



***Alberta Nicholson Gillis***

*Mt. Buchanan – Point Prim WI  
2011*

Alberta Nicholson Gillis was born in Orwell Cove, November 1925. She attended Prince of Wales College and then followed her heart to marry Lauchlin Gillis in November 1945. They moved into their family farm in Mt. Buchanan where they raised four children.

Alberta joined the Women's Institute in 1945 and was an active member having served as President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer over 66 years of membership. The Women's Institute was an integral part of Alberta's life. She loved her family, loved her church and loved her community.

Many a meal she left on a neighbour's doorstep. Family and friends were entertained by her quick wit, her sense of humor and her quiet thoughtful deeds.

Alberta passed away on December 2, 2011.



***Aletha Edith Runtz***

*Brackley Beach WI  
2013*

Aletha and her husband, Vic, moved to Brackley Beach in the 1980's to enjoy their retirement years. Aletha (Saunders) was born in Winsloe and lived and worked in Charlottetown. Following her marriage to Vic Runtz, they moved to Bangor, Maine, and lived there from 1958 until 1983 with their two sons Ralph and Everett.

Aletha 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. Her friendliness and cheerful voice was always welcomed as she loved to stay connected with people. 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. Aletha 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 community.

Aletha has many interests – including her family which included two daughters-in-law, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church and its Women's Groups, where she loved music and the arts, knitting and handcrafts.





***Florrie A. Campbell***  
*Spring Brook WI*  
*2013*

Florrie Alberta (nee Paynter) Campbell was born on April 1, 1919, to Wesley and Violet Paynter at the family farm in Spring Brook, PEI. She was the younger sister of Hattie, and older sibling of Fred and Elmer. The family suffered the loss of their young mother, Violet, when

Florrie was 11, but was fortunate to gain a wonderful step-mother, Bea (Pillman) Paynter, and her daughter, Peggy Pillman Burns. A baby half-brother, Keith, completed the family. Florrie remembered her early years warmly, often sharing stories of her loving family and life in a vibrant rural community.

Women's Institute began in Spring Brook on September 28, 1939 and Florrie Paynter was one of the 22 Charter Members. She was on the executive for the Charter year and during such time she served on the Sick and also the Valentine Social Committees. She was the last surviving Charter member of Spring Brook WI.

Florrie married Elmer Stewart MacLeod of Graham's Road in August 1940. They travelled to Debert, NS., where Elmer trained for overseas service and Florrie worked as a waitress at the Airport Inn on the training base. While Elmer was overseas, Florrie worked as household staff in a large home in Rothsay, NB, before returning to New London, PEI., to work as a telephone operator. It was in New London in 1944 that Florrie received word that both her brother, Fred and her husband, Elmer had been killed in action in Europe.

In September 1948, Florrie married Rev. Donald A. Campbell, a Presbyterian minister, and began a life in the ministry. Together they had four children: Donald (died in infancy), Jane, John and Elizabeth. Over the years, Florrie and Donald served congregations in New London, Montague and Charlottetown, contributing to the life of each community through participation and service.

Florrie greatly enjoyed reading, knitting and travelling whenever her busy life permitted it. Her first love was always a trip to Spring Brook and French River, spending the day walking the farm or enjoying time on the water, visiting the people and places she enjoyed.

Florrie was a life member of the Atlantic Mission Society and a Silver Cross member.

Florrie passed away May 15, 2013 - a strong and faithful lady who is lovingly remembered.





***Jessie Emma McCrady***

*Clyde River WI*

*2013*

Jessie was born in 1948, the daughter of Daniel and Anne MacDougall of New Dominion. After a number of years in the work force she married Peter McCrady and came to live in Clyde River. They were the proud parents of one daughter, Jo-Ann and devoted grandparents to Ocean.

Jessie was a faithful member of Cornwall United Church and played the organ for many years in Kingston United Church. Jessie loved to entertain in her home and her red pepper jelly with biscuits and cheese was known far and wide. She was also the most kind and generous person and could be seen arriving with a basket of goodies for a friend who might be ill. She was a friend to everyone and is greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to have known her. In earlier years she worked at the H.M. Simpson Ltd, the Card Shop and later with the Department of Health and Social Services. Jessie was a member and a willing worker of the Clyde River Women's Institute. Some very happy and fun evenings were spent at Jessie's home.

For many years Jessie and Peter operated a tourist home where guests returned year after year. Although she was busy she always had time for her animals, and she had many. Her horses came willingly to the fence for a treat and a pat, and recognized her kindness. During the last days of her life she was thinking of others and with special request asked for the sale of the recipe books "Grannies Secrets" to be given to the Palliative Care Unit of the Prince Edward Home.

Jessie passed away peacefully on June 20, 2013. She is greatly missed and lovingly remembered.

Jessie lived a life of service, praise, thanksgiving and trust.



***Valerie MacLeod***

*Marshfield WI*

*2013*

Valerie MacLeod was born in 1942, the only daughter of Margaret and Cyril Wood of Charlottetown. She tended school in Charlottetown and was raised as a city girl. She met and married Donny, the youngest son of Helen and Hector Jenkins of Marshfield.

For a city girl moving to the country where there were no amenities was quite an adjustment. There were three children born in that marriage, Donald Jr., Velvet and Kimberley. She was married in 1982 to her second husband Jim MacLeod and lived on Westcomb Crescent in Charlottetown.

Valerie worked as a secretary at the PEI School of Nursing for more than 25 years and remembered all the students who passed through the school. With her busy life she still found time to join the Marshfield Women's Institute and fulfilled the office of secretary with the same interest and dedication. Valerie would willingly help with the annual turkey dinners, weekly card parties, bake sales or showers. She was a friend to many, keeping in touch in later years by email. Valerie passed away on September 29, 2013 at the age of 71.

*She will live on in many wonderful memories.*





### ***Vivian G. Fyfe***

*Sterling WI*

*2013*

After a lengthy battle with cancer, Vivian Fyfe passed to her eternal rest on October 4, 2013, at the Prince County Hospital. Vivian, daughter of David and Elsie Edwards of Hunter River, was born February 6, 1942.

In 1962, Vivian married Donald Fyfe of Stanley Bridge. They lived in the home of his parents, Elmer and Hilda Fyfe. They eventually built their home on Fyfe property, west of the present Stanley Bridge. Vivian and Donald had a family of three children. Dean was at home, while Shannah Heaney, Clinton and Lori Fyfe were working in the North West Territories.

Vivian led a busy life outside of her home. She worked for many years with Rainbow Valley, later with the New London Tourist Bureau, and for the last number of years with the L.M. Montgomery Foundation in New London.

Her community services included being a member of the Sterling Women's Institute, a member of the Stanley Bridge United Church Women, and a member of Stanley Bridge United Church. In these organizations she was always willing to help with projects that happened in the village. Her presence will be missed by all who knew her and worked with her in the various organizations.

*Life is a garden, good friends are the flowers,  
And times spent together, life's happiest hours,  
And friendship, like flowers, blooms ever more fair,  
When carefully tended by dear friends, who care.*



### ***Agnes Saunders LeBlanc***

*Marshfield WI*

*2014*

Agnes Saunders LeBlanc of Marshfield passed away at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on July 28, 2014. She was the beloved wife of the late Dennis Saunders and Yvon LeBlanc and is lovingly remembered by her son Paul (Rita), daughter in law Janice (Michael, deceased) and her grandchildren. She was predeceased by her infant daughters Jocelyn Ann and Jocelyn Agnes both having been born with Cystic Fibrosis.

Always willing to do her share, Agnes was President of Marshfield WI in the early 1960's when the Marshfield ladies worked diligently to meet requirements of the Carol Lane Award. She was very much a part of that industrious group and the successive years of winning this prestigious award in an important part of Marshfield WI history.

Agnes was a former employee of Ellis Bros in Sherwood. In later years she spent many hours volunteering in the Royal Pantry at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. She was always ready to help whenever needed and was devoted to her church and her family.

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





***Alice Constance "Connie" MacLeod***

*Highfield WI*

*2014*

On December 27, 2014 family, friends and fellow Highfield Women's Institute members of Winsloe were saddened to learn of the passing of Connie MacLeod following a brief illness.

Connie was born on May 10, 1923 to Stephen and Annie Holroyd. She was born in Winsloe and lived all her 91 years in the community. She was the longest living resident of Winsloe.

Connie had two brothers, John and Eric Holroyd whom she loved dearly. She was fiercely proud of the Holroyd name and her homestead Werther Grange.

On June 4, 1943 she married the love of her life, Finlay MacLeod. They lived happily together for 62 years raising their four children, Keith, Donna, David, John and were blessed with nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Connie was absolute in her love for her family.

Connie was a charter member of Highfield Women's Institute formed in 1949 and continued to be a faithful and valued member until her passing. Connie was a Life Member of PEI Women's Institute and served in many ways over the past 65 years. She was also a lifetime member of her church, St. John's Anglican and the church was deeply rooted within her family heritage. Her presence will be greatly missed by her sister members in WI and ACW.

The simple principles of Connie's life were: have faith whatever that faith may be, give back to your community, cherish your friends, and hold close and strong the love of family.

Connie will be lovingly remembered by her family, her community, her WI friends and her church family.



***Anne Evelyn MacLeod***

*Bonshaw WI*

*2014*

Anne Evelyn MacLeod was a beloved member of the Bonshaw community. She was well known for her nursing skills and worked alongside her husband, Dr. Angus MacLeod, at his family practice on the Green Road.

Anne was a devoted wife and mother of their six children. She was also active in the United Church Women of the Bonshaw United Church, and volunteered with the local elementary school. In addition, she was active in the nursing alumni association.

She was a valued member of the Bonshaw WI for many years, and though her health made it difficult for her to attend many WI activities in later years, she is fondly remembered by members of the Institute and the community.





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***Beryl Joan Craswell Best***

*Tryon WI*

*2014*

Beryl was born in Victoria, BC, the second daughter of Agnes and Roulston Johnston. When she was nine years old they moved to Peters Road and settled in the old homestead.

She received her education in Victoria, BC, and Peters Road as well as attended business courses at Union Commercial College. She then went to work at the Royal Bank in Hunter River. There she attended Hunter River United Church and young people's group. It was there she met Albert Craswell. After he returned from overseas they were married and moved to Carleton.

They had two sons. Benny who died in infancy and John David passed away in November 2000. Albert was killed in a farming accident. Beryl remained in Carleton for a short time then moved to Hunter River. She returned to the bank and worked there for six years. She then worked at Central Queens High School for a number of years.

In 1969 she married Gerald Best, they lived in Tryon. Beryl and Gerald were world travelers and enjoyed many winters in Florida.

Beryl was a member of the Tryon United Church and the Ann Unit, member of the Abegweit Seniors and Tryon Watershed. She was a leader for C.G.I.T and taught swimming lessons for the Red Cross.

Beryl was a member of Carleton WI, Hunter River WI, and Tryon WI. The Hunter River WI won the Carol Lane Award in 1965, Beryl and another member went to Winnipeg to receive this award.

For many years Beryl participated in the cooking classes at the Crapaud Exhibition and won many prizes for her exhibits. She was a dedicated community worker.

Her family is where she donated her time and talent. She leaves behind a daughter-in-law Lynn, four granddaughters and two great grandchildren and her extended family, David, Marilyn and Marie, eight step grandchildren and eight step great grandchildren.

Beryl passed away on her birthday, April 10, 2014.

The Tryon WI lost a dedicated member and we all miss her.

*"Memories we will have from day to day  
No length of time can take away  
She lived with us in memory still  
Not just today but always will."*





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***Carol Ann Gillis (Costello)***

*Birch Hill WI*

*2014*

Carol Ann Gillis (Costello) was born on October 25, 1954 in O'Leary, PEI. She was the oldest child of Ephriam and Mary Costello, and was raised, along with her three younger siblings Jude, Mary-Colleen and John, in the Brae, PEI. Carol completed high school at O'Leary High School where she participated in curling, field hockey and Rangers. During high school she often volunteered with the special education class and spent summers working at a summer camp for children and adults with special needs in Oyster Bed Bridge. The combination of Rangers and her volunteer and work experience lead to Carol being chosen as one of two Canadians to travel to Texas, USA in 1975 to work with special needs children.

Carol married David Gillis, son of Ralph and Lottie, of Birch Hill, PEI on February 19, 1977 and they took over the Gillis family farm. Carol was the proud mother of six children – Charlene, Sherry, Janna, Adam, Lindsay and Scott. She was an avid volunteer in her children's many activities including then Tyne Valley Figure Skating Club, Tyne Valley Minor Hockey Association and Ellerslie Brownies. She was a member of Grand River Parish where she served as a Catechism teacher and often volunteered to canvas the community for charities, such as the Canadian Cancer Society. Carol was a long time member of the Birch Hill Women's Institute. She joined in December 1977 and was a member for 6 years when she left to raise her young family. she rejoined in 2007 and was an active member until her passing. Positions she held within the branch were President, Secretary and Convener. She was a District Convener and held many positions for the District Convention. Carol was also on the Board of Directors for the King George Hall.

Once her youngest children had moved out to attend university, Carol worked at MacNeil's Convenience Store in Tyne Valley. She continued to work there when the store changed to the name of Dillon's.

Carol had many hobbies – including reading, knitting and sewing, and was often working on a baby blanket or quilt, especially after the first of her nine grandchildren started to arrive. With her adult children spread out across Canada in the cities of Calgary, Ottawa, Kingston and Montreal, Carol enjoyed travelling to visit them and her grandchildren.

Carol had a warm and loving heart and was often the first to lend a hand to someone in need. Her door was always open to a neighbour looking to share a cup of tea. She enjoyed being an active member of her family, her community and province.





***Dolphie Grace MacFadyen***

*Meadowbank WI*

*2014*

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord" Psalm 116:15*

Meadowbank has been blessed to have had Dolphie as an active and loving member of our WI. Born and raised in Meadowbank where she lived all but 6 of her 88 years. With a short stint in Halifax and Kitchener, Ontario she worked in an ammunitions factory during WWII. Dolphie was never one to let the grass grow under her feet and was such a valued part of our community. She and her husband Dingwell, were gracious hosts to hundreds of tourists at their Farm, Bed and Breakfast. They hosted many community events, from square dancing to kitchen Ceilidhs. Their door was always open. Her talents and skills were many, from farm wife, to serving at McCready's Shore Acres, market gardening, teaching sewing at community school and upholstery. Neighbourhood children would often get hand knit mittens given out at Halloween with their treats. But her life investment was to family, her 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren will be her wonderful legacy.



***Doris Eileen Wood***

*Orwell WI*

*2014*

Doris Wood was born in Marie, PEI, to parents Hazel and Harry Sanderson. She was one of a family of ten children.

She married Ivan Wood of Orwell, PEI. They became the parents of two daughters, Kimberley and Linda.

Doris and Ivan operated a tourist business in Orwell for more than 30 years. Doris thoroughly enjoyed all the friendships she made through this business.

Doris was a life member of Orwell WI. She held most positions over the years and was on the Provincial Board of Directors. She was a very valued member of Orwell WI.

In addition to her Institute, Doris was involved in St. Andrews United Church, Kings County Tourism Association, 4-H, Orwell Corner Historical Village and Sir Andrew MacPhail Foundation.

Doris was a great neighbour, always welcoming people to her home. She was a beautiful soul with a generous heart, and a great example of living out our mission for home and country.

Doris spent her last few years at Whisperwood Villa where she died peacefully on Friday, December 5, 2014.





***Elva Fraser Moore***

*Tryon WI*

*2014*

Elva Moore came to Tryon in the late 1980's. She became a member of the Tryon Women's Institute and was very active for the years she was a member.

While in Tryon, she attended the Tryon United Church and was a member of the Church Choir.

Elva came here from Quebec and in later years moved back where her family resided.

Elva passed away on December 27, 2014, she is survived by two daughters and three sons, and thirteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The members of the Tryon WI were saddened to hear of her passing. She will be fondly remembered by her family and friends.



***Ena Elizabeth Beck***

*Alliston WI*

*2014*

Relatives, friends and members of the Alliston WI were deeply saddened on October 21, 2014 to learn of the passing of Ena Elizabeth Beck.

Ena was born June 30, 1917, daughter of John and Margaret Bell (MacPhee) Bruce. Ena grew up on a farm in Heatherdale, PEI with her sister Mary, brothers Murdock, Norman and Stanley Bruce.

She met and married Vere Beck of Alliston. Ena and Vere lived in Charlottetown for a number of years before moving to Alliston. They raised three children, Elaine (predeceased), Jean O'Saka (Al) and Alan (Bonnie) Beck. Loving grandmother to Paula, Suzie, Tisha and Ryan.

Ena taught school for a number of years, she was involved with the 4-H program, and a Life Member of the Alliston WI in which she held many positions.

Ena was very active in the community and her church always ready to lend a helping hand. A few years ago she moved to Charlottetown. She lived there with her devoted granddaughter Paula until the time of her passing.

*"She lies with us in memory still, not just today but always will."*





### ***Erica Loretta Curry***

*West Devon WI*

*2014*

Erica was born in West Devon, PEI on March 21, 1943 to Wanda and the late Eric MacNeill. She was the eldest of nine children and throughout her life was exceptionally caring for her siblings. Erica was a teacher, graduating with a teacher's certificate from Prince of Wales College at age 17. She taught first at Carleton Lot 6, and ended her teaching career of 35 years at Westile High School in 1995. Erica was a dedicated teacher who wanted her students to be the best they could be.

She married Bruce Curry in 1978. She and Bruce enjoyed travelling throughout Canada, the USA, Europe and Australia. Throughout her life, Erica actively participated in the community in a variety of ways. She was a beautiful quilter and a member of: the Quilter's Guild, West Devon Church, West Devon Ladies' Group, Cascumpec-Fortune Cove Hospital Aid, secretary of Windmill Crafts, served as a church elder and a member of TOPS. Erica also spent countless hours at the local library in O'Leary.

Erica shared most of her handiwork (quilts, sewing and knitting), preserves, and vegetables with her family and friends. She would often pop in for a visit with her delicious home baking or flowers from her garden. Erica always put others before herself and had a passion for her family and community. She will be greatly missed by her husband, family, friends and community.

*"Every day, in some small way, memories of you come our way.*

*Though absent, you are ever near, still missed, still loved, and ever dear."*



### ***Fern Clark Caseley***

*Kelvin Grove WI*

*2014*

She joined the Kelvin Grove WI in 1938 prior, she had been a member of Linkletter WI for 3 years serving there as President. Very active over the years, she was presented with a Life Membership in 1983.

In the local branch she served our WI as President, Vice President and Treasurer, held many convenerships, was director auditor and pianist at difference occasions over the years. Fern held leadership roles with Kensington Used Clothing Depot and Meals on Wheels, she was very active in knitting for the Red Cross and the IWK Hospital, many quilts and tops were made to be given to families in need.

During the war years she played a leading role in knitting and packing boxes of supplies to be sent to soldiers overseas.

As a musical ministry, Fern shared her talents in music. She was organist in the Kensington United Church for over twelve years providing music at services, funerals, weddings, etc. She accompanied the Kensington Legion Choir which was formed in 1984.

Fern and her husband Leaman raised a family of six on their farm in Kelvin Grove. She was active in helping with cleaning, planting trees, flowers and general upkeep with the local one room classroom in Kelvin Grove and later helped with hot lunch program when the local schools consolidated in Kensington.

This fine and gentle lady went to higher service on October 24, 2014, she has 97 years of caring and sharing. She will be missed by her fellow members.





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***Grace MacFadyen***

*Augustine Cove WI*

*2014*

Grace MacFadyen, daughter of Harry and Lena (Bell) Webster, was born in Augustine Cove, Prince Edward Island. She attended Prince of Wales College from which she earned her teaching certificate. After teaching for four years, Grace felt called to serve humanity in another capacity and entered Prince Edward Island School of Nursing in 1942.

Following graduation as a registered nurse in 1945, Grace married Wendell MacFadyen of Augustine Cove in the Tryon United Church, and they lived on the family farm until 2005 when they sold their home and moved to Summerside. Their family of two daughters and two sons has provided them with seven grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Grace was a model of service to her family, her church and her community. Living in a rural community in the 1940's brought many demands upon a nurse, to which she freely and willingly responded.

She was an active member of the United Church in Tryon, teaching Sunday school and serving on various church committees. Grace was also an active member of United Church Women since its beginning in 1962.

She was an active member of the Augustine Cove Women's Institute since her marriage and for at least two years prior to 1942. She held offices in all positions in her local branch and served as President and Secretary at the District level.

In earlier years Grace not only chaired and organized the summer Water Safety Program for her community, she also boarded the instructor.

In 1981 Grace was instrumental in the formation of the Abegweit Senior Citizens Club in Augustine Cove and has been an ardent supporter since that time.

One of the major accomplishments in Grace's life was the compilation of a community history Augustine Cove 1800-1973.





***Helen Frances Stevenson***

*Fredericton WI*

2014

Frances was born in St. Eleanor's to Willard and Annie (Murray) MacDowell and at a young age the family moved to Glen Valley, PE.

She married Miller Stevenson and moved to Fredericton where she worked side by side with her husband on the family farm. They raised 5 children; Allan (Evelyn), Wesley (Jill), Donald (Sharon) and Paul (Lorna). She was a devoted grandmother of 18, great grandmother of 34 and great-great grandmother of 2.

Early in her married life she joined the Fredericton Women's Institute and became a Life Member. She was an active member and held the position of Treasurer for many years.

Frances was also involved in church life being a member of Fredericton Church of Christ and in later years Sherwood Church of Christ.

Frances will be remembered for her work to the betterment of home, country and community.

*"Memories are timeless treasures of the heart."*



***Ina Irene Darrach***

*Fredericton-Hazel Grove WI*

2014

On January 20, 2014 Fredericton-Hazel Grove Women's Institute members were saddened to hear of the passing of one of their life members Ina Darrach. Ina was the daughter of William and Bessie Paul. She married Hector Darrach in February 1954 and lived in Argyle Shore until his sudden death in 1970 at which time she moved to Fredericton, PEI.

Ina and Hector were blessed with three daughters whom they loved dearly- Velma (predeceased at a very young age), Linda Black (predeceased), and Darlene Palmer.

Ina was a member of the Argyle Shore WI and upon moving to Fredericton immediately became involved in the WI in her new place of residence. She received her Life Membership pin in 1976.

Ina was a community minded person, a good friend and neighbour. She was involved in her local church and UCW.

Ina spent her senior years at Le Page Court and Rosewood Residence in Hunter River and when her health deteriorated she moved to South Shore Villa, Crapaud.

Ina is fondly remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends.





## ***Jean Elizabeth Simpson***

*Sterling WI*

*2014*

Jean Elizabeth Simpson, daughter of Milton and Margaret White, was born in Murray Harbour, on December 22, 1918. She was the fourth of seven siblings. After graduating from Grade X, Jean went to work at a local lobster factory. She also helped her ailing grandmother with housework and chores.

Later, Jean and her sister moved to BayView to live with their married sister Gertie Weeks. While working at Anna and Jerry Simpson's Tourist Home in Cavendish, Jean met Clifford Simpson, a local farmer and Insurance agent from BayView. They married in 1940 and raised a family of five: Margaret, Eileen, Joan Karen and Bruce.

Shortly after her marriage Jean joined the BayView WI and continued her connection with the group until they closed in 1972. For many years Jean volunteered as their Secretary. Jean joined 'Sterling' WI in Stanley Bridge and again took up her love of writing through her work as Secretary from 1979 to 1989.

Jean worked as a homemaker - cooking, cleaning, gardening, making jams and pickles, sewing and knitting clothes for her family. She also helped Clifford keep the Insurance books through the years, as well as working the Bay Vista Motor Inn.

Her passion was writing poetry. She wrote poems for her own enjoyment but was also asked by the community to write for special events. She would memorize and then present her poems for concerts and community get-togethers.

For her 90th birthday, her family compiled a book of her poetry called "Words in Verse". Jean was a kind person and loved to visit with her nine grandchildren, as well as her seven great--grandchildren.

Jean's husband, Clifford passed away in 1992. Jean stayed in BayView until 1998 when she moved to the Summerset Manor, Summerside. For a few years she was in poor health but later was able to lead an enjoyable life; knitting, playing games of Scrabble and Dominoes, reading and writing poetry, and enjoying visits and outings with family. Jean died on August 6th, 2014

The following verses are excerpts from her poem on "The Official Opening of Stanley Bridge":

*God made this little Island  
Just as fair as it could be,  
And He placed it in a lovely spot  
Surrounded by the sea.*

*Now Islanders have travelled far  
Made their homes in different parts,  
But a love for P.E.I.  
Still lies deep within their hearts*

*Many come back here to visit  
And they love to come again  
Some return home to the Island  
And contentedly remain.*

*For Prince Edward Island's special  
In so many different ways,  
And most of us would be content  
Right here to spend our days.*





***Mabel Nina MacQuarrie***

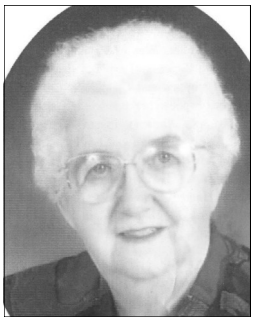
*St. Catherine's WI*

*2014*

Friends, neighbours and members of St. Catherine's Women's Institute were deeply saddened on March 11, 2014, to learn of the passing of Mabel MacQuarrie. She was brought up in Victoria, PEI, the daughter of Kenny and Becky Boulter, in a family of three girls.

In June of 1961, Mabel married Glen MacQuarrie and moved to St. Catherine's, where together they farmed and raised three children: Anna, Glenda and Paul.

Mabel was a cheerful and dedicated worker, both at home and in her community. She served in different offices of her local WI branch and was a Life Member. She was also a faithful member of Long Creek Baptist Church. When her children were grown, Mabel became employed with Towers/Zellers Department Stores and later with the janitorial staff of Westwood Primary School up until her retirement. Mabel enjoyed her early years of retirement and loved to go for walks and spend time with her family and five grandchildren, of whom she was very proud. She spoke fondly of her grandchildren and was always there to encourage them and to help them meet their goals. After several months of declining health, Mabel passed away on March 11, 2014. She is deeply missed by all her family and friends and all those who knew her.



***Marjorie E. Moase***

*New Annan WI*

*2014*

Marjorie was born in Irishtown, PEI to her late parents, Alexander and Margaret (Milman) Campbell. She grew up in Irishtown and married Elmer Moase and lived on the family farm of his parents in New Annan. They raised a family of three children: Olive, Roy (Dianne) and Isabel (1954-2011) Paynter (Alan).

Marjorie joined the New Annan Women's Institute in 1946 and remained active in the group until it disbanded in 2013. She held many meetings, quiltings and gatherings at her home in New Annan, and later in Kensington where she moved following Elmer's death. She was very community minded and was always willing to help in any way that she could where her help was needed.

When her children grew older she worked at the Linkletter Motel in Summerside for a number of years.

She enjoyed her family, which included five grandchildren and one great granddaughter, her friends and a good game of cards. She deeply mourned the passing of her younger daughter, Isabel who was also a member of the New Annan Women's Institute.

She was happy to remain in her own home with Olive until she was hospitalized shortly before she passed away.

*"Tenderly we cherish the past with memories that will always last."*





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***Mary Helen Irene (Callaghan) McIsaac***

*Mermaid WI*

*2014*

Mermaid lost a cherished community member with the passing of Mary McIsaac on October 22, 2014. Born April 2, 1922 to Paddy and Elizabeth Callaghan of North Wiltshire, PEI, she learned early in life to work hard, connect with nature, enjoy each day, and practice the foundations for a deep Christian faith.

Mary joined Hope River Women's Institute at eighteen years of age then participated in Parkdale WI for 9 years, before moving to Mermaid and joining Mermaid WI in 1955. She was active for sixty - seven years! While a valued member of Mermaid WI, she serving in all executive positions and was a tireless promoter of Women's Institutes and local 4-H clubs and their value to rural communities. She received her Life Membership in 1980, and served on the District 13 executive and the WI Provincial Board.

Mary was the consummate teacher with family and friends in her community organizations, as well as the formal school system. She experienced 10 grades in one classroom educational setting, as well as the transition to schools with one grade per classroom. Learning was important to her and she wanted everyone to succeed. She was known to insist on proper grammar, pronunciation, and penmanship. She retired from Sherwood Elementary after twenty nine years.

She and her husband Leo were, according to Mary "blessed with ten healthy children": Anita (Bob McQueen), Mary Beth (deceased at age 9), Leona (late Norbert Moran), Alan (Joanne), Paul (Shirley), Ian (Janet), Kevin (Jeanne), Guy (Natalie), Dale (Ann-Marie), and Karen (Larry Kirkland). Her family grew to include 31 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Mary was a gracious hostess and always had delectable servings from her garden and country kitchen. For three years between 1973 and 1976, she was overall winner in the home baking division at the Provincial Exhibition. Her fruit cakes were well known and auctioned at high prices at our WI ice cream social.

In her retirement she and Leo travelled to many countries, enjoyed their gardening, lawn bowling, and bridge. At age eighty Mary played her first game of golf. She never forgot her roots, and we will always remember her loyal commitment to "Home and Country".





**Mary M. Stewart**  
*South Pinette-Flat River WI*  
2014

Mary, who was born in Iris, is fondly remembered by all who knew her. In 1938 she married Isaac Stewart from Glen William and they raised a family of four boys.

Their home was a welcoming place for family, friends or strangers. No-one ever left before enjoying a good cup of tea and lots of delicious home baked treats.

In the 1960's they moved to Flat River from where Ike continued working on the Northumberland Ferries and Mary became a good neighbour to many new friends.

She enjoyed gardening and her rows of vegetables and especially her flowers were a joy to behold. Always active in the Wood Islands Presbyterian Church she served as president of the AMS there for many years. By helping with any projects undertaken by WI, of which she was a Life Member, she lived daily by the values of that group. Mary was a gracious and remarkable lady who always took a caring interest in those around her.

*Your presence we miss,  
Your memory we treasure.*



**Olive Emma Weeks**  
*Pleasant Valley WI*  
2014

Olive Weeks was born in Pleasant Valley to John and Lydia Weeks and joined Women's Institute at an early age. When she married Miller H. Weeks, she moved to the other end of the community to join him on his family farm. Together they raised three children.

In Women's Institute, Olive held every office, hosted many meetings, and participated in all branch projects including making major renovations to the Community Centre and entering it in Rural Beautification, and attending the District and Provincial Conventions every year as long as she was able. She was a valuable member who served her community well.

Olive was a faithful member of her church, singing in the choir, and was a Life Member of the United Church Women. She was Leader of the Pleasant Valley 4-H Calf and Sewing Clubs for over 25 years and Overall Leader for over 15 years, taking members and their projects to the Fairs, arranging yearly field trips, and attending the Atlantic Winter Fair when members participated in Public Speaking and Demonstration competitions. Under her direction, the club attended the Ice Capades in Moncton twice and won the Soil Sampling Competition earning two club trips to St. John, NB. As well, Olive and Miller were founding members of the High Hopes Seniors Club, and the Farmers Helping Farmers Group with whom they travelled to Kenya and Tanzania to assist farmers there.

Olive will be greatly missed by her community, family, and circle of friends.





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***Pauline Millar***

*Bideford WI*

*2014*

On Saturday, October 4, 2014, Pauline A. (Linkletter) Millar peacefully entered into her eternal rest at the Stewart Memorial Home in Tyne Valley, at the age of 95 years. She was predeceased by her husband, R.G. Millar in 1999, and leaves to mourn her three daughters and one son, 18 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Pauline was a Charter Member of the Bideford Women's Institute and was made a Life Member on October 29, 1984. She served in all Executive positions of the Institute as well, was Convener of several portfolios and Secretary-Treasurer for the Area 3 Convention. During Centennial year, she photographed all the houses in her community and wrote a short history about each house. In 1977 she was the recipient of the Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour for Prince Edward Island. She was made a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Eastern Division) in June 1954 and served as Church Organist for the Tyne Valley Presbyterian Church for many years. She faithfully attended the Tyne Valley Auxiliary of the AMS and the Church Ladies Aid, serving in all executive positions, and in 1995, she wrote a short history of the Mission Society for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her Church. She volunteered her musical talents for worship services for more than 30 years, and regularly provided music at funerals, Sunday School, Bible School, AMS and Ladies Aid meetings, as well as many other local and Island wide gatherings and meetings.

She was a member of the local Hospital Auxiliary and in 2001 and wrote a history of that organization on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She was a member of the Abegweit Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association and wrote the Green family history for the book "An Island Refuge". In 2000, she published a history of her community entitled "Roots & Branches – A Story of Bideford and Surrounding Communities" with all profits going to the local historical society of which she was a Charter Member.

She was a Life Member of PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation and a Charter Member of the Ellerslie-Bideford Community Council. She also maintained her church's cemetery records for a number of years.

Over the years, she nursed and cared for her ageing parents, for an invalid aunt and for her ageing father-in-law, sister-in-law and husband. She also provided daycare for several of her grandchildren at various times throughout the years.

She worked alongside her husband on their family farm, maintained the family farm bookkeeping records, and tended a large vegetable garden that she gladly shared with family members and neighbours. Her door was always open to welcome friends and strangers alike.

Due to failing health, she moved into an assisted living facility in 2007. Her largely attended wake and funeral attested to the high regard in which she was held. She will be missed by all who knew her.





### ***Ruth (Nicholson) Acorn***

*Rice Point WI*

*2014*

Ruth Acorn was born in Point Prim on August 17, 1920 to parents Angus and Mary Nicholson.

Ruth found employment in Charlottetown, there she married Percy Acorn who passed away at an early age. Ruth was a devoted mother to Philip, Nora and Barbara and two step sons Henry and Gerald. She dearly loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and in fact all children.

Ruth's love and knowledge in preparing food earned her a long career with the Dietary Staff at the PEI and the Queen Elizabeth Hospitals. On retirement Ruth initially resided in Kingston and became a valued member of the Kingston WI, in 1988 Ruth moved to Rice Point and shortly thereafter joined the WI there. In 2009 Ruth was awarded Life Membership by the Rice Point WI. She willingly helped with many projects and used her talents in providing biscuits, squares and cookies for socials and community events.

Ruth loved to travel, visited western Canada and the USA several times and made two trips to the UK and at age 85 went on tour to Europe. For many years Ruth was an active member of the Women's Auxiliary of Zion Church, in later years she enjoyed the fellowship of Bible Study and AMS Groups in Central Parish.

Ruth passed away on March 21, 2014 and was lovingly laid to rest in the Polly Cemetery in her beloved Mt. Buchanan. As a memento, many cherish the crocheted snowflakes she always seemed to have on hand to pass out. We will always fondly remember Mrs. A.



### ***Ruth MacEachern***

*Mt. Mellick WI*

*2014*

Our dear Ruth MacEachern, (Jenkins) of Cherry Valley, passed away at Whisperwood Villa on Saturday, December 27, 2014 at the age of 91 years. Ruth was the beloved wife of Lawson MacEachern for 75 years. She was the devoted mother of Lloyd (Margaret); Ken (Audrey); and Donna Nelson. She was the loving grandmother of six grandchildren and their spouses, the great grandmother of twelve great grandchildren, and the great-great grandmother of three great-great grandchildren.

Ruth was the daughter of Henry and Olive (Horton) Jenkins and her siblings were the deceased Chester Jenkins and Wendell Jenkins; and she is survived by brother Lloyd Jenkins. Ruth was a loving and kind mother, wife and friend.

She was an extremely capable woman, and her artfully done crocheting, knitting, and other forms of handwork were so impressive, that they were displayed during her wake. She was also a beautiful cook. Following in the footsteps of her mother-in-law the late Etna MacEachern, one of the founding members of Mt. Mellick Women's Institute. Ruth joined the institute at an early age, earning both her WI pin and her Women's Institute Life Membership pin. Ruth possessed a beautiful shy smile that would capture your heart. She was always willing to help with any project and her craftiness was a great advantage with our various projects.

A multi-talented, beautiful, shy and sweet woman, Ruth could teach all of us the values of a well lived and loving life. We will miss you Ruth and were so blessed to have known you. The angels will love your presence.





### ***Sylvia Mary Stuchbery***

*Tryon WI*

*2014*

Sylvia was born in Sheffield, England in 1937. She was the daughter of the late Francis Alan and Laura Ellen (Poole) Doughty. She earned her teaching degree at Homerton College, Cambridge where she met the love of her life Ian Stuchbery.

They enjoyed a long happy 55 years of marriage. Sylvia taught in Winnipeg and Montreal until their retirement in 1999. Sylvia and Ian retired to Tryon where they enjoyed life with their dog Dodie and their involvement in the community and St. Paul's Church in Charlottetown.

Sylvia became a member of the Tryon WI and was willing to do her share of any activities that took place. Sylvia loved travelling, sewing, gardening, baking and reading, but most of all she loved entertaining family and friends.

Sylvia is survived by her husband, Ian, daughter, Alison, and two sons, Michael and Nicholas and ten grandchildren, whom she dearly loved.

The members of the Tryon WI were shocked to hear of Sylvia's passing but will miss her cheery disposition, helping hands extended to us over the years.



### ***Theresa "Dianne" O'Donnell***

*Orwell WI*

*2014*

Dianne was born on Christmas Eve, 1958 to Joseph and Thelma O'Donnell. Dianne was raised on the family farm in Avondale along with her two sisters and four brothers. She attended Avondale School and completed her High School education by graduating from Montague Regional High School.

Dianne commenced her career at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) working in various positions where she discovered her interest in nutritional services. Upon completing required courses in Nutritional Services in Ottawa, Dianne became Supervisor of Food Services at the Hospital. Later on when the Provincial Government changed the structure of Queens Region, Dianne's interests were shifting in another direction. Dianne discovered through acting opportunities that she enjoyed working in Finance, and applied for and won a position in Accounts Payable. As she enjoyed the work in Finance she requested opportunities to work in Payroll and enjoyed the flexibility of working in either area on a rotational basis until she chose to retire in February 2014.

Dianne was a quiet, soft spoken lady who never had an unkind word to say about or to anyone. She was a loyal friend and loved family gatherings. Many friends called her "Lady Di" and she accepted that title graciously with a sweet smile. Dianne enjoyed long walks, travel, and the beach, cross country skiing and camping with her friends. She had a love for every kind of flower particularly wild flowers. Dianne had a deep love for her dogs, especially Ebony who went everywhere with her.

Dianne played many roles in her life and did so with such grace, a daughter, sister, niece, sister-in-law, aunt, best friend, Godmother, to name just a few. Other than those roles she played a very important role in the community, she held positions as Secretary and as Treasurer for the Orwell Women's Institute and was always there with a smile and a helping hand at other community events and fundraisers.

Dianne passed away suddenly of an illness at her residence in Kinross on June 16, 2014. Her quiet presence will be missed by all.





***Vernita Hughes***  
*Harrington WI*  
2014

Reta Vernetta Mossman was born on November 16, 1927 to Freeman and Olive Mossman of Vernon Bridge. At an early age she lost her mother in a fire and went to live with Houghton and Florence Mutch in Earnscliffe. She was then known as Vernita Mutch. She attended school there and later entered Nursing School in Charlottetown. She married Hilson Hughes in 1948 and moved to Harrington where she became a WI member.

She and Hilson ran a dairy farm there and raised seven children. Arthur (Cindy), Virginia (Charles) Morrison, Ivan (Marilyn), John, deceased, (Dorothy), Joan (Bruce) Howe, Donald (Carolyn) and Donna (Roger) Kitson. She was also the loving grandmother of fifteen and great grandmother to fourteen.

She operated a sweet shop for many years and worked as a housekeeper and also at a motel as a cook. Later in life she and Hilson moved to 501 Queen Street in Charlottetown. After Hilsons death she remained there until May 2013 when she moved to Whisperwood Villa in Sherwood. She passed away on November 4, 2014.

She will be missed by many.



***Wilda Khout***  
*Bedeque WI*  
2014

Wilda Bell was born on May 11, 1916. She lived her early years in Bedeque with her parents, Elliott and Mae Bell.

On September 25, 1940 she married Frank Kohout and they moved to North Tryon and here they raised two children, George and Lynn. During her time here, Wilda would work with the local farmers in the Fall. She later worked at Campbell and Burn's factory in Central Bedeque. In 1958 the family moved to Shamrock. After Frank's passing in 1971, Wilda moved back to her parents' home in Bedeque in order to care for them.

Wilda was one of a group of ladies who got together at the Bedeque school house on November 8, 1937, to set up the Bedeque branch of the Women's Institute and was very much a part of it until her marriage when she moved away. After her return to Bedeque, she again became a very regular part of the group, and attended meetings and hosted them at her home. She was a valued member and we were saddened to hear of her passing on January 22, 2014.





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***Wilma MacGregor***

*North River WI*

*2014*

Wilma (Campbell) MacGregor was born in Charlottetown on December 24, 1926. She attended school in Charlottetown and then she went to work for the telephone company as a telephone operator.

On November 12, 1948, Wilma married Alexander (Sandy) MacGregor at Zion Church. As a young bride she moved to North River where she had to learn all about farming and worked side by side with her husband.

Wilma and Sandy raised two children, Sandra (Dale Yeo) and Roger (Lorna). She was very proud of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Wilma became a Women's Institute member shortly after moving to North River. She could always be counted on for doing her part for Women's Institute and community. Wilma and Sandy attended Zion Presbyterian Church.

After they sold their farm and moved to Lakeview Drive in North River, she worked at Rodds Motel in West Royalty for a number of years. After Sandy's passing Wilma moved to an apartment, where she lived for the next 10 years. Wilma passed away at the Beach Grove Home on June 18, 2014.



***Annie J. Ferguson (Callbeck)***

*Hampton WI*

*2015*

Annie was born and attended school on Tryon. In 1913 she married G. Victor Ferguson and moved to the farm in Hampton. She raised her family of five sons and one daughter, and continued to keep keen interest in all their different lives.

Annie enjoyed the farm chores, the vegetable garden and of course her many flowers and house plants. She enjoyed making quilts, afghans, knitting mitts and socks, also she taught sewing classes at Hampton School. Annie was a member of the Hampton Women's Institute, and became a Life Member.

She kept up with the daily news. Her Guardian, Journal Pioneer and Eastern Graphic newspapers were well read; as many items were clipped out and placed within the scrapbooks she kept since 1955.

Annie spent ten years in her apartment at the Crapaud Seniors, and the last two years at the Atlantic Baptist Home, where she passed away on January 12, 2015 in her 102<sup>nd</sup> year. She had the gift of a great memory and enjoyed family and visitors.

Annie was proud of her family, proud of her community and saw so many changes in each during her life time.



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*In Memoriam 2011*

Alberta Nicholson Gillis - Mt. Buchanan-Pt. Prim WI

*In Memoriam 2013*

Aletha Edith Runtz - Brackley Beach WI

Florrie A. Campbell - Spring Brook WI

Jessie Emma McGrady - Clyde River WI

Valerie MacLeod - Marshfield WI

Vivian G. Fyfe - Sterling WI

*In Memoriam 2014*

Agnes Saunders LeBlanc - Marshfield WI

Alice Constance "Connie" MacLeod - Highfield WI

Anne Evelyn MacLeod - Bonshaw WI

Beryl Joan Craswell Best - Tryon WI

Carol Ann Gillis (Costello) - Birch Hill WI

Dolphie Grace MacFadyen - Meadowbank WI

Doris Eileen Wood - Orwell WI





## *In Memoriam 2014*

Elva Fraser Moor - Tryon WI

Ena Elizabeth Beck—Alliston WI

Erica Loretta Curry - West Devon WI

Fern Clark Caseley - Kelvin Grove WI

Grace MacFadyen - Augustine Cove WI

Helen Frances Stevenson - Fredericton WI

Ina Irene Darrach - Fredericton Hazel Grove WI

Jean Elizabeth Simpson - Sterling WI

Mabel Nina MacQuarrie - St. Catherine's WI

Marjorie E. Moase - New Annan WI

Mary Helen Irene (Callaghan) McIssac - Mermaid WI

Mary M. Stewart - South Pinette-Flat River WI

Olive Emma Weeks - Pleasant Valley WI

Pauline Millar - Bideford WI

Ruth (Nicholson) Acorn - Rice Point WI

Ruth MacEachern - Mt. Mellick WI

Sylvia Mary Stuchbery - Tryon WI





## *In Memoriam 2014*

Teresa "Dianne" O'Donnell - Orwell WI

Vernita Hughes - Harrington WI

Wilda Khout - Bedeque WI

Wilma MacGregor - North River WI

## *In Memoriam 2015*

Annie J. Ferguson (Callbeck) - Hampton WI