



Betty Zelda Howatt
Tryon WI
2017

August 24, 1929—December 8, 2017

A native Prince Edward Islander, Betty Howatt taught in rural and city schools before marrying and becoming a full-time farmer. She and her husband, Everett, farmed the land on Tryon Point Road, which had been cleared and settled by Everett's ancestors in 1783. "Howatt's Fruit Farm", formerly called "Willowshade Farm" on the Island South Shore, was known across the Island for its quality fruit, vegetables, and honey. Betty was the author of the book "Tales from Willowshade Farm", published in 2003.

Betty joined the Tryon Women's Institute in 1955, and over the years, she provided items for our many special projects (i.e. vegetables for take-out dinners, strawberries for Strawberry socials, etc.). She was a member of the South Shore United Church, and a valuable member of the choir and UCW.

Betty was a keen observer and a lover of nature and the environment. She was also known for her column in The Guardian newspaper "Voice for Island Seniors", and her voice on CBC Radio's "Mainstreet".

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

Eleanor Downing
Kilmuir WI
2017

Living in Nova Scotia and raising their family there, Eleanor and her husband, Emery, returned to her home community of Kilmuir in 1981. It was at this time that she joined the Kilmuir Women's Institute. Eleanor was always involved in our Institute's many activities. Her delicious fudge was a best-seller at our "Bring & Buy" event each year.

She was very involved in the Rebekah's Lodge, and with the Good Morning Group.

As a volunteer at the KCMH gift shop, she donated many of the items she had knitted.

Music was a big part of her earlier years. Eleanor and her sister, Florence, would travel to dances, with Florence playing the fiddle and Eleanor singing and playing guitar.

Married to Emery for 64 years, their family included one girl and three boys, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Eleanor passed away on December 29, 2017 at the age of 86 years.



Eudavilla "Eudy" Milligan-Weeks
Pleasant Valley WI
2017

Eudavilla "Eudy" was born in Milo on March 23, 1926 to the late Albert and Sadie "Sara" Euphemia (née Gillis) Milligan. She married Melville Weeks of Pleasant Valley, and raised a family of eight children: Charles, Karen, Juanita, Darleen, Blaine, Betty, Steven, and Gaylea.

On March 4, 1946, Eudy joined the Pleasant Valley Women's Institute. She remained a valuable member for many years, during which she held the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Auditor, and Director.

Eudy was also a member of the Pleasant Valley United Church, and later Central Trinity United Church in Breadalbane. She was an active member of the Lt. Col. E.W. Johnstone Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Kensington.

Her home in Pleasant Valley always had a welcome door. She was an excellent cook, and tended to the books for the family sawmill business.

She remained a resident of Pleasant Valley for many years, but after some health problems, she moved to Lepage Court Seniors Residence in Hunter River, and later to Clinton View Lodge and the Garden Home in Charlottetown.

Eudy passed away on June 24, 2017 at the age of 91. Her funeral was held at her home church of Central Trinity. Internment took place in Floral Hills beside her husband.

Fondly remembered.



Eunice Murphy
Sea View WI
2017

There passed away at the Prince County Hospital on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, of Eunice Murphy of Kensington, and formerly of Sea View, at the age of 92.

Eunice married John R. Murphy of Sea View, and they raised a family of two boys and two girls. Eunice and John had a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Living in Sea View and raising a family, Eunice found time to join the Women's Institute, and she served as Vice-President, President, and was also a Life Member of the group. She was quite active, and helped out in any way she could. She loved to play cards and supported the card parties in the Community Hall.

After her husband's passing, Eunice moved to a senior's home in Kensington, but went back to the card parties in Sea View when she had a drive.

Eunice is greatly missed by all who knew her.



F. Hazel Davies
Eldon WI
2016

Hazel Davies, a longtime resident of the Belfast area, was born on August 12, 1934, and passed away on February 15, 2016.

Hazel and her husband, Howard, made their home in Eldon, and were parents to five children: George, Albert, Mark, Mary Ellen, and Glen. They were grandparents to eight grandchildren.

She was very involved in her community. This included the Women's Institute, her church, community schools, love program at Belfast School, the Belfast Millennium Club, and the Belfast Historical Society.

Her leadership skills and love for all are greatly missed in our communities.



Florence MacCannell
Canoe Cove WI
2015

Florence was born in Canoe Cove, and from an early age, she loved learning. She attended Prince of Wales College and received a Class 1 Teacher's Certificate in 1938.

During World War II, she went to Ottawa to work as a clerk. After the war, Florence recalled "I was outside hanging up my wash, thinking about what I should do. I decided then and there to become a nurse". She returned to the Island after three years of training, and graduated as a nurse from Prince County Hospital.

Florence married Jack MacCannell of Canoe Cove, and together they had seven children. When the children were small, she taught at various one-room schools, and later, she went back to nursing. For years, she provided medical assistance to anyone who was in need of emergency care, and she assisted at many home births in the area.

Florence wrote a book about the history of Canoe Cove, which is still an important source of information about everything that has happened in the small community in the last 150 years.

A Life Member of the Canoe Cove Women's Institute, Florence was an integral part of life in the Cove, and was an inspiration to all who knew her.



Helen Isabel Lyle-Small
Central Lot 16 WI
2016

Helen was born in Tyne Valley, the second daughter of Cecil and Lulu Forbes. She married Wilfred Lyle in 1940, and moved to Central Lot 16 where they raised two children: Darrell and Grace. Helen continued to live in the family home following the death of her husband in 1991, up until she married Bruce Small in 2005. At that time, she moved to his home in Miscouche, where she lived until her sudden death on April 24, 2016.

Helen became involved in her community of Lot 16, joining the Women's Institute (becoming a Life Member in 1978). She jointly started and lead the Lot 16 4-H Sewing Club in 1947, which continues to this day as the Lot 16 4-H Club. Helen was very active in the Lot 16 United Church and UCW. Helen and Wilfred served as Treasurers of the Lot 16 Hall Co. for many years.

Helen worked for many years as a seamstress at the Prince County Hospital. She was a talented and gifted individual, and enjoyed learning new skills. Some of her more noted accomplishments were with her sewing, knitting, crochet, Swedish embroidery, rug hooking, wedding cakes, interior decorating, and gardening. Her passion for history is well known as well, having compiled three family histories, as well as the community history of Lot 16, and Women's Institute histories of Central, Southwest, and Belmont Lot 16. She always found time for traveling, having visited many provinces in Canada and countries around the world. She enjoyed camping across Prince Edward Island, documenting each travel adventure.

Helen lived a long and rewarding life, living life to the fullest, leaving a most remarkable and memorable legacy of achievements.

*If only memories could become a chain,
I'd climb it to bring you home again.
If only tears could turn into rain,
I'd create a storm to carry you home again.*



Jean Elfinella Yeo
Central Lot 16 WI
2017

Jean was born in Arlington, Prince Edward Island on September 8, 1925, the eldest of two children, to Gordon and Jessie MacArthur.

She received her education at Arlington School, Summerside High, and Prince of Wales College, where she completed the two-year Teacher Training Program. She taught in both Belmont Lot 16 and Central Lot 16 Schools. In later years, Jean worked at R.T. Holman's Department Store in Summerside.

On July 23, 1947, Jean married WWII Veteran, Jack Alton Yeo, with whom she enjoyed 63 years of marriage. Together, they had three children, and were blessed with nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Throughout their years together, both were very active not only in the Lot 16 community where they resided, but in the wider community as well. When they weren't serving together, they remained a team, always supporting one another.

A somewhat progressive lady, Jean made her mark in Island history by serving on the first PEI jury, in over 200 years, to have female jury members; and was a Trustee in the early days of Unit 2 School Board at a time when primarily men served. Jean served in various executive capacities in both Women's Institute, of which she was a Life Member, as well as UCW. As a member of Lot 16 United Church, she sang in the choir; taught Sunday School; was an elder; canvassed for the Canadian Bible Society, as well as United Way. Jean also served on committees pertaining to the PEI Clan MacArthur Society, and Miscouche Community School. Jean and Jack were instrumental in organizing the Lot 16 Senior's Club, where they both served as President, as well as in assisting to organize the Lot 16 Square Dance Club. They also participated in many Legion and veteran-related activities, both with the Miscouche Legion, and Jack's Battalion Unit from Gaspé. In later years, they were members of the Miscouche Veteran's Club, where Jean served as Treasurer. In 1980, they initiated the annual Yeo Family Picnics—an event that has been happening for almost 40 years.

Jean was a news enthusiast, a great conversationalist, and had the gift of hospitality—opening up their home to 4-H exchange students, etc. Some of her interests included gardening, cards, and attending cultural events. Travels took them abroad and across Canada on numerous occasions visiting relatives and Jack's army buddies. In 1966, she won a trip to Washington, DC for being a top seller of subscriptions for The Guardian newspaper. In the 90s, she made her TV debut on the series "Emily of New Moon"!

In 1999, Jack and Jean moved to Summerside. A little over a year after her husband's passing in 2009, Jean moved to Andrews of Summerside where she resided until her passing on February 18, 2017.

A life well lived, her funeral was held at Lot 16 United Church. On the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary, both Jack and Jean's ashes were interred in the Lot 16 Methodist Cemetery—the only way the family knew to grant Jack's wish that they "go together".



Jeanette Birch
Birch Hill WI
2017

Jeanette, daughter of Robert Cummings and Anne (née Cody) Henderson was born in Freeland, Lot 11 in 1912. She completed her early education at the local school, and attended Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown, where she obtained her Second Class Teaching License. She began her teaching career in Port Hill, where she met and later married Laurie Birch in 1931. Together they had seven children, 25 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren, and 19 great-great grandchildren.

The Women's Institute meetings, activities, and socializing with members played an important part in Jeanette's life. She was a member for 82 years, and during that time, she maintained devotion to the Women's Institute objectives of family, personal growth, and community action. She served in all Executive positions, often more than once. She was a Life Member (1978), was second runner-up for Prince Edward Island Women's Institute Woman of the Year (1987), was chosen as the Women's Institute Citizen of the Year (1992) at the Tyne Valley Oyster Festival, and was Women's Institute Member of the Year (1999). Jeanette was President of District Area Convention #3 (1995). She received the Golden Book of Recognition Award (2000), and was presented with the Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour (2003).

Jeanette also contributed to the community through her devotion to St. James Anglican Church. She was active in the Women's Auxiliary, the church choir, the community choir, and the Young Peoples Association. She served as Secretary-Treasurer of St. James, as well as assistant organist. In addition, she was Superintendent and teacher of Sunday School for over 30 years.

Continued learning and making the best use of one's talents were two important principles to Jeanette. She studied to upgrade her qualifications, resumed teaching in 1950, and ended her career in 1974 teaching mathematics at Athena Regional High School. The students gave her a special honour by dedicating their yearbook "to one who cared and took loving personal interest".

Following retirement, Jeanette took up painting and writing. Her many lovely paintings and her books are treasured by family and friends. She played an important role in compiling "Climbing the Hill: A History of Birch Hill", which was a Women's Institute project. She wrote the Birch History "Leaves from the Birches of Avoca", and at age 86 published a novel "Black-Eyed Susan" - the adventures of a young farm girl. Jeanette received awards from the Heritage Foundation for both of these books. In 2008 at the age of 96, she wrote and published "The Old Home and Other Poems". Her poem "Blueberry", about an abandoned kitten, won an Award of Excellence from the Poetry Institute of Canada. In 2003, she was the recipient of the West Prince John Hunter-Duvar Award for her outstanding contribution to the Arts.

Jeanette was loved dearly as a mother and as a teacher—she was an inspiration to all. She had a strong abiding faith, an inspiring quest for knowledge, and a love of words all her life. She demonstrated a remarkable ability to recite poetry and passages from the Bible well beyond 102 years of age. Her love of music was still clearly evident in her later years, and despite being blind and almost deaf, she was somehow still able to play the piano and sing hymns.

The sun shone warmly on that day in January 2017, when Jeanette, at 105 years of age, was laid to rest beside Laurie, her husband of 74 years, in St. James Cemetery next to the farm home she loved.



Kathleen Laura MacVittie
Victoria WI
2017

The community of Victoria said a final goodbye to one of its most loyal and faithful volunteers as 2017 ended. Kaye believed a community is strong when everyone supports each other.

Kaye was born in Victoria, and taught school for one year before marriage took her to Lynn, Massachusetts. There, she raised four children. After becoming a widow in the 1970s, Kaye returned home to be near her family. Soon after settling in Victoria, she became a nanny for a local family.

She served as Village Administrator for many years. While Administrator, she became a strong supporter and volunteer for the Victoria Fire Department. She spent many hours selling tickets and baking for the firemen's annual lobster take-out suppers.

Her mother introduced Kaye to Women's Institute, and she remained an active member until her death. She served on many committees, but through her concern for others, she became very dedicated to the Hospitality Committee.

She was constantly sending cards and treats to the sick or shut-ins, welcoming newcomers and recruiting new Women's Institute members. She also enjoyed organizing the community potluck suppers. The yearly Women's Institute variety concerts were a special time for her, and she was saddened when they ended. However, it was the weekly winter card parties she co-organized with her mother and then continued recruiting help from the members that was her passion. These served as her social event, as well as the Women's Institute chief fundraiser. Kaye loved the social atmosphere at these parties and in playing cards, but she did not feel they were complete without a lunch. She had a desire to have the best lunch possible; the tea had to be a specific strength and temperature, the sandwiches an exact fullness and properly cut, and the sweet was not to be cut too large or too small. In the details was excellence. Her standards were high.

Kaye's years of dedication to her community earned her a Life Membership with the Women's Institute, and she was one of the Islanders chosen to receive the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2016.

Kaye had a strong faith and was a Life Member of the St. John's Anglican Church, where she also served on several committees.

As we move on at Women's Institute, Kaye is no longer physically with us, but her presence will always be felt as we try to live up to her standards in building a better Home and Country.

Lillian Elliot
Victoria WI
2017

Lillian was a woman who lived by the Women's Institute ideals. She believed everyone should keep educating him or herself, have pride in community and country, and in enjoying and supporting family, friends, and neighbours.

Lillian's roots were always in Prince Edward Island. As a young woman, she served her country in World War II. She then lived in Haverhill, Massachusetts where she raised her family while working as a secretary.

Retirement brought Lillian back home to PEI. She made her home in Victoria with her mother, and was able to remain in her home until early 2017.

She joined WI and was a valued member. She was the representative to lay a wreath on Remembrance Day. She visited and checked regularly on people who might need some help or a treat.

She never stopped educating herself. She was very well-read, and a great supporter of the local library. Well into her eighties, she mastered the art of using computers.

Lillian was able to attend WI parties until her nineties. Although she had difficult health issues, she never felt sorry for herself, and always said "thousands are worse off".

Lillian passed away on March 20, 2017. Everyone remembers her fondly as a person who loved her family and community, and who always flew the Union Jack.



Mabel Etta MacKinnon
Pleasant Valley WI
2016

Mabel Etta (née Simpson) MacKinnon of Cavendish was the beloved wife of Hugh MacKinnon. They moved to Pleasant Valley after they were married, where they raised their seven children.

Mabel joined the Women's Institute and took an active part in the community for a number of years.

In later life when she moved to Charlottetown as a widow, she and her daughter, Eleanor, would join the group for their June outing. They would delight in visiting the shut-ins before enjoying a delicious meal at various restaurants in Charlottetown. This was always a great reunion.

Mabel passed away at the wonderful age of 96 on July 10, 2016. She will be lovingly remembered by her family and Institute members.

*"And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward,
and find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord."*

I am with you still. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on the snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift, uplifting rush

of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone.

I am with you still in each new dawn.



Margaret Sellar
New Glasgow WI
2017

Margaret was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, great-aunt, and most of all, a great friend.

Margaret was born on October 7, 1917 to Richard and Clara Stevenson, and was the third youngest of her siblings: Roy, Eric, Olaf, Robert, Louise, Anne, Cora, Elva, and Inez. They grew up on a family farm where they all learned the value of hard work and the importance of family, as her father died when she was eight years old. On the farm they milked, grew potatoes, turnip, field crops, and made butter and cheese, all while not having running water, electricity, a telephone, or a car. Growing up they attended school in New Glasgow, and when they were not working, they

enjoyed playing or going to the beach.

In the winter, Margaret and Inez would travel to the rink by horse and sleigh, and this was where they met their future husbands. Margaret and Foster Sellar got married in a double wedding with her sister Inez and Dan MacLeod on July 8, 1942—the first weddings to be held in New Glasgow United Church. Every year they would celebrate their anniversaries together.

Margaret was an active member of her church and community. She was a member of the New Glasgow WI, and received a Life Membership. Church and her faith were very important to her, and even after she couldn't attend, she still was faithful to reading her Bible daily. She was a member of the church choir, enjoyed baking, doing puzzles, watching TV, knitting, gardening, bowling, listening to music, and playing Scrabble. She had a love for travel, and went on many trips and bus tours. In 1977, Inez, Dan, Anne, Foster, and Margaret drove across the USA to California, and then came back across Canada.

Spending time with family and friends was what Margaret lived for. She loved her children, and spent countless hours taking them to 4-H, hockey, swimming lessons, and youth group. She was very fortunate to have her family close, and over her lifetime, she lived with two of her children: Charles and Louise. Her five grandchildren were very special to her, and she always loved having them around. As they grew up, she was very proud of who they became and of their accomplishments. Her eight great-grandchildren each had a special place in her heart. She cherished them and enjoyed spending time with them, finding out about their hockey, or just watching them play. Margaret had a love for life and family, which she instilled in everyone she touched.

For Christmas in 2009, Margaret gave each of her family members a book about her life, and this quote couldn't be more fitting about who she was:

*"I have had a very happy life, a good home, loving husband,
children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends.
What more could one ask for?"*



Marion Johnstone
Long River WI
2017

Marion was born in Margate, Prince Edward Island. She was the daughter of Chester and Elsie Howard. After receiving her education, she worked in various homes caring for children and doing housework. She also worked at a local restaurant.

In 1945, she married Ralph Johnstone from Long River. Ralph was a farmer, and Marion worked on the farm with him. Together they raised two sons.

She was very committed to her church, and was for many years a faithful organist, Sunday School teacher, Elder, and member of UCW.

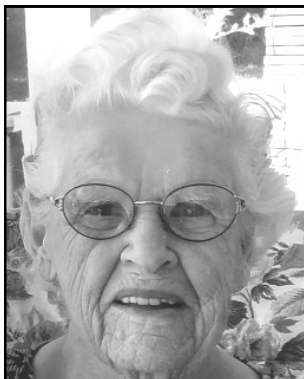
Marion played a major role in the Long River WI, as well as in the community. Marion held many positions in Women's Institute at both the local and Area levels. In 1975, her Sister Members presented her with a Life Membership.

Marion was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was an excellent citizen who was willing to share her talents and time helping many community activities and projects. Her pleasant manner and willingness to help exemplified her true Christian love toward her family, neighbours, her community, and her province.

In closing, we wish to quote a verse written by a Sister Member on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Long River WI:

*"Marion is a Life Member. She is loyal, faithful, and true.
She is always a willing worker, and example to me and you."*

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
so loved, so missed, so very dear.*



Mary Elizabeth Hicken
Lower Montague WI
2016

Mary was born on October 27, 1923 in Whim Road, to William and Margaret (née MacBeth) Fraser. She was the oldest of three siblings: John, Finley, and Anna. On December 12, 1946, Mary married Stanley Hicken, and moved to Lower Montague where they raised two sons: Carl (who married Peggy Curran), and David (who married Sheri Worth). At the time of her death on May 8, 2016, Mary had five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

Mary was a Life Member of the Lower Montague WI, and over her 70 years as a member, she held several Executive positions within the Branch. She enjoyed going to meetings and having a good laugh with other members.

Mary and Stan lived across the road from the Lower Montague Hall, and when she was not participating in an event, she enjoyed watching the activity that took place at the Women's Institute Hall. Mary had a key to the Hall, and was often called upon to open the building for various events. When the WI catered a function, Mary was always responsible for making the tea, and she greatly contributed to the success of the food preparation. She was a hard worker, and was accustomed to cooking for big crowds, as well as cooking under pressure because she worked in the kitchen at the Kingsway Motel Restaurant, and later at The Shady Rest. Mary was known for her excellent biscuits, rolls, and cinnamon buns!

In her retirement years, Mary knit many pairs of mitts for the Lion's Club Christmas boxes, and for family and community members. She knit beautiful bedspreads for each of her five grandchildren. When Stan's health declined, she cared for him at home until his death in 2010. Mary loved company, and always had a warm welcome for visitors to her home. She and Stan enjoyed music, and attended many Ceilidhs and benefits.

Mary was a great walker, and on the day of her 80th birthday, she walked four miles to Montague just to say she had done so! When Mary went for her daily walk, she did not like to return by the same route, and for several years, she would walk from her home to the Aitken Hill, where Stan would pick her up in their van. She loved attending horse races, and in later years, the car races at Oyster Bed Bridge where her grandsons were racing cars. Mary loved picking strawberries and apples, and going for drives around Kings County. She liked to get out of the house each day. Mary enjoyed the challenge of the daily Guardian crossword puzzles, Sudoku, and completing word searches. She was an excellent neighbour, and no request was too big for her. She was always willing to lend a hand.

In later years when she was not able to attend WI meetings, her cheerful disposition, big heart, and laugh were greatly missed. Her Lower Montague WI family cherishes the memories of many happy times spent with Mary, and misses her greatly.



***Mary Tweedy
Earnscliffe WI
2017***

Mary Tweedy of Earnscliffe WI passed away on December 29, 2017 at the Gillis Lodge in Eldon at the age of 97 years.

Mary joined the Hazelbrook WI at the age of 16 years. When she married Howard Tweedy of Earnscliffe in 1947, Mary joined the Earnscliffe WI.

Mary was a faithful member, and was always willing to lend a hand with activities in the community, as well as her church.

Mary and Howard had three children: Charlotte, Gordon, and Blair.

Mary will be greatly missed by her sister members and her community.

Mary died as she lived—Everyone's friend.

***Minerva Butler
North River WI
2015***

Minerva was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cairns. At an early age, she came to work in the North River area, and married Eric Butler of York Point. They bought a home in North River, where they raised their children: Beverley and David. They were proud grandparents of three granddaughters.

In 1959, Minerva joined the North River WI. She had served as President, as well as many other positions. She was a very caring person, and was always willing to do her part for the WI and her community. Her door was always open to host WI meetings.

She worked at R.T. Holman Ltd. in Charlottetown for a number of years. She was also a member of the C.I.C.

Minerva passed away at Beach Grove Home on June 11, 2015.



Peggy Penny
Eldon WI
2017

Peggy (née Gillis) Penny (1930-2017) was a resident of Eldon, and a longtime resident of the Belfast area.

Active in the local Women's Institute, Peggy held many offices, and loved attending Conventions. She was very active in her church at Belfast, and was a longtime chair member and AMS member.

Peggy and her husband, Hamp, farmed in Eldon. They had a family of four children, along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a lady of strength, and loved to entertain family and friends in her home.



Rena Clarice Hughes
Brackley Beach WI
2016

Rena was born on September 24, 1920 in North Winsloe to Bert and Belle Younker. 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.



Rita Stewart
Alberry Plains WI
2017

Rita was born on August 26, 1928 to Harold and Josephine Redmond of Corraville, PEI.

Rita lost her mother as a young girl, and willingly assumed the role of caregiver to her father and siblings—a role that helped her develop strong nurturing qualities that remained with her throughout her life.

On July 4, 1951, she married Charlie Stewart in Toronto. A short time later, they moved to the Stewart family farm in Alberry Plains where they raised their children. Rita was very devoted to her family and friends, and an active member of the community in many capacities—one of which was the Alberry Plains WI. Rita was committed to the WI and participated in Branch activities, until she and Charlie sold the farm and moved to Charlottetown in 2000.

Even after moving to the city, Rita kept her close connection to the community and her friends from the Alberry Plains WI.



Rose Caseley
Spring Valley WI
2017

Rose Caseley passed away at the Prince County Hospital in Summerside on Friday, September 1, 2017.

Rose was born in Freetown on July 24, 1934. She was the daughter of the late Goulding and Iva (née Gullion) Reeves.

Rose married Elmer Caseley, and raised a family of three boys and one girl. She also had a large number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Rose's door was always open to young and old, and she loved having company and entertaining.

Rose and Elmer lived in Spring Valley for a number of years, and of course, Rose joined the WI. She was an active member, always taking part in all activities, baking, and acting in all entertainments.

Rose is missed by all members of the Spring Valley WI, and all members of her community.



Vera Margaret Campbell
Spring Valley WI
2017

Vera passed away peacefully at Prince County Hospital in Summerside on Friday, February 24, 2017 at the age of 96.

Vera was born in Sea View, and attended Sea View School. Vera was a teacher, and taught in the country schools, and later, in Kensington.

Vera married Lloyd Campbell, and made their home in Spring Valley, where they raised a family of two boys and two girls. She also had seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

Vera found time to join the WI, and was a member for a few years. She took part in the community happenings, and visited the sick and shut-ins.

Vera is greatly missed by family, friends, and neighbours in Spring Valley.



Wanda Jean MacPhail
Clyde River WI
2018

Wanda Jean Livingston was born on October 14, 1928 to Watson and Lillian (née Hyde) Livingston. She enjoyed a happy life growing up in Clyde River, the only child of loving parents with numerous cousins and friends nearby.

In 1949, Wanda married the love of her life, Eric Patterson MacPhail. Together and side by side, they established a beautiful home and property, a market garden where they could grow just about anything, specializing in strawberries, "Sun-Swept" summer savory, and flowers; all while operating a cottage rental business where they entertained family and friends.

Wanda was a busy wife and mother of three children: Paul (deceased), Ann, and Ruth. She was a talented homemaker, a splendid cook, and her teapot was always handy with fresh from the oven muffins or biscuits to serve.

Wanda was a Charter Member of the Clyde River Women's Institute. After building their new home in New Haven and moving there, she joined the New Haven Women's Institute, and continued to enjoy and take part in all activities. Wanda and Eric faithfully attended the Clyde River Baptist Church, and Wanda was a Life Member of the Clyde River Women's Missionary Society. She attended as long as her health permitted.

Wanda passed away at the Atlantic Baptist Nursing Home on January 20, 2018. The funeral was held at Belvedere Funeral Home with internment at the Clyde River Baptist Cemetery. She will be sadly missed by family, friends, and neighbours.

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