
Amy Beatrice (née Adams) Bryanton
Spring Valley WI
2018

There passed away peacefully at MacLeod Care, Clinton View Lodge on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 of Amy B. Bryanton, formerly of Spring Valley, aged 104 years.

Amy was born in Spring Valley on January 29, 1914, daughter of the late Milford and Mary Jane (née Caseley) Adams. Amy grew up in Spring Valley, married Wilbur Bryanton, and resided in Spring Valley where they raised one son, Wendell (deceased).

Amy found time to join the Spring Valley WI for a few years, and worked on several committees. If Amy wasn't a member, she always supported community projects.

Amy spent the last few years in manors and nursing homes.

Amy is missed by all members of WI, community members, relatives, and friends.

We all miss you, Amy, and what a wonderful life you had for 104 years.



Brenda (née Matthews) Henderson
Freeland WI
2018

Brenda Lue passed away peacefully at the Stewart Memorial Home in Tyne Valley on August 31, 2018 at the age of 77 after a lengthy bout with Alzheimer's Disease.

Brenda was born in Puisville on November 21, 1940, the daughter of the late Lowell and Olive Louise (née Keefe) Matthews. She married George Henderson in 1960. They had three children, Robert, Holly, and Jason; four grandchildren, Chantel, Dr. Sara,

Mikaela, and Joshua; and one great-grandchild, Olivia.

Brenda's profession was of an Office Administer holding various positions over the years with the Ellerslie Fisheries Station, Department of Veterans Affairs and operating Henderson's Cottage rentals.

Brenda was an active community person participating and volunteering with the Ellerslie Tyne Valley Community School, Tyne Valley Oyster Festival, Freeland Presbyterian Church and Ladies Aide. She became a member of the Freeland WI in 1965 where she served in all executive positions a number of times over the years.

A private lady by nature, she enjoyed maintaining the family home, cross country skiing, nature walks, arts and crafts, gardening and riding horses.

Brenda will be missed by her family, friends and the community.



Brenda Jean (née Pidgeon) Montgomery
Coronation WI
2017

May 19, 1944 – September 8, 2017

Brenda (née Pidgeon) Montgomery was born in Spring Brook May 19, 1944, daughter of Archibald and Etta Pidgeon. Brenda married Robert Montgomery August 12, 1964. They raised seven children, had sixteen grandchildren, and two great grandchildren whom she adored.

Brenda joined Spring Brook WI and Coronation WI as a young mother in the 1960s. She held the WI offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer several times over the years. She received her Life Membership in 1987.

Brenda was also a member of St. Thomas Anglican Church and St. Thomas Anglican Church Women.

She was an active leader of the French River 4H.

Brenda had a gentle personality and a warm smile. She worked at the New London Community Complex and the Anne of Green Gables Museum in Park Corner as she loved to cook and was an excellent baker. She managed and cooked many meals for her husband and son's business, Hunter's Chance in French River.

She enjoyed travelling, especially to Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee.

Brenda was a major player in initiating projects and activities in the community. She received the "Volunteer of the Year" award from the Kensington Area Recreation Association.

She was kind hearted and always willing to reach out to others.

Brenda passed away on September 8, 2017.

Brenda is truly missed by all who knew her.

*"It's hard to forget someone
who gave you so much
to remember."*

Donna Lynn Chase
Spring Valley WI
2018

Peacefully surrounded by family and friends at the Prince County Hospital, Summerside on Friday, November 2, 2018 of Donna Lynn Chase of Lower Darnley Road, Kensington.

Donna was born in Ontario on September 23, 1959, daughter of the late George and Joyce (née Truesdale).

Donna was willing to help others in any way she could. She was the mother of three children, whom she cared for with love.

After moving to Prince Edward Island, she lived for a few years near Spring Valley where she joined the Spring Valley WI, helping out with projects that WI was supporting.

Donna made many friends on PEI, and thanks goes out to her for her generous support in the community.

Donna is greatly missed by her wide circle of friends.



Dorothy E. (née Ford) Simpson
Sterling WI
2018

Dorothy E. Simpson was born in Ebenezer September 5, 1934, daughter of the late George and Irene (née MacInnis) Ford. She married David Simpson of Bayview, and they brought their children - Cheryl, Paul, Scott, Owen and Kirk – up on their farm there, and later on their farm in Stanley Bridge. Dorothy ran a cottage business for many years and loved meeting people from other places. She stayed on at the farm in Stanley Bridge after her husband passed away, moving to Beach Grove Home in Charlottetown for the last two years of her life.

Some of Dorothy's favourite things were cooking and baking for anyone who needed it, visiting friends, going for a walk, picking berries or digging clams, volunteering in her community, spending time helping out with the Sterling Women's Institute, and always preparing the best biscuits for many community events. She was a loyal WI member, and received her Life Membership with the PEI Women's Institute on November 22, 1995.

Her most cherished time was spent with her family, caring for her husband, David, and putting on a meal for her children and grandchildren. She spent a lot of her time going to her grandchildren's hockey games, Christmas concerts, 4-H speeches, figure skating shows and piano recitals, or just visiting with them at her home. Her door was always open.

Dorothy passed away, surrounded by her family, on Wednesday December 12, 2018.

She will be greatly missed by her community, family, friends, and Institute sisters.



Eleanor Sarah (née Willis) Kitson
North River WI
2018

Eleanor Sarah Willis was born in Kingston, PEI on October 21, 1919 and passed away on February 21, 2018. She was the daughter of Bertram and Sarah Willis. She attended Kingston School, at the age of 17 years, she went to work for her Uncle Charles Willis.

Eleanor married Norris Kitson and they raised a family of five children, Marlene, Glenda, Della, Roger, and Paulette.

Eleanor and Norris made their home in Warren Grove before moving to Charlottetown.

Eleanor was Manager-Partner in their Trucking Company, spending many hours in the office. She received several awards from the Trucking Association.

She joined the North River Women's Institute in December 1940, and was a member for 78 years. She hosted many WI meetings as well as doing quilting for WI at her home. Eleanor held the office of Treasurer for our WI as well as served in other positions. A Life Member of North River WI, she was always a willing worker and made a point of attending meetings. Eleanor enjoyed taking a bus trip with our WI to view the quilts, etc. in the United States.

The Kitsons attended Spring Park United Church where Eleanor held several offices in the Church Family: Clerk of Session, Honour Elder, Life Member of United Church Women. Eleanor served as President of the Provincial Women's Liberal Association, as well as Secretary over the years. She took an active part in the Rose Society serving as Secretary; she received many prizes for her roses!

Eleanor will be fondly remembered by her family and WI friends.

*“There are some
who bring a light
so great into the world
that even after they have gone,
their light remains.”*



Empress (née MacNevin) MacDowell
Knutsford WI
2018

The members of Knutsford WI were deeply saddened and filled with a great sense of loss when on January 5, 2018, they learned of the death of a truly remarkable lady in the person of Empress MacDowell.

Empress was born on September 6, 1919 to Jack and Lucy MacNevin of Milo, Prince Edward Island. Empress is survived by three daughters, 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and 17 great-great grandchildren. Empress was the proud matriarch of six families of five generations.

At age 16 she married Roy MacDowell and moved to the nearby community of Knutsford. Over the following years she was a caring friend, a kind neighbour, and a hardworking farm wife – devoted to her husband and three daughters.

After retiring from farming, Empress and Roy took on another role as supervisors of a local community inclusions facility where they were loved and respected by all. When, because of ill health, it became necessary for Roy to enter the Margaret Stewart Ellis Long Term Care Facility in O’Leary, Empress was his loving, helpful, and constant companion. Following his death, Empress continued to volunteer her time, enhancing the lives of residents by doing anything she could to help and by bringing a daily ray of sunshine to the facility. Over the years, she volunteered up to 120 hours a month.

Empress’ many hours of volunteer service were recognized nationally when in 2014, she was the recipient of the Governor General’s Caring Canadian Award, which was personally presented to her by His Excellency Governor General David Johnston at a ceremony in Charlottetown.

Well after her 98th birthday, she continued to volunteer at the Margaret Stewart Ellis Long Term Care Facility, helping to decorate for Christmas in December of 2017. She continued to be an active and supportive member of the Knutsford WI, attending the November meeting, and just weeks before her death, she attended the Knutsford WI Annual Christmas Concert at the Knutsford Community Centre.

Empress was a longtime member of the O’Leary United Church, rarely missing a Sunday service or church function. For many years, she offered transportation to other ladies who no longer drove their cars.

Empress’ contribution to the Knutsford WI was immeasurable. A Life Member, she rarely missed a meeting – often having perfect annual attendance and always bringing wit and humour to the meetings. She worked on committees, hosted meetings, and generously donated her knitting, sewing, quilting, and cooking skills to the many causes of the Women’s Institute. She truly personified the motto of “For Home and Country”.

“Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise.”



Geneva Jane (née White) King
Dock WI
2017

The death of Geneva Jane King of Woodstock and formerly of Alberton, PEI occurred on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at the Upper River Valley Hospital in New Brunswick. Born March 24, 1932 in Greenfield, NB, she was the daughter of the late Beverley and Florence (née Girouard) White. She was predeceased by one brother, Garfield “Bud” White, and one sister-in-law, Mona White.

Prior to her marriage, to Don King in 1953, Geneva taught school in various places in the Centreville area. After marriage, Geneva and her husband Don (who was involved in the field of education) moved to Campbellton, Bathurst, and then to Kenya for five years. During her time in Kenya, she became aware of the many challenging issues facing families in that part of the world. She joined the East Africa Women’s League to aid with the needs of families there. From Kenya, Geneva and Don moved to Iqaluit (then Frobisher Bay) for four years where Geneva was the town’s public librarian. They then moved to Alberton where Geneva was very involved with UNICEF and Women’s Institute, serving in various capacities with each service group.

Geneva held the Associated Country Women of the World in high regard. This worldwide organization of three million women in 70 countries, in part promotes and works for world peace. Geneva was a dedicated member of the now disbanded Dock WI, holding offices of Convener, President at Branch, District, and international levels. She was the provincial President of the PEI Women’s Institute from 1987-1989, and served on the National FWIC Board. In recent years, Geneva held membership with the Knutsford WI. She gave much to WI at all levels.

She was elected to the United Nations Standing Committee of ACWW in Kansas City in 1989 and was reelected at The Hague for three more years in 1992. Geneva served two terms on the PEI Status of Women Board, PEI Council of the Arts, Arts Funding Board, Theatre PEI Board, Red Cross Youth Committee, and UNICEF Committee. She was a Canadian delegate to the United Nations for NGO members. While Geneva served on the United Nations Committee, she had many speaking engagements in the United Kingdom. Geneva recently received the Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II’s accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. The Diamond Jubilee Medal was a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country. At the same time, this commemorative medal served to honour significant contributions and achievements of Canadians.

Geneva is survived by her husband, C. Donald King; six children, Reginald (Ruby) King, Veronica (Larry) Harley, Michael King, Joseph (Linda) King, David King, and Charles King; five grandchildren, Michelle King, Melissa King, Jacquelyn King (Brian Stenyk), Stephanie King, and Marcel King; two great-grandchildren, Lexie and Ficher; one brother, Gilbert “Gib” White; sister-in-law, Sadie White; special friend, Jan MacDonald; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.



Georgie Affleck
Bedeque WI
2018

Georgie was born and raised in Bedeque. She trained as a school teacher and spent many years in the profession, beginning her career in a one room school in Traveler's Rest before moving to Central Bedeque and finally Elm Street School in Summerside. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association.

She first joined the Bedeque Branch of Women's Institute in 1960, holding the position of Secretary from 1961-1963, Treasurer from 1964-1966 and then Vice President in 1973. During these years she was a very active member of the group. In 1974, she moved to Summerside and it was only when she retired that she again joined the Bedeque branch in 2003. She was a Life Member of the Institute.

Over the years she was involved in many activities including playing hockey and coaching girls hockey at the arena in Bedeque. She was a long time member of the Bedeque United Church having held various positions over the years including that of an Elder and also a Trustee. She was a member of the choir and a Life Member of the United Church Women Unit IV. She was involved in many fund raising activities for the Church.

She leaves behind two children and four grandchildren.

It was with sadness that the news of Georgie's passing on April 25, 2018 was received by the members of the Bedeque Women's Institute.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



Janet Margaret (née Tessymam) Miller
Dunstaffnage WI
2017

Janet Margaret (née Tesseymam) Miller was born in London, England and educated in Leeds, Yorkshire, England. In 1955, she moved with her family to Toronto, Ontario, where she was employed in retail.

In 1970, she married Glen Miller and moved to the homestead in Frenchfort. She was the mother of two sons and a grandmother of three.

In 1971, Janet became a member of the Dunstaffnage WI and since then held executive offices several times. She assisted in organizing District 10B Conventions and faithfully attended many workshops and conventions.

Janet was an active community volunteer. She was a volunteer at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, a member of the Hillsborough River Association, and a member of the Hospital Auxiliary for over 20 years. She was an active member of St. Columbia Presbyterian Church. Even with this busy schedule she still found time to enjoy bowling, knitting, redecorating her century home and entertaining her grandchildren.

Janet passed away at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on November 12, 2017.



Jessie Margaret Lenore (née Stewart) Downe
Kilmuir WI
2018

Jessie was born at home in Kilmuir on February 20, 1929 to Daniel and Elizabeth (née Blackett) Stewart. She was the youngest of eight siblings, Frances, Mae, Harry, George, Alfred, Annie, and Jean. Jessie married Russell Downe, a WWII veteran from Charlottetown, where they raised their three daughters, Paula, Valerie, and Roma Lee. Jessie was the proud grandmother to ten grandchildren, and great-grandmother to 20 great-grandchildren.

Jessie attended Women's Institute meetings with her mother in Kilmuir, and later years, joined her home Institute in Kilmuir. She loved keeping in touch with her childhood friends and her early roots. She also enjoyed hosting Institute meetings at her home in Charlottetown. Members enjoyed the annual visit to Jessie's home where great lunches were served while memories and the latest news from her early home community were shared. Family time was very important to Jessie. She was a wonderful homemaker, loving wife, and mother. She kept in touch with and had great interest in the lives and happenings of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as other relatives. She was a very special aunt, sister, daughter, and friend to those who were related to her or who were blessed to be her friend.

Jessie was very active in her church. She was a faithful member of the Trinity United Church where she attended regularly, baked and cooked for church functions, and played an active role in the work of the church.

Our world was a better place because she was in it! She enjoyed family get-togethers, which often included music, especially Uncle Russell singing and playing guitar, food, and sharing of stories. Jessie had a wonderful sense of humour, and she blessed her company with her beautiful smile and great sense of fun. She loved to laugh and carry on – much to the delight of those in her company.

In remembering Jessie, we recall a woman full of strength and goodness. She had a tremendous sense of style and grace. We remember things about her that cause us to miss her presence like the shared smiles, the warm hugs, and the laughter. Her generosity, her compassion, and her kindness are remembered, as is her lively and feisty spirit.

Jessie passed away on November 12, 2018.

***“She became for me an island of light, fun and wisdom where I could
run with my discoveries and torments and hopes at any
time of day and find welcome.”***

- Mary Sarton



Joan G. (née MacLeod) MacMillan
Wood Islands WI
2018

The community of Wood Islands joined with friends and family in sadness at the death of Joan MacMillan on August 6th, 2018, at age 77. Joan was born in Wood Islands and attended school in Point Prim. She was the daughter of the late Hector and Janetta (née Jardine) MacLeod. Pre-deceased by her first husband Alexander (Sandy) Stewart, she is survived by her loving husband Alan MacMillan and devoted children, step-children, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

For many years, Joan was a member of the Wood Islands chapter of the Women's Institute (joined in 1965) and she served as President until her death. She received a Lifetime Member award for her service to the WI in September 2004. Despite many years of compromised health, she faithfully contributed to the wellbeing of the Wood Islands community in numerous ways. She was a member of the Wood Islands Community Presbyterian Church, and canvassed for the Cancer Society and the Heart & Stroke Foundation for many years.

She has been laid to rest in the Wood Islands Cemetery among her family and community members, and will be greatly missed.

L. Irene (née Brennan) Adams
Sea View WI
2018

At MacLeod Care, Clinton View Lodge on Thursday, April 26, 2018 of Irene Adams, formerly of Kensington, aged 89 years.

Irene was born in Spring Valley on October 6, 1928 to Michael and Marion (née Connick) Brennan.

Irene met and married John Adams of Sea View, where they resided. Irene and John had two children; Earl and Lena.

Irene joined the Sea View WI for a few years, helping to work for her community in any way she could. In later years, Irene had to go to manors and nursing homes, and finally to MacLeod's Care, Clinton View Lodge.

Irene was a very happy, joyful person, and we will all miss her very much.

Goodbye, Irene.

... Until We Meet Again

*Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile.*

*If only I could have you back
for just a little while.*

*Then we could sit and talk again
just like we used to do.*

*You always meant so very much,
and always will so too.*

*The fact that you're no longer here
will always cause me pain,
but you're forever in my heart
until we meet again.*



Luella Maude (née Clark) Jenkins
Brackley WI
2018

Luella was born in Winsloe North on April 14, 1943 to Earl and Margaret Clark. She moved to Brackley at the age of 6, attended the two-room school house, and attended Union Commercial College where she graduated in stenography.

Luella met Donald Jenkins at an early age and married him on December 1, 1962. They had three daughters, Barbara, Frances, and Pamela. They had five grandchildren.

Luella was noted for volunteering in many aspects of the community. She was a member of the Brackley church choir and superintendent of the Sunday School. Luella was a dedicated Life Member of the Brackley WI, following in her mother, Margaret's, footsteps. Margaret was one of the founding members of the Brackley WI. Luella held the position of President and Secretary of the Brackley WI.

Luella was always smiling, fun loving, and a kind, caring, energetic and dependable person who even with her medical afflictions always did her share for the church and WI. You could find her working in the kitchen at all events and was always involved in Roadside Cleanup.

Luella is missed by all members of the Brackley WI and by her family and friends in our community.



Mabel Elizabeth (née Taylor) Gallant
Mermaid WI
2018

We were saddened to say goodbye to a loyal and faithful member of Mermaid WI on April 20, 2018. Mabel graduated from Prince of Wales College and served in the military. After working at Michael Brothers, she became an entrepreneur, running a number of businesses such as MJM Catering, a security firm, and canteens at local carnivals in the Maritimes.

She married Charlie Gallant and they raised seven children, D'Arcy, Bobby, Skot, Alex, Nita, Dela, and Matthew (deceased).

She was a valued Life Member of our Institute, serving two terms as President, and one term on the Provincial Board. If we ever needed a helping hand, Mabel was the first to volunteer. She was available for many years as the chair of the Welcome, Sick, and Visiting Committee, while organizing the Roadside Cleanups, and participating in many convenerships.

She was ever the organizer, an excellent fund raiser, and a caring and generous person for all members of society. In addition to her community work, Mabel volunteered with the Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, the Charlottetown Legion, and was a committed member of St. James Presbyterian Church where she organized the annual lobster dinner.

We will miss her hearty laugh, her ability to see the big picture, and her straightforward ability to get things done.

Rest in Peace, Mabel.



Myrtle MacNevin
Canoe Cove WI
2018

Myrtle was born at the family farm in St. Catherines, the oldest of four children. Her mother died when Myrtle was eight years old, and from then on Myrtle became an adult. She would stand on a stool to make bread and cook meals. Since they lived beside the school she could run home at lunchtime to check on the bread and take care of things in the kitchen. When her father remarried, Myrtle went to Charlottetown and found employment in the dietary department of the Prince Edward Hospital. While working as a home-helper for families in the South Shore area, she met a young farmer, Charles MacNevin. They courted and were married in the manse of the Clyde River Presbyterian Church. They had three daughters and one son.

Myrtle and Charles lived with Charles' parents on their farm in Canoe Cove where she took care of the old folks until they passed away. After their deaths, one of her daughters recalls, "Mom and Dad were like newlyweds!" No longer homebound, they could socialize, go to dances, and whiz around the ice on skates like teenagers.

A wonderful hostess, Myrtle cooked all the meals on her big McClary woodstove. She helped Charles with every-thing on the farm, yet she always looked like a million dollars. When anything was going on at the school or church, Myrtle could be called upon to make the best cookies or squares.

A Life Member of the Canoe Cove Women's Institute, Myrtle is fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Norma Elaine Dickieson
Canoe Cove WI
2018

Norma Elaine Dickieson passed on September 13, 2018 at the age of 65. Formerly of New Glasgow, she was the daughter of the late Leith and Phyllis Dickieson. Norma is survived by her brothers Ian (Janet Lester) and Kevin (Danielle Bedard). She had a special place in her heart for her nieces, nephews, grandnephews, and grandniece. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Janet.

Her daily challenges with Myotonic Dystrophy did not stop her from making the most of any day. Norma's determination to go forward every day was an inspiration to everyone she met.

Norma grew up in New Glasgow, and spent her life involved in the community. She was a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the New Glasgow Christian Church.

Following in her mother's footsteps, she joined the New Glasgow WI in 2001. Norma served on various committees throughout her membership, including holding office of Vice-President.

Community-minded, Norma was always willing to help at church, community, or WI events.

Norma will be missed by her WI family.



Her Journey's Just Begun

*Don't think of her as gone away -
her journey has just begun.*

*Life holds many facets,
the earth is only one.*

*Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears,
in a place of warmth and comfort,
where there are no days or years.*

*Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.*

*And think of her as living,
in the hearts of those she touched.*

*For nothing is ever lost -
and she was loved so much.*



Olive Irene (née Buchanan) Andrews
Ebenezer WI
2018

Olive was born on October 8, 1947, the daughter of Laura (née Hill) and Elmer Buchanan. She had two sisters, Reta and Judy, and one brother, Roger. They lived in Charlottetown where Olive attended Spring Park Elementary School and Queen Charlotte High School. Later, she worked at Costello's General Store.

When Olive married Wayne Andrews in November 1981, she moved to Ebenezer where they lived and farmed. They had one daughter, Jennifer. Olive was a devoted wife and mother who loved all children, treating each one as her own.

She soon became a member of the Ebenezer WI, and her door was always open to host WI meetings. She was an excellent community speaker who was always willing to share her talents and Christian love with her family, neighbours, and friends. She was given a Life Membership by her sister members of the Ebenezer WI.

One of Olive's loves was to play Scrabble when she got a computer. She played Scrabble with many people in many places, and made many lifelong friends.

During the past few years, due to poor health, Olive was unable to attend meetings, and her cheerful disposition and big heart were missed by all. The Ebenezer WI family cherishes the memories of many happy times, and misses her greatly.

Patricia I. (née MacDonald) Brennan
Spring Valley WI
2018

Peacefully surrounded by her family at the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, on Friday, September 21, 2018 of Patricia Brennan, aged 84, of MacLeod's Care, Clinton View Lodge, and formerly of Kensington. Patricia was born in Kensington on August 3, 1934 to the late John and Florence (née Kelly) MacDonald.

She met and married Alfred Brennan of Spring Valley. They resided in Spring Valley for a number of years. They had a family of four. While living in Spring Valley, Patricia found time to join the WI for a few years.

Patricia, in her joyful manner, helped in any way she could with committees to keep the WI going.

She was a very pleasant person, and added much enjoyment to our meetings.

Patricia will be missed by all who knew her – especially her family, friends, and relatives.

Patricia grew up in Kensington, moved to Spring Valley, and then the family moved to Kensington. She finally had to go to MacLeod Care, Clinton View Lodge, where she spent some time.



Roma E. (née Montgomery) Campbell
Spring Brook WI
2018

Roma E. Campbell was born in Park Corner, PEI on September 1, 1926 to the late D. Heath Montgomery and Mary Ella (née MacLeod) Montgomery. She had two brothers and two sisters, Jean, died in infancy, James (Jim), deceased, Nellie and Robert.

Roma was educated in Park Corner and Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown and became a school teacher. She married Arthur in 1944 and moved to Spring Brook as a young bride. Together, she and Arthur farmed for many years. They had one son, Roy, who resided with them.

In addition, they purchased and operated a trucking company, ARRO Transport and Roma was the bookkeeper for this company. Arthur, Roma and Roy worked together in their farming and trucking business. In spite of their busy schedules, Roma and Art found time to travel by camper through Canada and the USA.

Roma joined Spring Brook Women's Institute on March 25, 1947 and remained an active member for almost 70 years until ill health no longer allowed her to attend the monthly meetings. She served the Women's Institute at the local, district and provincial levels. She held all offices in our Institute for numerous terms and served in all convenerships and many, many committees. In her numerous roles she was always most efficient. After representing our Branch as District Convention Area 6B President, she joined the Provincial Board and from 1965-1967, capably served as Provincial President. During this term, she travelled to two National Conventions representing PEIWI as a Director on the Board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. In 1988, she was presented with a Life Membership from Spring Brook Women's Institute. In 2002, she was awarded the prestigious Adelaide Hoodless award recognizing outstanding contribution in PEIWI work. Roma was honoured to be selected as honorary President of Prince Edward Island Women's Institute from 2007-2009. In 2012 she was presented with the Diamond Jubilee Award for Past Presidents of PEIWI in recognition of her contribution to Canada.

Over the years, Roma was very active in all community affairs. She and Arthur were one of the first to have a phone in the area, so she received several calls of joy and sorrow which she had to deliver to her neighbours. She was always ready and willing to support and promote any worthy cause. We know that she will long be remembered in our District for her kindness and assistance always. During the years when she was associated with the Red Cross Water Safety program, many children took advantage of "Roma's Taxi Service". For a number of years she was also a First Aid Instructor. In 1973 she was named "A Centennial Citizen" by the Province of PEI. In 2009, she was recognized with a certificate honouring her with her leadership role in organizing the WI Handicraft booth at Kensington Harvest Festival. She was a member of the New London Seniors and in 2013 she was made a life Member in the PEI Senior Citizens Federation Inc. She was on the Board of Directors of the Lucy Maud Montgomery Birthplace and in 2017 was presented with a certificate from the Lucy Maude Foundation for 45 years of faithful service. Roma was on the first Board of Managers of the New London Community Fire Company and was involved with the Fire Company off and on over the years and held the position as Treasurer for a term.

Roma was a wonderful cook and there was always an ample supply of goodies—fancy squares, cakes and cookies—in her deep freezer; probably there for company to enjoy after a fun game of cards!!!!

Roma and Arthur's home was always open to many community showers, card parties and they were always willing to help their neighbours. In her spare time she would like to relax in front of the TV, have a chat on the phone with her family and friends and with her knitting close by!

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Roma was a valued member of St. John's Presbyterian Church, New London. She was a member of their choir and Atlantic Mission Society, and a Past President of the Prince Edward Island Presbyterial of the AMS. In 2016, her Church honoured and presented her with a lovely plaque—a portion of the plaque read "For a lifetime of heartfelt, humble and faithful service to her Churches; Long River, Geddie Memorial and St. John's, New London AMS, Spring Brook WI, and for her kindness and dedicated service to the betterment of her community and beyond."

In 2016, Roma moved to Clinton View Lodge when she no longer could be in her home. She still read the newspaper which her son, Roy, delivered to her daily, played a few games of cards and never forgot to ask about Women's Institute or her beloved Spring Brook when company visited.

She passed away on April, 17, 2018. We all miss her wit and wisdom!!!

"A life that touches others goes on forever."



*The world changes
from year to year,
our lives from
day to day,
but the love and
memory of you,
shall never fade away.*