



Adele Meek
Spring Brook WI
2015

Adele Meek was born on October 25, 1919 to Ivan and Bessie Brown. She grew up in the New London area with her brother Frank and sisters Dorothy and Winnifred.

She attended school in the area and then moved on to Kensington and Charlottetown to further her education before her marriage to Oliver Meek in 1942. They moved to Spring Brook where they farmed and raised four children Allan, Norma, Wendall and Sylvia. Adele was grandmother to six and great grandmother to five.

Adele worked hard to support the family both in the house and on the farm. In later years, after the death of her husband, she moved to Stratford to live with Norma and family. She resided with them until shortly before her passing.

Adele remained interested in the happenings of her former community and kept herself busy with knitting, puzzles and crossword puzzles.

While in Spring Brook, Adele was a loyal member of the Spring Brook WI.



Alice Furness
Orwell WI
2016

Alice was born in 1930 in Glencoe, PEI to parents Minnie and James Wilson, and was the eldest of twelve siblings.

In 1948, Alice married Frederic Furness, and together they raised a family of eight, and were blessed with twenty grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren, which she dearly loved and was so very proud of each one.

In 2014, Alice became ill and moved to the Dr. John Gillis Memorial Lodge in Eldon, where she remained until her peaceful passing on December 5, 2016.

Alice had many interests, but seemed to receive her greatest joy from her family and friends. She cherished family gatherings, loved to sew, knit, bake, cook, make preserves, and enjoyed gardening. Her love of flowers was evident both inside and outside her home.

Alice was a UCW member, and was involved in her church and community, and for many years she was a caretaker of her church.

Alice joined the Orwell WI in 1999. She truly appreciated her involvement in the WI, and often would speak about the many acts of kindness extended to her.

Alice will be dearly missed by her family, community, and WI friends. She will be lovingly remembered for her quiet disposition, and her caring personality. It was the small things she did that we will remember the most.



Alta Mae Campbell
Good Luck Alliston WI
2016

Alta Mae MacKay was the daughter of Albert and Viola (Reid) MacKay of Murray River, PEI.

She grew up there with her sisters and brothers: Evelyn, Phyllis, Vernon, Gerald, Myrna, and Laurie.

In 1946, Alta married John Campbell, and moved to the family farm in Alliston. To this union was four girls: Myrna (Roddie) O'Connor (deceased), Jean (John) Giddings, Dot Campbell (Larry Robertson), and Rita Anne (deceased). Alta was a devoted grandmother of ten grandchildren, and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

Alta was a WI member until they moved to Montague, and later to Charlottetown.

Alta later moved to Dr. Gillis Lodge in Eldon, where she passed away on August 28, 2016 with her family by her side.

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



Bertie Chappell
Sherbrooke-Summerside WI
2016

Florence Ethelbert "Bertie" was born April 8, 1928 to Rex and Florence Dawson and, grew up in Tryon with 5 siblings. She moved to Sherbrooke after marrying Prowse Chappell in 1951, and joined WI shortly after.

Moving into the family home meant that, eventually, three generations would be living there together with Bertie being homemaker; looking after in laws, husband and children as well as taking part in all activities of the farm. Together Prowse and Bertie farmed and raised 4 children: Ron (Sue Morrison), Debby (Rainier Zenner), Cindy (Ronnie Carragher) and Wayne. Their family grew to include 7 grandchildren.

Bertie was an eager participant in many positions and committees in her 54 years as a WI member and her door was always open for meetings. She proudly received her WI Life Membership pin in 1981.

Bertie loved to visit and receive visitors. But one time there was news of a special visitor. When Prowse was PEI Minister of Agriculture they were honoured to host Canadian Prime Minister, Pierre Elliott Trudeau in their home. This made her worry about what to have to eat and that their doorstep was under repair at the time. However, with Bertie looking after the food and some fast renovations to the doorstep the luncheon proved to be a success.

Her baking was thoroughly enjoyed by many - especially her raisin puff and breads. Even her salmon sandwiches seemed to be the best ever! As noted in a fun WI write up "You can always count on Bertie for eats; Her rolls you count on as one of your treats; All of her baking turns out so swell; It's no wonder Prowse is looking so well".



Bertie's dedication extended to Summerside Baptist Church where she was an avid worker and Sunday School teacher.

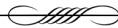
She also enjoyed walking, bicycling, taking Phys Ed classes and going to yard sales.

Even after they moved to a neighboring community Bertie continued to be an active member of Sherbrooke WI.

Prowse predeceased Bertie and she later moved to Andrew Lodge. WI ladies would visit on occasion for a meeting or social time.

Bertie had the most beautiful smile. She is remembered as a soft spoken, ladylike person who was gracious, kind and never said a bad word about anyone. To her "every person and every event was lovely"!

This wonderful lady passed away on March 21, 2016 at the age of 87. We treasure our memories of Bertie and she will be remembered fondly by all who had the privilege to know her (and her smile). ♥



Daisy (MacNeill) Thomson
Highfield WI
2015

Members of the Highfield Women's Institute were shocked and saddened upon learning of Daisy's passing on June 15, 2015. This was just one week to the day after we had held our June WI meeting at the Garden Home where she was living. Always the optimist, that night, she had made plans to attend the September meeting.

Daisy was one of five children – Chauncey, Spurgeon (Charles), Gloria, and Lila – born to Mae (Lidstone) and Spurgeon MacNeill in a small community just outside of O'Leary. When she was 18, she and her whole family moved to Charlottetown.

Daisy was a very honest and stalwart resident of the community of "Highfield" (Winsloe) for many years. She worked diligently for her family, both at home and outside of the home at "Rodd's" for over 30 years. Together with her husband, Frank, they raised a family of five – Glen, Fran, Ronnie (deceased), Tommy, and Charlie.

Daisy was a kind, caring, energetic, and dependable person who always went above and beyond to do her share, whether it was for her church, U.C. Women, or our W.I. She would always be early and stay until the last dish was dried. The W.I. had catered to a luncheon just a year and a half before her passing, when Daisy was 93 years of age, and there she was – doing the dishes!

Daisy was adventurous. In later years, after her family was raised and she no longer worked at Rodd's, Daisy and Jane (her sister-in-law) ran the Blue Goose Restaurant in DeSable for several years. What a daunting task! But not for those two ladies. Jane did the driving, and she and Daisy enjoyed this venture, and did many more things together throughout the years.

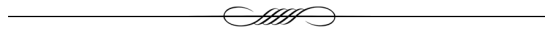


Daisy had a wonderful, positive attitude, and treated everyone with respect. Her warm smile was beautiful. The picture the family chose for her obituary was so appropriate, as it said it all – smiling and happy. She was a very strong lady – physically, emotionally, and spiritually. She always appreciated nice and pretty things, but was never vain. She loved her family dearly, as was evident in what she said and did, but she never bragged. What a talent she had for getting her point across without being aggressive, loud, or bragging.

Daisy loved her hockey, especially the Toronto Maple Leafs. Not that many years before she passed away, she was delighted to be able to travel with her daughter, Fran, to see a live game in Toronto.

All loved and admired her work ethic as a sister member working for “Home and Country”. She was a Life Member of both the Highfield United Church Women and the Highfield Women’s Institute. She also received Honourary Membership from the United Church Women shortly after her 90th birthday.

Daisy has left a legacy and memories that will live on through what she did, what she stood for, and how she lived – through her family, her church, her community, and through all that knew her. We are the fortunate ones to have been inspired by Daisy, and to have had her in our lives.



Elsie (Saville) Fraser
East Point WI
2016

East Point Women’s Institute members said goodbye to Elsie (Saville) Fraser on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at Kingsboro Baptist Church.

Elsie and her husband, Austin, resided at South Lake where they raised a family of four – three sons and one daughter.

She was a valued member of the South Lake and East Point groups, where she rarely missed a meeting. We were always assured of a warm welcome to her cozy home, where she loved to share a hearty laugh and practical jokes.

She held convenerships in both the branch and district levels. In later years, she provided an invaluable service to her many friends via telephone chats.

Elsie and Austin were well respected in our church and community. May their souls rest in peace.

Evelyn Birt
North River WI
2016

Evelyn was born on October 29, 1921. She was a member of the North River Women's Institute where she held the office of Secretary, as well as being a willing worker for WI.

Evelyn had one son, Lloyd Younker (Marion, deceased) and four grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was residing at the Garden Home prior to her death on July 29, 2016.



Freda Woodside
Knutsford WI
2015

Freda Woodside was born on October 26, 1932, the daughter of Albert and Cora Smallman of Knutsford. The second of six children, she was often outside, working in the fields, or helping her father with the yard and barn chores. Freda's dedication to farm life continued when she married Heath Woodside in 1952, and together they raised their family of five on a farm near her childhood home.

Freda's kind and gentle nature, her open and loving heart, and her devotion to family, church and community were inspirational to all who knew her. She joined the Knutsford WI in 1953, and was honoured with a life membership in 1977. Freda was an active and valued member, as she readily participated in branch projects, and served on various committees over the years. Her faithful attendance at meetings showed her strong commitment to the core principles of the Women's Institute.

Freda was also a faithful member of the O'Leary United Church congregation, and a member of the UCW for many years. Although life on the farm was extremely busy, she generously and joyfully spent many hours baking and sewing for fundraisers, catering at community and church functions, and helping to renovate the community schoolhouse and the church hall. Her determined work ethic, coupled with her easy-going manner, made it pleasurable to work alongside her.

Freda was a proud and loving mother to Margaret Anne, Kathleen, Heather, Shane, and Norman, and ten grandchildren who were fortunate enough to call her "Grammie". An extension of her love of the outdoors was her passion for sports, especially hockey. One of the few things that could lure her away from her chores would be the chance to lace up her skates and pass the puck to her grandchildren on the ice patch behind the barn. Picking berries, fishing trout, and tending her plentiful vegetable garden were some of Freda's favourite hobbies. In later years, she and her husband Heath found time for some travel and would spend summer hours walking on the beach neaby Brae, or relaxing at their cottage on Mill River.

Freda passed away at the Margaret Stewart Ellis Home in O'Leary on December 14, 2015. She will be greatly missed by friends, neighbours, and her sister members of the Knutsford Women's Institute.

***Every blade in the field, every flower in the garden,
lays down its life in its season, as beautifully as it was taken up.***



Genevieve May Boswall
Dunstaffnage WI
2016

Genevieve (Gerry) Boswall (Godfrey) grew up in Suffolk where she attended school and later Business College. In 1946 she married Rowell Boswall and moved to Frenchfort where they together operated a mixed farm and raised a family of three children; Mary, Albert and Almon. She has seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Gerry was a very active and dedicated community member. At the early age of 16 she joined Suffolk WI and then following her marriage became member of Dunstaffnage WI from where she was awarded her Life Membership in 1980. She worked very diligently for WI giving of her time and talents for her community. In 1984 she was recognized in The Golden Book of Recognition for over 60 years in Dunstaffnage WI.

Gerry was also a faithful member of Central United Church, Dunstaffnage and was awarded Life Membership in Central UCW.

She passed away at McMillan Lodge on April 23, 2016 at the age of 93. Funeral Service was held from Central United Church. She is sadly missed by family, friends and neighbors.



Henrietta Waugh
New Annan WI
2017

New Annan lost a long time resident and highly respected lady on January 7th 2017 with the passing of Henrietta Waugh.

Henrietta was a very devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She and her husband, Charles were successful mixed farmers where she worked beside him for many years.

She was also a very devoted life member of the Women's Institute in New Annan. She joined the WI in 1951 and remained very active until the group disbanded in 2013. She sadly felt the loss of our WI at that time. She held all offices at the local level many times and was a great volunteer within our community. She helped with every endeavour our group undertook. She was a terrific worker, great cook, a flower gardener and quilter and gave her best to everything she did. She was also very active in her church.

She worked as secretary at Queen Elizabeth Elementary School for many years, so successfully that many of the students thought she was the principal!

In recent years, she resided in Kensington, and then Andrews Lodge when ill health prevented her from being alone. She is sadly missed and ever loved by all.

“The Memory of A Good Person is A Blessing”



Hilda Ann Beer
Clyde River WI
2016

Hilda Ann Beer was born in Clyde River the daughter of Wallace and Katherine Murray. Her father died when she was nine years of age but she and her mother with brothers, Lloyd and Everett continued the farming operation on the Murray homestead. In due time she married Arnold Beer and her family was complete with daughter Donna and son Fred.

Hilda's ninety seven years were happy and healthy years almost to the end. She was blessed to live to enjoy her grandchildren and great grandchildren. After her husband's death in 2001, she spent her winters in Charlottetown always returning to her home in Clyde River for the summer months.

Hilda was a gracious hostess and has much joy entertaining family gatherings, visiting relatives, and friends. She was a willing worker in each of her endeavors and in her quiet unassuming manner was an inspiration for the rest of us. She was indeed true to the Mary Stewart Collect.

Hilda was a dedicated member of Burnside Presbyterian Church and Missionary Society and a Life Member of Clyde River Women's Institute.

Hilda passed away on October 22, 2016 after a brief time in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and was laid to rest beside her husband in the Burnside Presbyterian Cemetery.

"Beautiful memories of a loved one are the keepsakes of the heart."



Isobel "June" Boswall
Dunstaffnage WI
2015

Isobel "June" Campbell was born February 15, 1933 the daughter of Archibald and Edith MacKay Campbell of Millvale PEI. In 1951, she married Lincoln Boswall of Dunstaffnage. She and Lincoln took over the mixed family farm from his parents. On the farm, she was involved with the day to day operations. There they raised a family of nine children.

For over 50 years June has been a very supportive member of the Dunstaffnage WI. Participating in fund raising, Handcraft section of the exhibition a delegate to the provincial convention and workshops, and has been on our executive. June also helped with the blood donor clinics and knitted small socks for Q.E.H. On March 7, 1995 she was presented with her Life Membership pin. In October 2015 she was presented with her certificate for being a W.I. member for 50 years.

June was also very supportive of community groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and the local 4-H Club. She was a member of Central United Church, and taught Sunday School there. She was also a member of Central United Church Women and a member of the choir until her death.

June was also a member of the local Seniors group. She was very aware of the needs of others and never hesitated to lend a hand to her family and her community.

When their son took over the farm she and Lincoln purchased a mini home and located it on the farm. After Lincoln passed away she remained there until her passing on December 1, 2015. June is dearly missed by her family, friends, and fellow W.I. members.



Jean (MacLean) MacEwen
York Point WI
2014

Jean was born on November 7, 1918 to parents Janie and Harry MacLean of Meadowbrook, as the oldest of four children. Jean grew up on the family farm where she spent a lot of time helping out, while attending school in Clyde River.

She met Gordon MacEwen, and they were married on July 1, 1942. They settled on the family farm in York Point, where they worked together and raised two children: Lois (Moore), and Harvey.

Jean was very active in her community, she joined the Cornwall-York Point WI in 1942, and then went on to the York Point WI in 1955, when they group divided into two groups. She held various offices and served on many committees, until her health began to fail. Jean was awarded her WI Life Membership in April 1972.

Jean was also a very active member of the Cornwall United Church as a choir member, and she was a U.C.W. member and treasurer for many years. She enjoyed cooking, knitting, gardening, and meeting the many people that stayed at the tourist home that they operated for a number of years.

Jean moved from her home to Andrew's Lodge in 2007. When her health continued to fail, she then moved to Beach Grove where she passed away on July 16, 2014.



Kaye Ford
Harrington WI
2017

Kaye was born in Saint John, New Brunswick, and moved to PEI at a young age, as her Island-born parents, Earl and Jeanette McKenna, wanted to return home. They settled in Charlottetown, where Kaye obtained her education, completing Business Administration at Prince of Wales College.

She met her future husband, Myron, as a young girl. They were married in 1966, and had the privilege of celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2016, with family and friends. They were blessed with two daughters and four very special grandchildren.

Kaye shared the many joys of her life with her husband, as they travelled extensively, entertained frequently, and participated in community and family life.

Kaye was a faithful member of her church.

She was a dedicated life member of the Harrington Women's Institute, and was always there to help. She volunteered at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, both in orthopedics and at the information desk for many years. She also participated in the making of hundreds of pies that went to New York City after the 9/11 disaster. She was a very caring person with a beautiful smile, who always found time to reach out to others in times of need.



***Lois Estelle Carr
Harrington WI
2015***

Lois was born on the family farm in Harrington in 1928, to John and Mae Jones. When Lois was in her teens, her Dad was diagnosed with cancer and spent several months in the hospital. He died at a very young age leaving Lois to help operate the family farm with her mother and her brother, Kier.

She attended Prince of Wales College and became a teacher; a career she had until her marriage to Allison Carr in 1950. Allie and Lois had five children (John, Byron, Mayda, Allan and Scott), five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

She was a dedicated Life member of Harrington Women's Institute, holding many of the positions within the organization. Lois attended the meetings regularly where she could be found sharing in the upkeep of the community hall, painting fences, light poles, planting and maintaining the community flower beds, and anything else that would beautify the community. She had a true community spirit.

After her children were grown, Lois managed a canteen at the National Park in Brackley Beach, worked at Simpson Sears, and finished her working career in the Lab at the Federal Department of Fisheries.

Lois attended Harrington Presbyterian Church until it closed where she sang in the choir. She also attended St. Mark's Anglican Church in South Rustico.

Your Life was a
BLESSING

Your Memory a
TREASURE

You are loved
BEYOND WORDS

And Missed
BEYOND MEASURE

-Renee Wood



Lucinda (Lucy) Margaret MacNeill
Beach Point WI
2016

Lucinda (Lucy) Margaret MacNeill was born on March 24, 1925 to Hattie and Victor Strickland of Cape Bear. She was the oldest daughter in a family of three girls and four boys. When Lucy was just a teenager, she kept house and looked after children for a family in Charlottetown, and later for a family in Guernsey Cove.

Lucy married George MacNeill of Beach Point in the late 1940s, after George returned from serving in the Second World War. They had four boys between 1949 and 1955. Tragically, George died in 1958, leaving Lucy to raise their family on her own. Lucy worked very hard to provide for her growing boys. She raised cows, pigs, and chickens, and grew all of their vegetables in her large garden. She milked the cows by hand, and churned her own butter. In the evenings, she would be knitting socks, mitts, and sweaters, or mending clothes. There was never any time to be idle. She learned to drive, and got a car in the mid 1960s. When her boys got a little older, Lucy worked in the lobster factory.

Lucy was a faithful member of the Church of Christ, where she taught Sunday school, and sang in the choir. Besides serving in her church, Lucy was instrumental in starting Community School in Beach Point. She continued being involved in Community School for many years, first in Beach Point, and later in Murray Harbour.

Lucy joined the Beach Point Women's Institute in 1963, when it was re-instated after it was disbanded in 1953. She served a number of terms as President and as Secretary-Treasurer over the years. Lucy received her Life Membership citation and pin in 2000.

She remained an active WI member, until she began showing signs of Alzheimer's. Her condition progressed until it was necessary for her to move into the Riverview Manor in October of 2015. She was there for a couple of months before moving to the Dr. John Gillis Lodge in Eldon.

Lucy passed away at the Lodge on April 5, 2016. She is greatly missed by her family, nine grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and all her friends who had the honour of knowing her.

*When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here inside your heart.*



Marguerite (Graham) Cole
Avonlea WI
2016

Marguerite was born in Cavendish in 1922. As a young man, she married Oliver Cole, and moved about a mile away to his home in Bayview.

She was the mother of three children, and worked side by side with her farmer husband.

When Oliver died, she lived alone in their old farmhouse. Her children were married, but in her later years, each took a turn coming to get her in Bayview in late Fall to take her to their homes in Calgary or Fredericton, and brought her home in the Spring.

Marguerite loved gardening, and kept beautiful gardens. She even mowed her lawn until she was 90 years old.

She did beautiful knitting, crocheting, etc., and always had a new idea for us with a craft.

She loved attending the W.I. meetings. She was a helpful and willing member, and when we hosted receptions and W.I. projects, she always did her part.

Marguerite is very much missed in our Avonlea W.I., our community, and in our church community.



Mary Catherine MacDonald
Rice Point WI
2016

Mary Catherine MacDonald was born on May 10, 1927 to Mary Belle and Charles MacKinnon of Canoe Cove.

Mary married Allan MacDonald of Rice Point, and fully embraced the role of a fisherman's wife. Together they raised eight children, including twin boys. Mary was proud of, and lovingly cared for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her home was a hub of activity, yet open to everyone. In early years she operated a Red Cross station for the area from her kitchen.

Mary was a devout member of the Nine Mile Creek Presbyterian Church, and a faithful choir member. The Rice Point WI presented her their first Life Member Award, having given so many years of tireless service to the WI and community events.

Mary will be remembered for her smile, friendship, and outstanding service to the community.

Mary Edith Nicolle
Ray of Hope WI
2016

Mary Edith Nicolle was born on May 31, 1934 in Sheet Harbour, NS to Lawrence and Edith Butler – one of eight children.

Mary attended school in Sheet Harbour, and later St. Patrick High School in Halifax, NS. After her school days were over, Mary found employment at the Halifax Shipyard. During those days, working in the shipyard, Mary would have met many sailors, but only one of them captured her heart.

In 1957, Mary married Judson Nicolle, and she always called him Nick. After they were married, Mary and Judson moved to Murray River, PEI. They raised a family of six children; 2 boys and 4 girls. While her children were young, Mary was a stay at home mom, as the children grew and became more independent, she went to work at Terrace Heights Restaurant in Murray River, and then on to Keeping and MacKay Ltd., and Murray Harbour Seafoods.

Mary was a Life Member of the Ray of Hope Branch of the Women's Institute. Over the years, Mary held many offices within the branch; President, Vice-President, and Secretary. She was a devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Parish in Montague, and an active member of the Catholic Women's League.

Mary was a kind and loving person, and a great neighbor, always willing to give a helping hand to anyone she saw in need. She was an excellent cook and had a reputation of being the best fudge maker in Murray River. Everyone would go to Mary's house on Halloween just to get some of her fudge.

Mary loved her six children and nine grandchildren dearly – they were her pride and joy.

Mary had health problems for the last ten years of her life, and as her health deteriorated, she moved to the Dr. John Gillis Memorial Lodge in Eldon in September of 2016. She was at the Gillis Lodge for a little over three weeks when she passed away.

*Those we love can never
Be more than a thought away,
For as long as there's a memory,
They live in our hearts to stay.*



Mary Rita MacDonald
East Point WI
2016

Rita and her husband, Ronnie, were life-long residents of East Point, where they, along with Ronnie's brother Victor, operated a dairy farm known as East-Mac, one of PEI's Century farms. Their family of nine children grew to include eighteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Rita and her older sister, Beatrice, went to Women's Institute meetings with their mother until they were old enough to become members themselves! Many meetings were hosted by Rita, who warmly welcomed everyone into her "farm-home" kitchen with the crackling wood fire – so inviting and warm on chilly nights! Her table was laden with delicious home cooked food.

She was well known for her generous support of the church and community, and was a charter member of the St. Columba Catholic Women's League. She received her Women's Institute Life Membership Award in 1995 and was presented with the PEIWI Golden Book of Recognition Award in 2012.

It can truly be said of Rita:

"Many are the women of proven worth, but you have exceeded them all"
Proverbs 31:29



Rena Clarice (Yunker) Hughes
Brackley Beach WI
1996

Rena was born on September 24, 1920 in North Winsloe to Bert and Belle Yunker. Following graduation from Prince of Wales College, she taught school in Warren Grove and Winsloe North. On November 18, 1942 Rena married Fred Hughes and moved to Brackley Beach where they farmed and raised their four children, Ronnie, Dennis, Marlene and Sally.

Rena played a major role in the Brackley Beach Women's Institute and the community. She was a member of the Brackley Point Red Cross Unit from 1942 to 1945 and a charter member of the Brackley Beach WI when it organized in 1945. She served at all levels in the Branch, was Treasurer of the PEI WI Provincial Board for six years, and attended ACWW and FWIC Conventions. Through her vision and leadership, many community projects were undertaken and successfully completed – most significantly the modernization and addition to the old school building so we would have a meeting place and a venue with a means for raising funds. She always took a team approach and involved as many people as possible in carrying out projects. She and Fred were a tremendous team who worked together in so many ways supporting the PEI Rural Beautification Society, Roadside Cleanup, the Community Centre, and St. James United Church in West Covehead.

Rena strongly believed in the Women's Institute and encouraged women to engage in lifelong learning, personal development and community action. Always a teacher, she encouraged and helped others learn to knit, sew, bake, make crafts and also to write reports and make presentations.

Throughout her life, Rena developed great friendships and had a wide circle of interests. Rena's life was full and included many roles—farmer, mother, homemaker for provincial social services, group home operator for teenage girls, teacher, and tourism operator. She was an active and positive member of every community she was a part of and left a legacy of commitment and working together for the benefit of others.



Ruby Margaret MacNeill
BeachPoint WI
2016

Ruby Margaret MacNeill was born on March 6, 1923 to Rose and Frank Jackson of Murray Harbour. She grew up in a fishing family with her two brothers and four sisters.

Ruby Married Les MacNeill on November 8, 1946, and moved to Beach Point, where they made their home and raised a family of two sons and two daughters. Les was a fisherman, and Ruby always helped out whenever she could. When the children were older, Ruby worked at the Beach Point Fisherman's Co-Op Factory. For many years, she was in charge of making the lobster paste. She also worked at Northumberland Ferries for a number of years. Ruby was very active in the Murray Harbour Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school, was a leader in the church youth groups, and a member of the Ladies Missionary Group.

Ruby joined the Beach Point Women's Institute in 1963, when it was re-instated after being disbanded in 1953. She received her Life Membership citation and pin in 2000. She continued attending meetings until 2014. Ruby was known for her excellent biscuits, and her passion for hockey. She enjoyed playing the card game "Rook", and doing jigsaw puzzles. Her favourite pastime was getting out in the fishing boat and jigging mackerel. In fact, her son, Frank, has her out mackerel jigging just one month before she passed away. Ruby was known as "Nanny", not only to her six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, but also to other children of the community.

Ruby's husband, Les, passed away from cancer in 1995. She continued living in their home until 2008, when she moved to the senior's residence in Murray Harbour. Ruby remained very active, and was in good health until late 2014, when her short term memory began to fail. She moved to the Dr. John Gillis Lodge in Eldon in February 2015.

Ruby passed away at the Lodge on November 24, 2016 after a short illness. She is greatly missed by her family, and her many friends from Beach Point and Murray Harbour.



Shelby Baker
Long River WI
2016

Shelby Baker was a Life Member of Long River Women's Institute. She joined WI in 1979 when she and her family moved to Long River from Connecticut.

Shelby was a proud resident of Long River and was dedicated to her community, her WI and her church. She was especially passionate about the environment.

She loved her daily walks in the woods, always participated in the annual roadside cleanup, was environment convener many times, and was an advocate of recycling even before it was mandatory.

Shelby served as President and Vice President of her WI branch several times and was active in all the branch activities during her 37 years as a member.



Silver Dennis
Knutsford WI
2016

Members of the Knutsford Women's Institute were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Silver Dennis on February 28, 2016 at the age of 94 years at the Western Hospital in Alberton, PEI.

She attended the Institute meeting on February 10, 2016.

Silver was born in O'Leary, daughter of James and Jane (Lidstone) MacDougall, one of three daughters. She married Wilbert Dennis. They lived in Knutsford, where they owned and operated a mixed farming operation. They had three sons: Carmen, Keith (deceased), and Dale.

Silver joined the Knutsford Women's Institute where she served in different positions, including President, Secretary, and Director. She was always ready to do her part.

The Knutsford Women's Institute purchased the Knutsford school. As a result, she worked on many fund-raisers for our community centre.

Silver was a member of the Springfield West, O'Leary Baptist Church, sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, and was also a member of the Dorothy Duncan Women's Missionary Society for 75 years. In September of 2014, she received a certificate for 75 years of service for Home and Country.

She was gifted with her hands, always quilting or knitting. She made beautiful things.

Always remembered.

Viola Belle Taylor
Rice Point WI
2016

Viola Belle Taylor was born to Florrie and William MacEachern of Rice Point on May 30, 1929. As a young woman, Viola obtained her teaching certificate and taught in several local one-room schools in the area. Following school amalgamation, she completed her long teaching career at Elliot River Elementary School in Cornwall.

Viola married Reginald Taylor on October 16, 1956, and became a devoted fisherman's wife. The Taylor and MacEachern families forever lovingly came first in her life, closely followed by her ongoing quest into the history of these families. In later years, she tenderly cared for her elderly parents in her home.

Viola was a loyal member of her church, and the Nine Mile Creek Missionary Society. She was a member of the Rice Point WI, and over these many years, she contributed much to the community.

She also made it her responsibility to canvass the community for the Cancer Society on an annual basis. Viola passed away on April 21, 2016. The Rice Point WI are forever grateful for her community service.



Wanda Claudina Dickieson
New Glasgow WI
2015

Wanda was born on July 2, 1929 to Clarinda and Ernest MacNevin. She grew up in Ellerslie with her siblings: Ken, Athol, Thomas, Jean, Ina, and twin sister Wilna.

After her marriage to Ralph Dickieson, she moved to New Glasgow where they operated the family store while raising two daughters and two sons: Erna, Faye, Stephen, and Scott. They also had seven well-loved grandchildren, of whom they were very proud, and two great-grandchildren who were a great delight. A great cook and an excellent housekeeper, Wanda was known for her hospitality.

Wanda was always very involved in her community. She was a long-time member of the New Glasgow Christian Church, and the Christian Women's Fellowship group. After moving to Charlottetown, Wanda joined the Central Christian Church. She was a founding member of the New Glasgow Lobster Suppers, and operated Clyde View Bed & Breakfast before moving to Stratford in 2000, and Charlottetown in 2008.

Wanda was a Life Member of the New Glasgow Women's Institute, and filled all executive positions, some of them multiple times, over her many years of service. She also worked on numerous committees, and hosted many meetings.

Despite her poor eyesight, Wanda still loved to cook, and neighbours in her apartment building were often pleasantly surprised to find bags of tasty rolls hanging from their doorknobs. She would often prepare meals for those who weren't feeling well.

Wanda passed away peacefully on October 22, 2015.

Goodbyes are not forever.

Goodbyes are not the end.

They simply mean

I'll miss you,

Until we meet again.