
Mary “Helen” Adams

Knutsford WI

2012



Mary Helen Adams passed away November 30, 2012 at the age of 90 years. Married to Reginald Adams, Helen lived in Knutsford and helped with the operation of a dairy farm until retirement.

Helen was a Life Member of the Women’s Institute and served in many capacities of the organization over the years. Helen was a member of the O’Leary United Church and served as a choir member for many years. She also served several terms as an Elder of the church and a member of UCW.

She was a member of the Sunshine Seniors Club, and received a volunteer award for her years of singing for the residents of Maplewood Manor, O’Leary Community Hospital, and Fergusons Funeral Home.

It is with deep sense of loss that the Knutsford Women’s Institute submit this memorial of our sister member, Mary “Helen” Adams.



Margaret Elizabeth Carew

Hunter River WI

2012



Margaret Elizabeth Carew was born in Park Corner, the daughter of Cuthbert and Margaret Montgomery. She met Lloyd Carew, her husband of 64 years. They settled in Hunter River, where they raised their family of two daughters and one son, and was the proud grandmother of one grandson.

They operated the Lucky Dollar Grocery Store for 46 years. Margaret also worked at the New Glasgow Lobster Suppers.

Margaret was very active in the community and church. She was a Life Member of Hunter River WI and Hunter River United Church Women. She held many offices in both.

After retirement she and her husband were active members of the PEI Trailer Club which they enjoyed immensely. For many years they enjoyed travelling to Florida for the winter months in their motor home.

After Margaret became ill, she resided at Beach Grove Home where she remained until her passing on November 28, 2012.

She will be greatly missed by family and friends.



Marion (MacLure) Cooper
Eldon WI
2012



Family, friends and community were saddened to hear of the passing of Marion Cooper on March 6, 2012 at the Dr. John Gillis Memorial Lodge in Eldon. Marion was born in Dover, PEI to her parents Christine and Cartney MacLure in 1923. She was the eldest of seven daughters.

She married Max Cooper, had two children and lived in Bellview, PEI where they had a grocery store in their home. Later in 1961 they bought Ross' Grocery Store in Eldon and lived there above the store until their family was grown and married. They then built their new home nearby.

Marion was a member of the Women's Institute and received her Life Membership. She was a member of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Belfast where she sang in the choir. She also was a member of the Women's Missionary Society as well as a leader of the Girl Guides in the area for a number of years.

Marion was a very hospitable hostess and we enjoyed many of our WI fun times at her home.

"Miss Me, but Let Me Go"



Jean Isabel Leigh
Victoria WI
2012



Jean, guided by her free spirit, left her homeland, England, and started a new life in Canada in the 1970's. She found employment as a 'House Mother'. First she worked at the school of National Ballet in Toronto and later she was a House Mother for boys. During these years she was very involved in the Scouting Canada Movement and sports.

Upon retirement and travelling with a friend she discovered the seaside village of Victoria-By-the-Sea. She purchased a home and became a respected member of the community. Jean began a very busy retirement by joining several groups. She had many interests but seemed to receive her greatest joy from music, arts and theater.

Jean joined the South Shore Senior Group, South Shore Arts Council, the Victoria WI and The Victoria Playhouse, where one summer she was a member of the cast. Outside the community she was a member of Confederation and Legion Choirs, a Scottish dance group, the Welsh Society and held season tickets to the symphony. She enrolled in the senior's degree program at UPEI and in 1997 received her Arts Degree.

Her love of nature and animals was a big part of her world. Her dog, Vickie, and cat, Oscar, were her family. Jean requested before her death that any donations in her memory be made to the Humane Society.

Jean was an active member of WI for several years. She is fondly remembered for her monologues and long recitations. These were hilarious and left everyone laughing at her antics and amazed how she remembered all the words.

Unfortunately, Jean became crippled with arthritis and moved to the Prince Edward Home. However, thanks to telephone, Jean followed WI activities when not able to attend.

The Victoria WI feel blessed to have had her as a member and friend and her contribution will long be remembered.





Jean L. Mutch
Mt. Herbert-Bethel WI
2012



Jean Laird "Philip" Mutch was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland in 1923. She married Sgt. David Mutch and moved, as a war bride, in 1946 to Mt. Herbert, PEI. She totally embraced her new homeland. Jean became an active member of Women's Institute, Federation of Agriculture, Farm Radio Forum, Rural Beautification, UCW, Centennial Commission and Rural Development Council. Jean and David were founding members of the Charlottetown Farmers Market. For over 20 years Jean was in charge of the Women's Institute building during Old Home Week.

Jean and David raised a son Charlie (Alma, a present member of Mt. Herbert-Bethel WI) and a daughter Margie Wilson (Bob). Margie is a current member of the Cumberland WI. They were the proud grandparents of 8 and Jean was the sweet great Nannie of 11.

She passed away on May 27, 2012 in her 90th year.

Lang Mae Yer Lummie Reek



Viola Sentner
Springvale WI
2012



Viola Sentner (nee Birt) passed away November 12, 2012 at age 93. She was a charter member of the Springvale Women's Insitute, organized in July 1946. As a dedicated member, she hosted many meetings and quilting bees in her home. Viola and her husband, Ivan, were proud parents of three sons and one daughter. She will be missed by her sister members.





Edith Rosena White
Beach Point WI
2012

Edith Rosena White was born December 7, 1933 to Albert and Julia MacNeill of Beach Point. She and her sister attended the Beach Point School. Edith continued to live in the community all of her life.

Edith worked in Charlottetown in the kitchen of the PEI Hospital for a few years. On February 20, 1960 she married Simon White and moved next door to her family home. She worked beside her husband in his fishing boat for many years. After that, she worked in the lobster plant in Beach Point. Edith and Simon didn't have any children, but they had pets that they cherished, especially their dog, Reagan. They enjoyed travelling in their camper and attending such things as the Rollo Bay Festival. For a number of years they were members of a square dancing club.

Edith joined the Beach Point Women's Institute in 1974. She was an active member, holding the office of President for 3 terms between 1977 and 1989. She received her Life Membership in May 2000. Edith continued to be a member until 2005. She was also involved with her church and taught knitting in Community School.

Edith passed away on May 9, 2012 after a short illness. She will be missed by her husband, Simon; her sister, Ada; the members of the Beach Point Women's Institute and her friends and neighbours.



Thank you for loving and sharing,
For giving and for caring.
God bless you and keep you,
Until we meet again.



Blanche Maudina Dawson Cairns

North Tryon WI

2013



Blanche Maudina Dawson Cairns was born on February 27, 1927, the daughter of Murdock Dawson and Grace Francis of Albany. On June 29, 1948, Blanche married Hillus Cairns of North Tryon and together they raised five children: Elaine, Donald, Grace, Wayne and Janet.

Blanche was a member of the North Tryon Presbyterian Church and a Life Member of the North Tryon Women's Institute until her passing at the Prince County Hospital on May 31, 2013. Always a lot of fun, Blanche will be remembered for dressing up as Santa Claus at our WI Christmas parties.



Jennie H. Caseley

Spring Valley WI

2013



Friends and relatives were saddened to learn of the passing of Jennie Caseley at Perrin's Clinton View Lodge, Tuesday, January 29, 2013. Jennie was born in Baltic Lot 18, May 4, 1918. She was the wife of the late Joseph Caseley and mother of the late Carlyle Caseley.

Jennie moved to Spring Valley after marrying her husband, Joseph Caseley. They lived on a farm and Jennie worked side by side with her husband. She was a member of Baltic WI and later joined Spring Valley WI. While in Spring Valley she was a member of the Drama Club and also worked on the History Committee. She was quite involved in all other community events. She took part in numerous WI activities.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Malpeque and then the Presbyterian Church in Kensington. She attended St. Stephen Church along with her husband and son. She attended ACW meetings of St. Stephen and many a log cabin quilt was pieced quilted at her home after church. She was quite interested in crafts and won many prizes at the Harvest Festival in Kensington. Many crafts were given to relatives and friends.

Due to ill health Jennie had to move to Clinton View Lodge where she spent her last few years. Jennie will be greatly missed by her wide circle of friends.





Lula Clow
Meadowbank WI
2013



Mrs. Lula Clow (nee Scott) married to Sterling Clow of Meadowbank gave many years of valuable service to Women's Institute. She joined the Meadowbank WI in 1940. She held office of President, Vice President and Secretary.

Mrs. Clow was a member of our Institute who was willing and eager to work on any committee that she was called upon to do so. Since she was born and brought up in Meadowbank she was keenly interested in the Community activities. She was made a Life Member in June 1972.

She will be greatly missed.



Laura Mae Cousins
Baltic WI (Prince County, PE)
2013



There passed away at the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, Tuesday, November 5, 2013 of Laura Mae Cousins of Kensington and formerly of Baltic Lot 18 (91 years). Laura was born in Darnley, August 9, 1922.

Laura married David Cousins of Baltic and moved to the family farm where she worked along with David. They raised a family of five boys. Her husband and two sons predeceased her a few years ago.

Laura attended the Baltic WI (now disbanded) for several years where she took a leading role in fundraising for WI. She opened her home to card parties and worked at craft sales and home baking in the Baltic School.

Laura wrote many skits for entertainment at Multiple Sclerosis Meetings and at events in her own community.

Her "wit" always brightened the day for her friends and WI members as she worked for Home and Country.





Jessie Ella Leard Craig
North Tyron WI
2013



Jessie Ella Leard Craig was born on February 2, 1920 to Fred A. Leard and Nellie Fell. She married Eric Craig on October 26, 1946, and together they raised a family of four: Donald, Lester, Erith, and Marion, on the Leard home farm on the North Tryon Crossroad in North Tryon.

Jessie was a school teacher, a member of the Tryon United Church, now the South Shore United Church, and a life member of the North Tryon Women's Institute until she passed away at her North Tyron residence on April 2, 2013.



Anne Marie Dormaar
Ebenezer WI
2013



The death occurred peacefully at the Beach Grove Home on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 of Anne Marie Dormaar (nee Harmsen) at the age of 71. She was the wife of Kim Dormaar and the devoted mother of Tamara Jansen, Morgan and Oliver Dormaar. She was the loving grandmother of six grandchildren.

Anne Marie immigrated from Holland to Canada with her husband, Kim, in 1963 and lived in Ontario. They moved to Ebenezer, PEI in 1973 where they lived until Anne Marie was stricken with illness that resulted in her moving to the Beach Grove Home.

Anne Marie was a very artistic and creative person who did interior decorating and window dressing for many commercial establishments in Charlottetown and elsewhere in PEI.

She was a member of Ebenezer WI where she provided interesting programs on decorating and handcrafts. She was an outgoing person with a very warm personality. She will be missed by all who knew her.



Sheila Fobes
Marshfield WI
2013



Sheila Fobes was born in South Wales, United Kingdom. She was a mother, teacher, avid card player, organist at St. Pius Church, a member of Confederation Centre Choir, accomplished pianist, hospital volunteer and 4-H instructor. Following her husband's retirement from UPEI, they moved to Ottawa, where she passed away at their home on May 4, 2013. She is survived by her husband Walter and six children, Marion, Peter, Elizabeth, Caroline, Martin and Edward, as well as 17 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. She was a valued member of Marshfield WI and capably held office of Secretary, served on committees and on many occasions we were privy to her wise counsel. Sheila will be remembered for sharing her talents with us and for her interest in the community and its people.

Loving and kind in all her ways
Upright and just to the end of her days



Elizabeth (Beth) Ruth Grams
Orwell WI
2013



Beth was born in Springhill, NS. She had 4 sisters and 2 brothers. She lived in Oxford, NS, and then later moved to PEI to be near her son Tyler.

Interests that brought her much pleasure were enjoyed travelling, spending time with family and friends, card games, needlepoint work, and being an avid gardener.

Beth joined Orwell Women's Institute in 2011 and held the secretarial position. She was a valued and loyal member who attended regularly. She willingly helped support many events in her community. Always ready with a pleasant smile and a helping hand.

Beth passed away suddenly on August 12, 2013.

Beth will be remembered for her kind and caring disposition. Members of the Orwell Women's Institute and members of the community will miss her dearly.



Gladys Hogg
Wilmot Valley WI
2013



The death occurred at the Prince County Hospital Summerside on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 of Gladys Hogg (nee Davison) of Wilmot Valley aged 75 years. Gladys was born in Kensington, May 8, 1938, daughter of the late Waldon and Vera (Picketts) Davison. Beloved wife of William (Bill) MacNeill and previously, the late Denzil Hogg.

Gladys was a nursing graduate of the P.E.I. School of Nursing, Class of 1959. She had a life long interest in arts and crafts and was a member of the Lady Slipper Rug Hooking Guild and the Kindred Spirits Quilt Guild. She belonged to the Kensington United Church UCW and was a Life Member of the Wilmot Valley W.I.

She was a loving mother of Jayne (Donald) MacLeod, Graham's Road, PEI; Nancy (Mark) Babin, Rexton, N.B.; Susanne (Iain) Speirs, Edinburgh, Scotland; Jill (Tim) Houtsma, Bedford, N.S. and stepmother to Susan MacNeill and Sarah MacNeill of Ottawa, Ontario. She was a devoted Grammie to eight grandchildren: Ray and Kurt (Jayne's); Melissa & Tiffany (Nancy's), Annie and John (Susanne's) and Rowan and Theo (Jill's) as well as step-grandmother of Liam Lavoie (Sarah's). She was survived also by her sister Gwynneth (the late Walter) MacDonald and brother Earle (Irene) Davison, Kensington.



Annie Laura Jones
Mt. Mellick WI
2013



Annie Laura Bruce was born to parents Elliot James Bruce and Clara Catherine Stewart at home in East Baltic, PEI. She had two brothers, Clive Everett Bruce and Gerald Lancelot Bruce. On June 9, 1948, Annie married Ira Wendell Jones, and resided in Pownal, now called Waterside. She joined Mt. Mellick Women's Institute early on and was always involved with knitting socks for the hospital, crocheting blankets for the babies, helping out with the one-room schools, and she was always delighted in hosting the Christmas meeting, with a huge tree covered with her homemade ornaments.

Some excerpts from her eulogy by Barbara Jean Power: Kind, sharp, gracious, wise, talented, humble, determined, faithful, beautiful, daughter, sister, wife, aunt, grandaunt, great grandaunt, chosen grandmother, friend.

After moving back to PEI in 1977, mom and dad (Jim and Joyce Campbell) bought a little piece of heaven on which to build a house for our family. It was Wendell and Annie Jones who parted with those acres.

Very early on we learned of Annie's many strengths and talents. Gardens that only the greenest of thumbs could create. Her handiwork, her cross stitch and needle point that are second to none continued to win red ribbons well into her nineties. She was a seamstress, you may not know that she fashioned intricate wedding dresses for many a bride. Brides would share that there was always the smell of homemade bread when they went for fittings.

They never slowed down, and built a new home in their seventies, sanding and varnishing even the ceilings themselves. Annie's fashion sense was impeccable, and she was so incredibly wise, Annie knew what mattered. Nothing was seen as impossible by this lady. When Annie asked how you were, she waited for your answer, as she wanted to know. Annie loved her family, her brothers, her many nieces and nephews on both the Bruce and Jones side. She loved her church family. She kept her car and license as long as she felt she could, mainly to get to her beloved Alexandra Baptist Church, and finally her newest family at Gillis Lodge, who were so good to her and they in turn were so fascinated by her. One nurse saying "I never met such a lady, she makes you want to straighten up a little on your way to her room".

She is a great example of how to live one's life with faith, strength and a sense of humor. So we thank you Annie. You've had an influence on who we've become and the memories we'll carry with us.

Annie, thank you, I love you, we love you, may we pay it forward in your honour.



Leila Louise 'Bea' Lefurgey Dawson MacFarlane
North Tryon WI
2013



Leila Louise 'Bea' Lefurgey Dawson MacFarlane was born on October 22, 1919, the daughter of Maxwell Lefurgey and Georgie Manson. She first married Kenneth Dawson, and they had one son, Ralph. Bea's second marriage was to Gordon MacFarlane on April 9, 1965. In 1967 they moved from the family farm in Augustine Cove to North Tryon. Bea transferred her membership to North Tryon and continued to be an active Women's Institute member.

Bea spent many years as a cook at Simmons' Restaurant in North Tryon and was well known for her delicious baking. Bea was a Life Member of Women's Institute and passed away at the South Shore Villa on April 8, 2013.



Mary MacLure
Crapaud WI
2013



The members of Crapaud Women's Institute were saddened by the passing of one of their Life Members, Mary MacLure.

Mary moved to Crapaud from Westmoreland, where she and her husband, Reginald, farmed and raised their fine family.

Mary always taught school and gave a terrific education to all who came under her supervision. Indicative of the esteem in which she was held, was expressed by one of her former students who sang at her funeral, the solo "Great Is Thy Faithfulness".

Mary was a Life Member of Crapaud WI and certainly lived up to the WI principles, that through education, leadership and goodwill, we can build stronger communities.

We will miss Mary's faithful contributions in all our community projects.

Rest now our good and faithful servant.



Elizabeth LeAnn “Beth” MacKenzie
Meadowbank WI
2013



Members of the Meadowbank Women’s Institute were saddened by the sudden death of Beth MacKenzie on November 20, 2013.

Beth is survived by her husband Bruce MacKenzie, daughters Vanessa (Cam) Smithers and Cassie MacKenzie, son Heath Larter, and three grandsons.

Her too short life spanned both politics and nursing. Beth also found time to volunteer for causes she believed in such as canvassing for The Heart and Stroke Foundation and knitting purple hats for newborn babies.

She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and neighbours.



Elsie Caroline MacLeod
Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI
2013



Elsie was born Elsie Caroline Hickox in Gravelburg, Saskatchewan, in 1936. Parents Beecher and Ina raised her and her brother Harold. The family moved to PEI and settled in Canoe Cove before moving to Montague.

Elsie began her teaching career as a 16 year old on a reserve in British Columbia. She then returned home to PEI to continue teaching. She married Ken MacLeod in March 1958 and they made their home in Kinross. Elsie made the decision to leave teaching and stay at home to raise their children Marty, Michelle, and Pam. It was at this time that Elsie joined the Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI. She went on to become a Life Member. She always found time for her WI, holding many positions over the years. She was counted on to be a leader in the community and organized many community functions. Elsie assisted in operating the family farm for many years until the decision was made to discontinue operating in the mid eighties. She applied her many talents to several different jobs. During this time, she was always committed to carrying on the great work of her WI.

In 2012, her declining health was a factor in she and Ken moving from Kinross to Stratford. She found it very difficult to leave family, friends, and neighbours within the community where she had been active. Her health continued to decline and on June 27, 2013, Elsie peacefully passed away. Elsie loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and is truly missed. Elsie will be remembered as a lady of many talents who spent a lifetime helping others.

Rest in peace.



Roma Jean MacLeod
Ebenezer WI
2013



Roma Jean MacLeod was born in New Glasgow PEI, the daughter of Ida and Harold Dickieson. She had a brother, Ben, and a sister, Elizabeth. Roma grew up on the New Glasgow farm and attended the rural school there.

She married Claude MacLeod and moved to Ebenezer where they lived until they sold the farm and moved to Charlottetown. Roma and Claude had a family of six children, one of which died while still an infant. She is survived by her five children, eleven grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Roma was a wonderful, happy and outgoing person whose home was always a very welcoming place to visit. She loved to sew but knitting was her favorite pastime. In her later years she knit many, many pairs of warm mittens which she sent to local schools for children who needed them.

Roma belonged to Ebenezer WI and held many of the offices over the years. She passed away on July 12, 2013 at the Palliative Care unit of the Prince Edward Home.

She will be lovingly remembered by her family, her community, her WI friends and her Church family at New Glasgow Christian Church.



Laura Belle (Scott) MacPhail
Marshfield WI
2013



Laura Belle (Scott) MacPhail was born in Boston Mass., January 30, 1913. When she was three years old, the family returned to PEI and settled in Cornwall and later to Marshfield where Laura became a WI member. She married John MacPhail in 1934 and in 1945 following her husband's return from war they lived in Mt. Albion and later retired to Cross Roads where Laura continued to live until she was 97 years. She spent her last years at Andrews of Stratford where she enjoyed the fellowship and could have a game of scrabble.

She experienced many changes in her life, with eventual acceptance, however slowly. She was a dedicated member of the Baptist Church and remained actively involved in Mission work. A wonderful hostess and cook, she spent many years as head chef at Gregor's By the Sea and won ribbons for her baking entries in the Provincial Exhibition.

An important part of her life was the Women's Institute, proud of her life membership, she believed that the Women's Institute was the foundation of rural life. She attended the 95th Anniversary of Marshfield WI in 2008 and was looking forward to the Centennial Celebrations. She passed away January 29, 2013, one day short of her 100th birthday. At her funeral, her granddaughter read the Mary Stewart Collect.

Keep us O Lord from pettiness



Jessie Margaret MacPherson
Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI
2013



Born on January 17, 1921 at North Tryon, PEI, Jessie was the youngest and last survivor of nine children of Charles Lord and Mary MacQuarrie Lord. She attended school in North Tryon and later attended Union Commercial College, completing a shorthand course. She worked at Waddell's Poultry in Crapaud after completing an egg grading course. In the early 40's, she worked at St. Eleanor's at a grocery store, then for Aben McLean of McLean & MacFadyen Grocers after moving to Charlottetown. She then met and married Arthur MacPherson, Grandview, PEI, and moved to Grandview in 1947 where they owned a mixed farming operation.

Jessie had a green thumb and worked hard to help with the planting and harvesting. Together they raised a son, Charles, and a daughter, Leah. Jessie became very involved in the community, joining the Women's Institute, later becoming a Life Member, also joining the WMS, later called UCW where she attended Orwell Head United Church and became a member of the choir. The church closed and a new amalgamated one, St. Andrews United, was built in 1969 in Vernon Bridge, where she continued her involvement and became a UCW Life Member.

In 1964, for health reasons they sold the farm and moved to Uigg where they eventually purchased a small grocery store and operated it until the late 60's. While her husband worked as Night Watchman at Sir Andrew MacPhail's Park, Jessie worked seasonally in the community at the tobacco harvest. Although Jessie was an avid trout fisher, her love was crafts, thoroughly enjoying any craft that came along, including knitting mittens, socks, scarves, sweaters, afghans, bedspreads, hooking, embroidery, tatting, needlepoint, crocheting, quilting, painting, pottery, weaving, and beadwork to name a few.

In the late 70's, Jessie and Arthur retired to a senior's apartment in Charlottetown, becoming actively involved in musical gatherings. They attended and made new friends at the senior's dances. They attended Spring Park United Church. Her interest in crafts continued and she crocheted plenty of tablecloths and doilies for many of her family with diligence and remarkable patience. They were blessed with three grandsons, George Ziegler, Darren MacPherson and Robbie MacPherson (deceased 2009). After the death of her husband in 2002, Jessie moved to the seniors housing at 501 Queen Street until she broke both hips and required full time care and moved to the Garden Home in February 2010. The great care she received will never be forgotten. Jessie continued her love of crafts by knitting dishcloths until she was 92, distributed to many family members and friends. Jessie's health declined since April 2013 when she required a leg amputation. She remained very dignified until her death on December 27, 2013.

Ruby Erma MacRae
Ebenezer WI
2013



Ruby Erma (Roberts) MacRae was born in Ebenezer, PEI, the daughter of Frank and Gertie Roberts. She grew up there and attended the local one room school in Ebenezer.

Ruby married a young man, Ken MacRae, from up the road and moved to his farm. They lived and farmed in Ebenezer for many years. Although Ruby and Ken had no children of their own, many nieces and nephews were privileged to be taken under Ruby's loving wings. She was devoted to her siblings and her extended family. She was a wonderful homemaker, a great cook, and she possessed a kind, caring personality.

Eventually Ruby and Ken sold the farm and bought a home in Charlottetown where they made many new friends. In later years, after Ken passed away, Ruby moved to Corrigan Lodge and then to a nursing home where she died on July 10, 2013 at the age of 99 years.

Ruby was a Life Member of Ebenezer WI where she was a faithful member and a very gracious hostess to our meetings. She attended Glasgow Road Presbyterian Church where her beautiful singing voice could be heard in the choir.



Elsie Musick
Montague WI
2013



Elsie was born on January 2, 1918 in Glen William, PEI. She was raised in Victoria Cross by her parents, Kate and Billy MacKenzie along with brothers Malcolm and Duncan. She attended school in Victoria Cross and at an early age, met and married Hudson Musick of Kinross. Together they raised seven children, Edwin, Roland, Linda, Evelyn, Lila, Brenda and Marlene. Elsie worked hard to raise the family and worked at various jobs in the community, such as the tobacco harvest, and potato planting and harvesting at many of the farms. In the 60's she worked at MacLean's Frosted Food Plant in Charlottetown plus other jobs housekeeping and as a senior's companion.

Elsie was very active in her community, joining the Women's Institute where she would become a Life Member. She was a member of ACME Rebekah Lodge 67, Montague, Atlantic Province Division. She was an active member of Orwell Head United Church, as well as being caretaker of the church. She joined the WMS, later known as

UCW and there as well became a Life Member after continuing at the new amalgamated St. Andrews United Church in Vernon in 1969.

In 1977 Elsie was widowed and moved to a senior citizen's apartment in Montague. Elsie selflessly contributed to and seldom missed potluck suppers and bazaars to raise funds after joining the Hillcrest United Church in Montague, and becoming a member of their UCW. She will always be remembered for her fine biscuits and tea.

Elsie was a tireless volunteer in Montague and was recognized for her outstanding work in the area of senior advocacy. She was a founding member and president of Meals in Motion, Vice-President of the Golden Age Senior Citizens Club, a member of the Senior Federation, a committee member with Seniors Transit and with the Garden of the Gulf Museum. She also volunteered at Kings County Hospital and was a member of the Montague Women's Institute. Elsie made many friends with her delightful, outgoing personality and strong wit. She loved to travel and made many trips to visit family across Canada and the US. She always had a witty story to tell. Elsie loved every one of her 14 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren, cherishing the many family gatherings.

In 2008, Elsie suffered a stroke and moved to Garden Home to be closer to her daughter, Linda. The staff soon became her family. Even in her 90's Elsie was involved in every activity that came along, church, musical entertainment, crafts of all kinds, including painting and making birdhouses, to name a few. Elsie passed away peacefully on October 8, 2013 at the tender age of 95.

Priscilla Harriet (MacLeod) Myers
Marshfield WI
2013



Priscilla Harriet (MacLeod) Myers was born in 1920 and lived her early years in Victoria West, working on the family farm and caring for her brothers and sisters following her mother's death. In 1940, she married John Myers and lived in Carleton Siding where she was 4-H leader, chair of the Carleton Safety Committee, Community School Volunteer as well as organizer and collector for many charities. She was devoted to her church and taught Sunday School for over 40 years, spent summers at Camp Berwick helping with the youth and took an active part in all church affairs. She was one of the first four women to serve jury duty in PEI in 1966.

A WI member since 1943, she served on the Executive at the Branch, District, Provincial and National level and attended FWIC and ACWW conferences in Canada and overseas including Vancouver, Kanas City, Killarney, The Hague, Christ Church and Pretoria. She visited every continent except Antarctica.

When Priscilla and John retired to East Royalty in 1966, Marshfield WI welcomed Priscilla as a member. With her interest in issues, far and wide, she initiated discussion at WI meetings that forced us all to "think outside the box". Following her husband's passing in 2009, Priscilla moved to South Shore Villa in Crapaud but retained her membership and her interest in all things WI. Priscilla passed away December 22, 2013.



Noreen O'Brien
Brackley Beach WI
2013



Noreen O'Brien moved to Brackley Beach in July 1994 and joined the Women's Institute. She was the daughter of Earle and Margaret "Peggy" (nee Lund) Smith. Noreen and her husband, J. Richard O'Brien, had a family of three children Richard, David and Erin, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In earlier years she lived in St. Avards.

Noreen became a member of the Brackley Beach Women's Institute when she moved to our community. She actively joined in all the activities of the WI and supported the group's projects. For a number of years Noreen was on the phone committee and enjoyed contacting the members and giving them updates on meetings and events. Her friendliness and cheerful voice were always welcome as she helped members stay connected. She truly appreciated her involvement in the WI, the many friends she met through the years and the many acts of kindness extended to her. Noreen continued her involvement in the WI until she moved to Charlottetown due to declining health. Even then, she stayed in touch with a number of members and remained interested in the WI and the community. She passed away on July 4, 2013.



Verna Lenore Osborne
Beach Point WI
2013

Verna Lenore Osborne was born May 28, 1938 to Jim and Bessie Gillis of Point Pleasant. She grew up there with her sister Margaret. On November 3, 1959 she married Bud Osborne of Beach Point. Verna had a lengthy career as a registered nurse. She worked at the PEI Hospital in Charlottetown and the Kings County Hospital in Montague. When off duty, she was available if anyone in the community needed her nursing services.

Verna and Bud lived in Murray Harbour where they raised their children, Charles and Kelly. When the Murray Harbour Drama Club was formed, Verna was a member of the original cast of actors. She continued to be an active member of the Drama Club until her passing. Verna was also an active member of her church, the Murray Harbour Church of Christ. Verna joined the Beach Point Women's Institute in 1992 and continued to be a member until her passing. She held the office of President from 2004-2006. Verna was always willing to do her part, whether it was hosting a meeting, providing lunch, or being chairperson at the District Convention.

Verna passed away on January 4, 2013, just a month after being diagnosed with bowel cancer. She is survived by her husband, Bud, her son, Charles, her daughter, Kelly, three grandchildren and her sister, Margaret. She will be missed by her friends and neighbours and her sister members of the Beach Point Women's Institute.



Pauline Joyce (Aitken) Serviss
New London WI
2013



On November 22, 2013, family, friends, and fellow Women's Institute members of New London were saddened to learn of the passing of Pauline Serviss, following a brief illness. She was born on December 25, 1938, to Charles and Jenny (Mathews) Aitken, of Baltic Lot 18.

Having moved to Oshawa, Ontario, she met the love of her life, Floyd Serviss, and they were married on May 17, 1958. Together they raised 3 daughters, Brenda, Barbara, and Bethany, and were blessed with seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In 1970 they moved from Oshawa and settled in New London, and in 1972 she joined the New London Women's Institute of which she was a Life Member. She also was a Life Member of the New London United Church Women, now the Southwest River United Church in Margate. Pauline served in several offices at one time or another. She was always willing to help in any way in her community.

For 20 years she was employed at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Kensington, and for three years at the bank in Crapaud. Her quiet disposition and understanding ways will be deeply missed by all who knew her.



Gladys Skeffington
Brackley Beach WI
2013



Gladys was born in Charlottetown on December 18, 1913 to Richard and Florence MacInnis. She lived on the Glasgow Road until she married Earle Skeffington and moved to Brackley Beach in 1937. She worked hard in the home and farm operation and cared for their three children, Jean, Stan and Karen. Gladys joined the Brackley Point Red Cross Unit which operated between 1940-1945 and was a charter member when the Brackley Beach Women's Institute formed in 1945. She served three terms as President and in other executive positions. She was a strong promoter of WI and believed the group could take on any task with success.

Gladys enjoyed good health and was involved in WI projects such as knitting, painting, visiting and as well as community activities. Because of her tremendous memory and knowledge of history, people contacted Gladys to sort out their family histories or events. Gladys had a great sense of humour, strong beliefs, faithful attendance in the Presbyterian Church, and was a great cook. Her strength, determination and tenacity helped her meet the challenges of World War, depression, hard work and the many demands of a family, farm and of caring for senior relatives.



Cassie Sutherland
Sea View WI (Queens County, PE)
2013



The family was saddened to learn of the passing of Cassie Sutherland of Sun Parlor Home, Leamington, Ontario.

Cassie lived with her husband, Robert Sutherland in Sea View where Cassie and Robert raised a family of five sons whom they loved dearly. Robert passed away in 1991 and they lost one son.

Cassie took an active part in the community of Sea View and became a WI member where she worked for many years helping in all community events.

Family and friends mourn the loss of a devoted mother who always had a cheerful smile on her face.



Ethel Marguerite Leard Thomson
North Tryon WI
2013



Ethel Marguerite Leard Thomson was born on May 7, 1915 to Fred A. Leard and Nellie Fell. On June 20, 1935 she married J. Archibald "Archie" Thomson. Ethel and Archie had one daughter, Winnifred, and they lived on the Thomson home farm in North Tryon.

Ethel was a member of the Tryon United Church, now the South Shore United Church, and with Archie, she compiled the first history of North Tryon in 1973. Ethel has left a legacy of paintings of PEI for her family and friends from her days as a student of the well known PEI artist Georgie Read Barton.



Maud Thompson
Dunstaffnage WI
2013



Kathryn Maud Taylor was born in Upton, PEI in 1919. Following her marriage to John R. Thompson in 1939, she moved to Frenchfort where they farmed and raised seven children: Guy, Betti (deceased), Georgina, Heather, Lorna, Donna and Glenda. She lived her whole life on their family dairy farm and was always very supportive of agricultural activities, especially the 4-H dairy club; in which all of her own family was involved showing calves. Later she enjoyed watching her grandchildren and even a few of her great grandchildren were involved in 4-H projects.

Maud was one of the community women who reorganized the Dunstaffnage Women's Institute in 1945 after the war. During her years in WI, she held all executive positions, served as branch convener, and attended many conventions and workshops. In 1987 the Dunstaffnage WI honoured Maud with a Life Membership in the Federated Women's Institute of Prince Edward Island.

She enjoyed attending exhibitions and fairs; where she exhibited some of her prize winning knitted and crocheted items. She spent many volunteer hours helping with the Handicrafts and Arts area at Old Home Week.

Maud has a faithful member of Central United Church; serving over the years as an Elder, Congregational secretary and treasurer. She was also a Life Member of Central UCW and held various executive positions in UCW.

Other community activities included canvassing for charitable organizations, attending East Royalty and Dunstaffnage Seniors Citizens Clubs, playing cards at various card parties or visiting with her many friends.

She was very proud of her family and their accomplishments. She was also an outstanding community minded individual who would kindly share her time and talents to help in any capacity within her community.

In 2007 Maud moved to Andrews Lodge, West Royalty, where she resided, enjoying her many visitors and activities, until her passing on August 14, 2013, at age 93.



Colleen Elena Butler Wise
North Tryon WI
2013



Colleen Elena Butler Wise was born in Halifax on October 8, 1952, the daughter of Joseph Butler and Nora Inman. On July 5, 1980, she married Ron Wise of England. Colleen joined the North Tryon Women's Institute in 2000 when she and husband Ron returned from many years living in the United Arab Emirates.

Colleen took a very active role in our Institute, assuming the role of Secretary and then preparing and printing a 'Helpful Hints Using Natural Products' booklet, which we still sell. Colleen was a teacher and taught adult classes in both Summerside and Charlottetown. Both our community and our Women's Institute were saddened to learn of Colleen's passing on May 21, 2013 at the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, following an illness.



Your life was a blessing
your memory a treasure...
You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure...





In Memoriam 2012

Mary Helen Adams, Knutsford WI
Margaret Elizabeth Carew, Hunter River WI
Marion (MacLure) Cooper, Eldon WI
Jean Isabel Leigh, Victoria WI
Jean L. Mutch, Mt. Herbert-Bethel WI
Viola Sentner, Springvale WI
Edith Rosena White, Beach Point WI

In Memoriam 2013

Blanche Maudina Dawson Cairns, North Tryon WI
Jennie H. Caseley, Spring Valley WI
Lula Clow, Meadowbank WI
Laura Mae Cousins, Baltic WI
Jessie Ella Leard Craig, North Tryon WI
Anne Marie Dormaar, Ebenezer WI
Shelia Forbes, Marshfield WI
Elizabeth (Beth) Ruth Grams, Orwell WI
Gladys Hogg, Wilmot Valley WI
Annie Laura Jones, Mt. Mellick WI
Leila Louise 'Bea' Lefurgey Dawson MacFarlane, North Tryon WI
Mary MacLure, Crapaud WI
Elizabeth LeAnn 'Beth' MacKenzie, Meadowbank WI
Elsie Caroline MacLeod, Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI
Roma Jean MacLeod, Ebenezer WI
Laura Belle (Scott) MacPhail, Marshfield WI
Jessie Margaret MacPherson, Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI
Ruby Erma MacRae, Ebenezer WI
Elsie Musick, Montague WI
Priscilla Harriet (MacLeod) Myers, Marshfield WI
Noreen O'Brien, Brackley Beach WI
Verna Lenore Osborne, Beach Point WI
Pauline Joyce (Aitken) Serviss, New London WI
Gladys Skeffington, Brackley Beach WI
Cassie Sutherland, Sea View WI
Ethel Marguerite Leard Thomson, North Tryon WI
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