could get a whole room laughing was a gift. She was a lady that was easy to love and respect because of the way she taught us to respect each other.

Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing.

Norma E. MacLean

Glen Valley WI

1930 - 2011



August 16, 1930 - September 16, 2011. Norma was one of two daughters of Norman and Emma (Barlow) Matheson. She moved to Glen Valley as the young bride of S. Arthur MacLean. She was the mother of Sharon Johnston and Blair and Hal MacLean. She was the loving and proud mother of six grandchildren.

Norma's cheerful manner made her a friend to all, and she had many friends. Her home was always warm and inviting, and open to all. No one left without a cup of tea. She was hostess to many WI events such as 4-H banquets, pot luck suppers, crokinole parties and various socials. Besides working tirelessly for her WI and district, she was a valuable 4-H Leader who taught many young lassies to sew and knit. She enjoyed her church and could be found helping out with the many activities. She also loved her politics.

Norma was a Life Member of PEIWI and held all offices in her branch and various convenorships at district level. If there was work to be done you were sure to find Norma. She was a compassionate neighbour who could be counted on to make a cheery visit with a treat in hand. She always took time to send a card to those sick or housebound. Her pleasant manner and ability to make things seem better will be sorely missed. She truly was a great friend and neighbour.

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" from Psalm 118.

Nora Elsie Penny

Beach Point WI

1923 - 2011

Nora Elsie Penny was born on December 27, 1923 to Whitten and Viola Herring. She was the fourth child in a family of seven. Nora lived her childhood in Murray Harbour.

On December 1, 1942 Nora married Curtis Penny of Beach Point. Curtis was a fisherman and also did some farming. They raised a family of four, two boys and two girls. Nora helped around the farm and worked for many years at the Keeping and MacKay fish plant. She was a member of the Beach Point Women's Institute from 1949 until it was disbanded in 1954. Nora was one of the women instrumental in starting the Women's Institute up again in 1963. She served a number of terms as President and Vice-President. She continued to be a member until 1975.

After the passing of her husband, Curtis, in 1985 Nora sold her home in Beach Point and moved to the Seniors Home in Murray Harbour. While living at the Seniors Home, Nora and her fellow residents, Clara Jordan and Louise Blue, enjoyed going on outings in Nora's car which had a license plate entitled "Golden Girls".

Nora loved to knit. She knit numerous items for family and friends and she sold many pairs of mitts at Butler's store in Murray Harbour.

When Nora's health started to fail, she moved to Perrin's Marina Villa in Montague and later to the French Creek Lodge in Lower Montague. Nora had a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Nora passed away on July 13, 2011. She will be missed by family and friends.

Zita Frances (Morrissey) Stewart

Dunstaffnage WI

1923 - 2011



Zita Frances (Morrissey) Stewart was born on March 22, 1923 in East Royalty to Wendelin and Frances (MacDonald) Morrissey and was one of eleven children.

She graduated from Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing in May 1944 and worked until 1952. In 1952 she married Allison Stewart and became a stay at home mom to help on their "Stewartdale Farm" and raise her family of four boys and two girls.

Zita was a very kind and gentle lady. She was very involved in her community attending Dunstaffnage WI where she was a Life Member and held many executive positions. She also attended Central United Church and was an active member of the Dunstaffnage Seniors.

She enjoyed playing cards, knitting and crocheting.

Zita passed away on February 3, 2011. We all miss her pleasant manner and sense of humor.

E. Eileen Thompson

Dunstaffnage WI

1923 - 2011



Family, friends and community were saddened to hear of the passing of E. Eileen Thompson on December 23, 2011. Eileen was born in Valleyfield, PEI on December 23, 1923.

She married Wilfred Thompson of Dunstaffnage in 1944 and together they raised four children: David, Donnie, Garth and Gwynne Corrigan.

Eileen played an active and supportive role in both Central United Church and in the establishment of the Dunstaffnage Community Centre. She was a Life Member of both the Women's Institute and United Church Women. She exhibited a tireless energy in accomplishing her goals and her service to church and community was exemplary.

Ethel 'Letha' Vessey

Alpha York WI

1920 - 2011



Letha was born in 1920, the youngest daughter of Herbert and Lettie Horne of South Winsloe, PEI. In 1939, Letha married Louis Vessey of York, the community where they started their married life together. They made their first home on a farm jointly owned by Louis and his brother, Raymond. The two couples lived in harmony until 1946, when Evelyn and Raymond purchased their own farm. Three children were born to Louis and Letha, Shirley (Bev Simpson), Roland (Judy MacLeod) and Lois (David Brown). Louis and Letha were also blessed with seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Letha always took an active role in her community and church. She was a Life Member of the Alpha York WI and a Charter member of the York United Church Women and she also held the office of President for the Provincial Women's

Christian Temperance Union. Letha and Louis were lifetime devoted members of York United Church and were active participants in all church and community related activities. Letha was also a founding member of the York Valiant Seniors and was also actively involved in the East Royalty Seniors.

Letha and Louis worked side by side on their family farm and had a large dairy herd of Holstein cattle. Working together, they also grew fresh garden vegetables, potatoes and raspberries to supply several grocery stores in Charlottetown. They grew 'show' dahlias and together they worked on selecting the very best specimens to enter in the Provincial Exhibition. Letha was also a wonderful cook and exhibited her baking skills at the Provincial Exhibition and took her share of prize ribbons. Letha was an excellent homemaker and seamstress, and her other interests include travelling, family, genealogy, entertaining and playing cards with family and friends.

When they retired from farming, Letha and Louis built a new home and operated a 'Bed and Breakfast' for more than twenty years. Letha loved meeting new people and a testament to her hospitality was that many of those that came her way as strangers, left as special friends. Letha and Louis loved to travel and had treasured memories of the many different countries that they have visited. Their travels broadened their horizons and they made many lifelong friends along the way.

After the death of her husband in 2001, Letha moved to Andrews of Stratford and was very happy residing there. At the age of 87, Letha discovered a hidden talent - watercolour painting. She painted many beautiful works of art, which are treasured by her family. Letha will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Her friendly smile and sense of humor will not soon be forgotten and her wisdom, integrity and love of family will be a part of our lives forever.

2012

Hazel (MacLean) Beer

Clyde River WI

1920 - 2012



Hazel Beer was born in Meadowbank on June 26, 1920 to parents Harry and Jane MacLean. She attended school in Clyde River and later married her school days sweetheart, John Beer. They settled on the farm on the Bannockburn Road in Clyde River known as the Ardmore Farm and here they raised a family of three – Blois, Doreen (Pound) and Vivian. Hazel was a devoted wife and mother, a wonderful cook, and a very kind neighbour. Community and church were high on her list of priorities. Not only was Hazel a charter member of Clyde River WI but interestingly the first meeting was held in her home. She was also a Life Member of the WI, a lifelong member of Clyde River Presbyterian Church and a Life Member of its AMS.

In early years, she taught Sunday School and Mission Band. This pleasant and friendly lady was involved for many years in this service; as such she was given a recognition award. In addition, she spent many hours knitting for the hospital nursery, for missions and for the Canadian Red Cross.

In recent years the “History and Stories of Clyde River” was published and in this effort, Hazel and her many scrapbooks provided a great wealth of information to this effort. Hazel passed away on May 26, 2012. We will miss this gracious lady and her wisdom.

Rita Kathleen Brown

Mt. Mellick WI

1923 - 2012



On October 17, 1923, Rita was born to the late John and Ethel Jenkins, Cherry Valley, PEI, sister to her late siblings Pansy, Elsie, Stewart and Elmer Jenkins.

Rita attended the one-room school of Mt. Mellick. During the second world war, Rita and her first cousin, Marion, both beautiful single red heads, went to Montreal to work in the bomb factory, making missiles. A few years later, Rita met and married the love of her life, Gordon Brown. They were blessed with three children, Donna (John Graves); Gordie Brown (Frances); and Ena (Wayne Gillis). They were also blessed with six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

After the children had grown, Rita studied to become a licensed practical nurse and worked at the Provincial Sanitarium until a back injury forced her retirement from the profession. She was then employed by Holmans of PEI for many years.

Rita was a Life Member of Mt. Mellick Women’s Institute (1990). She was blessed with a kind and caring disposition and was always willing to help. She held many offices over the years and was happy to open her door to meetings any time. Rita had beautiful flower gardens for all to enjoy and was a delicious cook; her scotch cookies were the best!

She attended meetings regularly until her health began to fail. In 2010, she and her husband, Gordon, entered the Dr. John Gillis Lodge, in Eldon, where they were wonderfully attended to. Rita passed away on August 3, 2012. At Rita’s funeral, members of Mt. Mellick WI attended and many were pallbearers.

We will always love and remember Rita.

Dorothy Chandler

Wheatley River WI

1914 - 2012

Wheatley River WI lost a long serving member on April 29, 2012.

Dorothy Chandler was a member of Wheatley River WI for over 75 Years! She served as Secretary/ Treasurer for 40 of those years. She was a willing helper in all of our activities, and very proud of her Life Membership pin.

Until five years ago she attended most of the monthly meetings and fundraisers. She was a member of the Wheatley River Seniors Club 46 and Hunter River Church, she loved playing word games and doing cross-word puzzles, and enjoyed taking part in quizzes the seniors often had as their social activity.

Dorothy loved music! She played the organ in the Wheatley River Church for many years, and played the piano in the Village Hall for Community Functions especially around Christmas time.

She will be sadly missed by her family and friends but the memories are treasured.

Annie Blanche Craig

Victoria WI

1924 - 2012



April 6, 1924 - November 1, 2012. Annie, the daughter of Alexander and Lulu MacLeod, was born in Victoria West. Employment took Annie to Bedeque. While there she met her future husband Ivan Craig. They purchased a farm in Victoria by the Sea and became lifelong members of that community. After Ivan experienced poor health they sold the farm and moved to the village of Victoria where they operated the Post Office and local grocery store. They raised their family of eight children and became involved in their community. Annie was active in WI work for over fifty years and attended regularly until June 2012. Because of her dedication to WI work she was made a Life Member.

Annie was widowed at a young age. Everyone admired her for her courage and determination to carry on the businesses and guide her family alone.

Retirement didn't cause Annie to slow down. She enjoyed travel and made several trips across Canada visiting family. She had many talents but will best be remembered for her knitting. Caps, mitts, slippers, sweaters and baby blankets were always in the making and some of the WI members were lucky enough to get one.

It was her goal to make a large afghan, colour of choice, for each grandchild and she completed all twenty of them.

Besides travelling and knitting, Annie loved eating out, doing puzzles and playing cards. She believed a busy mind was a clear mind.

Annie was a lady of strong values, good judgment in decision making, and very community oriented. She was a very dedicated mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She lived the values of WI upholding the need for health care, education, good morals, strong community co-operation and lots of socializing.

We miss her presence but thank her for what she taught and shared with us.

Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done.

Anne Crockett

Alpha York WI

1917 - 2012



Anne was born in Orwell Cove, PEI, the youngest in the family of Daniel and Amelia MacPherson. She grew up on the land that her 'Isle of Skye' ancestors farmed after arriving on 'The Polly' with the Selkirk Settlers in 1803.

Anne obtained her teacher training at Prince of Wales College then taught in Orwell Cove, Lower Newton, York and Grand Tracadie schools for 32.5 years. After coming to York she met and later married Bill Crockett in 1947. They lived, worked and raised their three daughters (Lenore, Elizabeth, and Janet) on their York farm. Bill passed away in 2003 and Whisperwood Villa became her home in 2004.

Anne was devoted to assisting her students succeed in their studies and she contributed much energy and time to the annual Christmas concert. As a leader of the Red Cross and Allied Youth groups, she helped provide interesting experiences and opportunities for the students. She encouraged her students to get a good night's sleep, eat by the Canadian Food Guide and in winter to take Cod Liver Oil capsules each day.

Throughout her life, she actively participated in the community in a variety of ways. She was a member of York United Church and a Life Member of York United Church Women and Alpha York Women's Institute. Anne enjoyed participating in the plays and concerts produced in York. On two occasions in the 1940's she was selected as the "Best Actress" for the PEI Women's institute Drama Festival.

Being a skilled knitter she made many beautiful items for her family. Her garden produce was freely shared as were meals accompanied by her homemade cranberry juice. She was dedicated to keeping in touch with family and friends from near and far and regularly visited those with sickness or in nursing homes. Feeding the birds, caring for pets, and playing cards were interests that brought her much pleasure.

Clarissa 'Clara' Davol

Tryon WI

1914 - 2012



Clara was born in Bedeque, PEI on December 19, 1914, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Affleck. She was the beloved wife of the late Stephen Davol. Clara was also pre-deceased by one sister and four brothers.

After living in the United States, Clara and Stephen decided to return to PEI and purchased a home in Tryon. Clara joined Tryon WI in 1978 and held the office of Secretary for many years. She loved to open her home for WI meetings and quilting parties. She was very proud of her collection of salt and pepper shakers and spoons, that she collected on her travels.

Clara was a Life Member of the Tryon WI and a former member of the Bedeque WI. She was a great supporter of all projects of the WI.

Clara will be fondly remembered by her family and friends.

*The rolling stream of life goes on, but still the vacant chair,
Reminds us of the face, the smile, of one who once sat there.*

Elizabeth 'Beth' Ellis

Stanhope WI

1920 - 2012



April 22, 1920 - March 23, 2012. Beth was born and spent most of her life in Stanhope. The fifth of eleven children born to James and Isabel MacLauchlan, she quickly learned many practical and domestic life skills which were beneficial to her immediate family and later, to her own family.

After her early education in Stanhope she worked in the community, in Charlottetown and in Toronto. In 1944 Beth married Bruce Ellis in Digby, NS during his wartime navel service. They returned to Stanhope, started a family and opened the local service station. Beth quickly became active in the Stanhope WI and at various times, held all Executive positions. She remained an active member until the Stanhope WI evolved into the committee which wrote and published the community history "Stanhope Sands of Time" which was awarded the Tweedsmuir History

Trophy in 1979. She was a charter member of the Stanhope Historical Society.

Beth was a faithful member of the Stanhope United Church and UCW; was instrumental in organizing and supporting the first North Shore Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack and served on the committee that maintained the old Stanhope Covehead Community Hall. Concurrently, she managed the financial records of the service station and made daily trips to town to pick up auto parts for Bruce. While Beth's community service was substantial, she gave her best to her family. Her home was the center point for her 10 children; 23 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was always aware of and very much interested in all facets of their growth and development whether it was an achievement in education, sport or everyday events. She was a gracious host and the door was always open.

Fortunately, she was able to enjoy her family, her home, her independence and good health until her passing.

Audrey Louise Foy

Tryon WI

1935 - 2012



On April 19, 2012 the Tryon Women's Institute were saddened by the passing of a former member, Audrey Foy of Tryon, PEI. Audrey was born in Campbellton, PEI on September 22, 1935 to her late parents, Annie and Lloyd Thompson.

Audrey was a loving mother of four children, Lorna, David (Kelly), Danny (Pam) and Dennis (deceased). She was a cherished grandmother of three.

Audrey was a member of the Tryon WI for a number of years and a willing worker in the community. She loved to cook, enjoyed music, cards and travelling with her friends.

Audrey was a member of the Tryon United Church and a supporter of all fundraising within the congregation.

We the members of Tryon WI miss her helping hand and her friendship extended to us over the years.

*Today in memory we walk with you, down through the years gone by.
And though unseen we feel you near, forever by our side.*

Mildred Enid Gamble

Crapaud WI

2012



One of Crapaud WI's willing workers was called from this earth November 11, 2012 namely, Mildred Enid Gamble.

Mildred was a long-time member of Crapaud WI and served on various committees. She was a cheerful member and always thinking of ways to help others even though she had so many health problems herself. Millie was a wonderful cook and at many events baked her delicious pies, cakes and cookies. Her raspberry pies were a big hit at the Crapaud Exhibition. Millie worked as a cook in different restaurants.

Millie was a dedicated member of Westmoreland Baptist Church. She faithfully helped look after the Westmoreland Cemetery. The Crapaud WI will plant a tree in her memory. Millie was very devoted to her family and lovingly cared for all. On

February 19, 2009 a wee grandson, Duncan Kevin MacDonald arrived in the Gamble-MacDonald household. Duncan was a wonderful gift to Millie and Glenn and was an inspiration to both.

Helen Elizabeth (Smallman) Hardy

St. Catherines WI

1907 - 2012



Friends and family were saddened to learn of the passing of Helen Elizabeth (Smallman) Hardy on May 15, 2012 at the Whisperwood Villa in Charlottetown at the age of 104. Helen was born in Knutsford in June, 1907. She graduated from the Prince County Hospital School of Nursing as an RN in 1931 and served as a midwife in her home community delivering babies and caring for those mothers and babies. In 1939 she married Frank Hardy and together they had four children; Dr. Roger Hardy, Kanata, Ontario, Hazel (Vincent) MacKenzie, St. Catherines, PEI and Jean (Ernie Gallant) of Cornwall, PEI. A son Lloyd, died in infancy.

Helen moved to Toronto in 1965 continuing her nursing career until she retired at age 65 and then worked in private home care until she was 78. She was an active fitness club member, walked regularly, sang and played piano, wrote poetry and

loved to crochet.

Her involvement with Women's Institute came in later years when she would come home to PEI to visit, often attending meetings, as a guest, with her daughter Hazel and later becoming a member when she officially moved to St. Catherines to reside for a period with her daughter and son-in-law in the MacKenzie Home.

There she continued a very active lifestyle and took great interest in the lives of her six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by family and friends and all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Rosalie Hoteling

Tryon WI

1938 - 2012



October 31, 1938 - February 6, 2012. Rosalie was born in Herrington Cove, NS on October 31, 1938. Shortly after moving to Tryon, she joined the WI and was a great addition to our group. She served as President and was generous with her time, helping with various activities.

Since leaving Tryon, Rosalie and her husband, Ben, lived in Summerside, Winsloe, and Stanhope. She was also a member of the Highfield Women's Institute. Rosalie was a loving wife and devoted mother and grandmother. She has a wonderful personality, and always very thoughtful of others. Her home was always open to family and friends. Her motto was "there is always room for one more".

*Her smiling way and pleasant face are a pleasure to recall.
She had a kind word for each and died beloved by all.*

'Jennie' Margaret (MacCallum) Ling

Oyster Bed Bridge WI

1923 - 2012



Family, friends and neighbours were saddened to learn of the passing of Jennie Ling on February 25, 2012. Jennie was born in Brackley Beach on June 11, 1923 to her parents, Hubert and Katie McCallum. She and her eight siblings enjoyed growing up at the family-run business, MacCallum Hotel, later known as Brackley Beach Lodge.

At age 22 she married a local farmer, Albert Ling, and they were blessed with a family of four boys and four girls. Jennie was a member of Oyster Bed Bridge Women's Institute, often serving as a director and hosting meetings in her home. No stranger to hardship, Jennie lost her son Horace in a highway accident when he was twelve. Just over three years later her husband passed away and a year before her death, Jennie suffered the loss of her eldest daughter. Following the loss of her husband, her strength and determination was very much in evidence as she worked hard to keep her large family together and maintain the family farm. She was forever dedicated to her family and dearly beloved grandchildren. She placed great importance on their spiritual upbringing as well and always made sure they were taken to Sunday school and worship services. Jennie also provided foster care while living on the farm.

With her family grown, Jennie moved to New Haven in 1981, and shortly afterwards she began working in a nursing home. This evolved into her providing care to patients in their own homes. She was a dedicated caregiver, often living in and providing care twenty-four hours a day.

Declining health in 2001 necessitated her moving into the Garden Home where she lived for over ten years. She was much loved by residents and staff alike and received excellent care. Her family and friends miss her greatly but remember her fondly.

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

Kathleen MacDonald

Maple Leaf/Traveller's Rest WI

1927 - 2012



Kay was born in Wood Islands, the daughter of Hector and Roberta Stewart. She has two sisters and two brothers.

Kay married D. Alex MacDonald of Traveler's Rest. Together they were loving parents to eleven children. Kay was a devoted and much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and very dear friend who practiced caring and sensitivity to all.

Kay's opinions were highly respected in Women's Institute. This Life Member promoted a Scottish concert, took a leading role in our Canada Day celebrations, annual picnics, and was instrumental in transporting an immense rock from their property to be used as a cairn for Traveler's Rest Memorial Grounds.

Kay took a leading role in collecting funds for a mammography machine for the Prince County Hospital. Her idea "every female who wore a bra should contribute".

She was a knitter second-to-none, loved the outdoors, animals, flower and vegetable gardening, fishing, hauling wood from her woodlot at Bellevue, and watching her family excel at curling. Dogs were also special to Kay especially Dudley.

Kay was also an enthusiastic curler and competed at most island curling clubs. Her PEI Senior Women's Championship team competed for two consecutive years at Belfast, Maine. We were honoured and blessed to have Kay MacDonald in our Maple Leaf/Traveler's Rest WI and appreciated her fine contribution for "Home and Country".

Mary 'Jane' MacDonald

Sherbrooke WI

1940 - 2012



March 23, 1940 - November 19, 2012

"Until we meet again - Smile, Love, Laugh - and save me one of your best jokes!"

Jane was one of three daughters born to Rodger and Shirley Smith in Scarborough, Ontario.

She met her husband, Clare, in Ontario while she was in nurse's training. Jane was a good story teller and we were entertained with humorous tales of how they met and their life together.

Jane was a trained singer and a devoted member of the Catholic Church. She and her husband farmed and Jane was an RN while raising two children; Janine and Cam. She took great pleasure in her grandchildren: Bethany and Owen.

They moved back and forth between Ontario and PEI, finally settling on PEI. They built a home in Sherbrooke where Jane worked at PCH and joined WI in 2009.

Although she was a member for three short years Jane was active, generous and respected immediately. Her personality was that of a leader and she was an advocate for "the underdog". Jane had many creative ideas, was great "on the computer" and always said "Yes, we can do that" – and made us feel that we could.

Jane, in your memory, we will try not to take ourselves too seriously and remember to laugh while at work!

You will be missed by your sister members, friends and neighbours.

Lois Jean MacEachern

New Haven WI

1933 - 2012



Lois was born in New Haven PEI on November 13, 1933 and lived there all her life until she passed away on August 6, 2012. She was the daughter of Garfield and Mary MacEachern.

Lois joined the New Haven Women's Institute in 1944. Over the years she filled many positions, including Vice President and Card Secretary.

She played a very big part in planning our annual Ceilidh for a number of years. Lois attended most WI Workshops and Annual Conventions.

Although she spent the past few years in a wheel chair, she was always ready to go. She was also a member of the Churchill AMS (Atlantic Mission Society), PEI Angels Chapter of the Red Hat Society, and was a member of the Kingston United Church. Lois will be greatly missed.

N. Heather MacFarlane

Belmont WI

1948 - 2012



August 16, 1948 - November 17, 2012

"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure".

Heather was born in Summerside, daughter of the late Parker and Yvonne MacRae. She was predeceased by her husband Fred MacFarlane in 1993, and is survived by her son Cory and daughter Vanessa.

Following the death of her husband, Heather and her children moved from Belmont to the MacFarlane home in Summerside. She was employed in Summerside for a number of years but due to declining health she was unable to work.

Heather had a passion for music and loved to sing, especially in choirs. She was a member of the Regent Chapter #52 Order of the Eastern Star and attended Summerside Presbyterian Church. She cherished the friendships she made and they had a special place in her heart.

Heather was a Life Member of Belmont WI. She held all Executive positions at the local branch during her time as a member, and was also President of District Area 5A Convention. She was a Director on the Provincial Board where she was Convener of Home Economics and Health. Heather also loved being the Convener of International Affairs and along with her interesting programs she would make food items from recipes native to that country.

We, the members, will miss her presence and treasure her memory.

Clara (MacDonald) MacPhee

New Haven WI

1914 - 2012



Clara (MacDonald) MacPhee was born on October 20, 1914 in Nine Mile Creek, PEI, to parents Sandy and Bertha MacDonald. She moved to Arlington, Massachusetts, at an early age and received her education there. She returned to PEI to marry Richie MacPhee of New Haven in 1934 and on the family farm in New Haven they raised five children.

Clara was a charter member and a Life Member of New Haven WI and a very dedicated member who was always cheerful and ready to take on any workload. She was a faithful member of Churchill Presbyterian Church and also a Sunday school teacher as well as a Life Member of the AMS. Clara loved to sing and shared her talents in the church choir.

Horse racing and raising standardbreds were part of their family life and Clara was a regular and avid fan in attendance at the horse races. She liked to be "on the go" and had a motto – "I'm going to wear out, not rust out". In early years before there was a hall in New Haven, their spacious farm home was opened for many meetings and community showers. Clara and Richie loved company and the teapot was always ready as well as an ample meal or lunch.

Clara will be remembered as a kind and generous lady with class and style who loved people in general and her family in particular. She passed away on March 25, 2012. She is missed but has left a legacy of a great role model and example.

Florence Ethel Murphy

Kelvin Grove WI

1915 - 2012



Ethel was born in Wilmot, she married James Murphy, together they raised two sons, Carl and Donald, and they lived and farmed in Kelvin Grove. She was an active member of Kelvin Grove WI where she served for several years as Treasurer and helped on various committees including cleaning the school and packing boxes for Britain during the war years.

They moved to Kensington in 1950 where her husband was mayor for 6 years, during her life time she was employed with R.T. Holman in Summerside, Kensington Veterinary Clinic, Atlantic Importers and Distributors as well as D.R. Morrison Gift Shop in Summerside. She retired in 1974.

Ethel was active in the Kensington United Church, belonging to various groups, served as leader of C.G.I.T and Sunday school.

She enjoyed playing the piano and organ, working in her flower garden and knitting many afghans and sweaters. With declining health she became a resident of the PEI Atlantic Baptist Home where she passed away on December 5, 2012.

Ethel will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Marjorie L. (Hooper) Rayner

New Annan WI

1920 - 2012



Marjorie passed away peacefully on October 10, 2012 at the Prince County Hospital after a brief battle with cancer. She was one of the oldest residents of New Annan but was very young at heart, pleasant and always active in her community. Marjorie enjoyed good health until June of this year.

Marjorie was the wife of the late Delbert Rayner and they were the owners of Rayner's campground in New Annan where she made many friends. She retired at the age of 80 from the campground. They had a family of 6 children, 16 grandchildren, and 34 great grandchildren. She was very proud of her large family and always kept abreast of what each one of them was doing.

Marjorie joined the New Annan WI in 1943 and was a very dedicated member until her illness. She was active in the North Bedeque UCW and sang in the church choir. Marjorie was an avid knitter and quilter and gave many beautiful knitted articles and quilts to her children and grandchildren. She also entered quilts in rural fairs. She was a quilter at the former Village Craft House in Bedeque for a number of years. Other loves include babies, desserts, her dog "Molly", and travel. She attended many ceilidhs right up until her illness. She drove herself anywhere she wanted to go, day or night and just this summer at age 92 she drove through Montreal on her way to Ottawa to visit family accompanied by her grandson. When she got behind a slow driver she was heard to say "Must be some old lady".

Marjorie is sadly missed by her sister members of the New Annan Women's Institute as well as by her loving family.

When a loved one becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure.

Barbara Reid

Earnscliffe WI

1950 - 2012



Barbara Reid was born on July 18, 1950 in Montague, PEI. She had one brother and two sisters. Barb married Barry Reid and had one daughter Sydney, one son Ross and one grandson.

Barb taught at Holland College and she was a valued member of the Earnscliffe Women's Institute for over 20 years. Barb passed away on September 18, 2012 after a very short illness.

We all mourn her loss.

*In our hearts a memory is kept.
For a friend we respect and will never forget.*

Anne M. Stewart

Crapaud WI

2012



The Crapaud WI was saddened to lose one of its most enthusiastic and active members, Anne M. Stewart on July 8, 2012.

Anne fought a brave battle against cancer and never gave up her optimism to win the battle. However, that was not to be. Anne conducted a day-care in her home for many years, caring for infants and pre-school children. She made life-long friendships with her little ones over the years.

Anne was very proud of her family and spoke glowingly of her loved ones. She, herself came from the very gifted musical family of Myers. Her niece, Meghan Blanchard is well-known entertainer. Anne was a singer and performer locally at events.

We miss Anne at our meetings because of her out-going personality. She held the office of Vice-President and worked on all committees, especially the exhibition. Our WI will be planting a tree on the Crapaud Exhibition grounds in memory of Anne. So when we walk across the Exhibition grounds to see Anne's tree, we will remember her smiling face and cheerful greeting.

'Muriel' Helena Blanche Thompson

Sherbrooke WI

1915 - 2012



"Think of all the happy memories I've left behind now that my time on Earth is done."

Born in Sherbrooke to Leonard and Eva Pickering, Muriel was one of six daughters. She was raised and attended school there.

She and her husband Earl farmed on Muriel's family homestead in Sherbrooke and she worked at Sinclair and Stewart as well. They had three children; Ethel, Bill, and Earl Thane (deceased in infancy). The family grew to include eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Muriel joined Sherbrooke WI in 1952 and remained a member for 60 years, receiving her Life Membership pin in 1981 and later on a 50 year service certificate. She was friendly, helpful and welcoming. Her beautiful home was opened to many WI meetings and community gatherings.

Although Muriel lost her hearing she enjoyed WI and was a faithful parishioner of Trinity United Church. She would read lips, the minutes, correspondence, bulletins, plus write and receive notes to communicate and keep informed. In 1996 Muriel gifted a kettle to Sherbrooke WI and it's been used to make tea at most meetings since. Muriel had a great sense of humor and caring nature.

We, her friends, family and sister WI Members remember Muriel with many happy memories.

Terrie Grace Tremere

Hunter River WI

1950 - 2012



December 10, 1950 - September 2012. Friends, relatives and members of Hunter River WI were deeply saddened on September 17, 2012 to learn of the passing of Terrie.

Terrie was born on December 10, 1950, daughter of Douglas and Mary Smith of Charlottetown. Terrie met and married Stuart Tremere of Hunter River, where they lived and raised their family of two daughters and a son (deceased).

Terrie was a very active member of her community and church. The many hours she committed to the community were endless. She was a Life Member of the Hunter River WI and Central Queens United Church Women.

Terrie always put others before herself and had a passion for life and community. Terrie will be missed and fondly remembered by her WI friends and her family.

Heather Dawn (Mills) Toombs

Avonlea WI

1948 - 2012



February 22, 1948 - July 3, 2012. It was with great sorrow and sadness that Avonlea WI members learned that Heather, President of our WI had passed away in the hospital, after a two-month battle from a debilitating stroke.

She was born in February 1948, to Ethel (Hill) and Roy Mills of Charlottetown. She attended Prince of Whales College, taking Secretarial Studies, and worked briefly at Canada Life Financial.

In June 1969, Heather married Ronald Toombs, a North Rustico farmer, and became the loving mother of Darren, Kimberly, Kendall, and Natalie, and a grandmother to seven beloved grandchildren. Heather dedicated her life to her family and her community. She worked sacrificially to ensure the success of their farming business and their Orchard View Cottage business. She welcomed everyone who came to her door, whether they were family, friends, or strangers. She was known for her servant heart, putting others first. She was also a faithful visitor to sick and shut-ins in the hospital and nursing homes.

Heather had a great sense of humor that could rise above every circumstance.

She is sadly missed in our WI, in the Cavendish United Church, in U.C.W and in the wider community.

Heather was kind, generous, fun loving, always cheerful, and so very willing to do any task that had to be done.

She will be forever remembered with love by all who knew her.

Lilian Gertrude (Sanderson) Wood

Alexandra WI

1921 - 2012



The death of Lilian Gertrude (Sanderson) Wood, age 90, occurred on January 2, 2012 at Beach Grove Home. She was the devoted wife of the late Milton Wood, loving mother of 6 children, 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Milton and Lilian moved to Alexandra from Vernon River in the late 1940's. They quickly became involved in the life of the community and made many lasting friendships. Church, family and school were always the important things in the Wood household.

Lilian became a member of the Alexandra WI in 1948. She served on many committees: School Committee (looking after all the supplies), Sick Committee, and attended to the Cod Liver Oil supply for the district. She willingly helped with supper, bake sales, cleaning of the school and helped with the publishing of the first Alexandra History Book.

As quoted from Lilian's Life Membership presentation: "Lilian has always been a cheerful and very helpful worker. Her winning personality makes it an honour to have her as one of our group."

Lilian always did for others first; in the community and in her church community, her love for family and friends will always be sadly missed and always remembered.

Marion Frances (Easter) Younker

North River WI

1941 - 2012



Marion was born in Hampshire on November 28, 1941. She was the middle of nine children for Frank and Beth (Holmes) Easter. Marion kept a close bond with her brother and sisters all her life.

She attended Hampshire school and then attended Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown where she obtained her teaching license. She taught in several of our Island schools.

In 1972 Marion married Lloyd Younker and moved to the farm on the Jewell Road, where they lived for the next forty years. Marion and Lloyd raised four children, Shannon, Richard, Brian, and Kendall. She was very proud of her four granddaughters Laura and Julia Davison and Riley and Brooklyn Younker, she enjoyed going to their sports activities to cheer them on.

Marion joined the North River Women's Institute in 1993, she was Secretary, Convener, etc., and was always willing to do her share and more.

She enjoyed a game of cards and graciously took her turn making sweets for the community card games. Marion had a strong faith being steadfast member of Hampshire United Church and later Kingston U.C.W.

She kept a large vegetable garden and many beautiful flower beds - she enjoyed a good debate, as her 'book club members' would agree.

Marion was a strong presence in many lives and will be dearly missed.

Erna Constance (Coles) Younker

North River WI

1918 - 2012



Erna was the second youngest of five children of Blanche (Ferguson) and Ernest Coles. She attended North Milton School and obtained her teaching license from Prince of Wales College. She taught in several schools in the area. She married Earl Younker in 1956 and lived her married life at 'Younkercraft Farm' in Warren Grove.

Erna was a Life Member of the North River Women's Institute, she was a member of WI for 68 years. She very capably took part in holding all offices, presenting programs. She was always her best when she and other members could perform a skit for enjoyment of all.

She excelled in quilt making and won several prizes in the 'Hand Craft Section' during Old Home Week. She enjoyed knitting and a good game of cards. She maintained a large vegetable garden and prize winning flower garden, which she so generously shared.

Erna was very dedicated to her family, community, and in early years was a most knowledgeable Sunday School Teacher at St. Johns Anglican Church in Milton. Later with Earl she faithfully attended Hampshire United Church with amalgamation of Central Queens United Church. Erna's faith in God shone in all her activities.

She enjoyed life and made life more enjoyable for others with her kindness and sunny disposition - she will be greatly missed.

Remembering you on this day, comforted by so many memories.

2013

Lettie Madeline (Carrier) Frizzell

Marshfield WI

1916 - 2013



Lettie Frizzell was born on July 30, 1916 in China Point, Queens County, PEI. Her ancestors in that community go back to the early days of settlement in PEI when the Irving's and Atkins arrived in the Montague area and the Musick and Carrier families arrived and lived in Lot 50 in Gallas Point and Earnscliffe areas.

As a young girl Lettie loved to sing and remembered singing duets with Hazel Ings who lived down the road in Earnscliffe. They sang at Christmas concerts, school closings and other concerts in the community. On June 15, 1932 Lettie married Leigh Emerson Frizzell, then of Belfast, and lived in that area until moving to Marshfield in 1936 when they purchased a farm on the Jenkins Road.

Two children were born, a son Charles and a daughter Iris followed by grandchildren and great grandchildren. While living in Marshfield, Lettie participated in all community activities relating to Central United Church where she was a member of the choir and WMS, and later the UCW, Marshfield school activities and Women's Institute. She was a member of WI for many years and held the position of President in 1947-1948 and 1959-1960 and served on many committees.

She was an ardent card player and rarely missed the weekly card parties held at Marshfield Hall. In 1965, Leigh and Lettie sold their farm and moved to Charlottetown. Lettie was recognized for her work and dedication to WI by being presented with a Life Membership pin in the Marshfield Women's Institute prior to leaving the community.

We treasure the memories and keep them forever in our heart.

Helen M. MacLean

Glen Valley WI

1927 - 2013



July 28, 1927 - January 12, 2013. Helen MacLean was born to William and Blanche (Taylor) Pound in a large family of fourteen children. She married Alton MacLean and moved to Glen Valley as a young bride. She soon became a WI member and held every office in her branch. She was a cheerful and tireless worker on all projects. There was no job she couldn't tackle and achieve. Besides working at home and on the farm, she worked as a cook in the tourist industry for many years.

For Helen, family came first. She was a mother of three daughters and three sons. She was especially proud of her grandchildren. She could be found at hockey rinks and other activities, first with children and then her grandchildren. She was also a great-grandmother.

Helen was an excellent cook who was very helpful in providing goodies for bake sales or an ill friend or neighbour. She will be remembered for her sense of humor and her jest for life. She was a compassionate friend when there was trouble. She lived life to the fullest and believed the following:

*"To everything there is a season,
And a time to every purpose
Under the Heavens"
Ecclesiastes 3:1*



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