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LIGHT A CANDLE FOR THOSE WE MOURN.  
INTO A NEW LIFE THEY WILL BE BORN.  
DO NOT LOOK FOR THEM AT THE GRAVESITE.  
THEY ARE SOMEWHERE ELSE RADIATING THEIR BEAUTIFUL LIGHT.  
THEY HAVE GONE TO A NEW WORLD WHERE THERE IS NO DARKNESS, NO PAIN.  
THEIR LIGHT AND ESSENCE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN.  
LIGHT A CANDLE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT THIS MORTAL PLACE.  
THEY ARE FREE TO TRAVEL THROUGH TIME AND SPACE.  
WHEN WE THINK OF THEM, THEY ARE NEAR.  
WHEN WE SIT IN A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN, THEIR VOICES WE HEAR.  
WHEN WE LISTEN TO A DIVINE SYMPHONY,  
WE CLOSE OUR EYES, THEIR FACES WE SEE.  
LIGHT A CANDLE FOR THEY HAVE NOT REALLY GONE.  
WITH EACH FLICKERING FLAME, IN YOUR HEARTS THEY WILL ALWAYS BELONG.

*A.PELL 24/08/2005*





**Ethel Grace Sinclair ~ Springfield WI ~ November 18, 1916 - January 26, 2010**

Ethel was born and raised in Norboro, PEI, the daughter of Frank and Annie Day. On February 20, 1935, she married Crawford Sinclair and moved to Summerfield where they carried on a mixed farming operation. They raised 9 children and went on to become very proud of their many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Early in her married life, Ethel joined the Springfield Women's Institute in December, 1935 and became a very active member. She held several different offices over the years, many times, and the monthly WI meetings were a highlight in her life. Always willing to be involved, her talent for writing was soon recognized. She helped write a short biography of Lucy Maud Montgomery which the Springfield WI first published in 1963. This booklet, called "The Island's Lady of Stories", was reprinted many times and remained in publication for over 40 years. Ethel also took a leading role in researching, writing and publishing "The History of Springfield", completed in 1985.



In 1979, she won first prize in the PEI WI Creative Writing competition with her humorous skit "Let Age Be No Barrier". For that endeavor, she received the grand prize of \$25.00! Ethel loved the camaraderie of her local WI, and the annual District and Provincial Conventions. She was proud to receive an Honorary Life Membership granted to her in June, 1973. Her dedication to her community also extended to the church, where she was a faithful member of Summerfield United, and actively involved with the UCW.

She and her husband Crawford retired from farming in the 1980's and passed the farm on to their youngest son, Wendell. They enjoyed many pleasant years before Crawford's death in 1990. That same year, Ethel suffered a massive stroke and she moved to Wedgewood Manor in Summerside. She faced the daily challenges of recovery with dignity, courage and perseverance.

Although she was partially paralyzed and had great difficulty speaking, for the next 20 years Ethel remained the strong center of her large family, the much-loved wheel around which everyone revolved, and returned. In the words of one of her grandchildren, Ethel was "awesome". She is greatly missed, and ever loved.

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**Lillian LeFurgey ~ Belmont WI ~ June 30, 1933 - July 6, 2010**

Lillian was born in Montreal, Quebec, daughter of the late Claude and Elsie McCrady. She married Alexander LeFurgey and they raised four children in Chateaugay, Quebec. She dearly loved her 7 grandchildren and took great pleasure in their achievements. Upon Alex's retirement, they moved to Belmont in 1991 where Lillian became a dedicated member of W.I. She was Friendship Secretary for many years and enjoyed visiting in the community. She was a faithful member of Lot 16 United Church and a valued member of the U.C.W. Due to ill health, Lillian's wish was to relocate to South Shore Villa in Crapaud. She loved visits from family and friends from the community. She will always be remembered for her beautiful smile and positive attitude. Alex predeceased her by several months.

Lillian will be missed but fondly remembered by her family and friends.



**Ann Moorhead ~ Long River WI ~ 1931 - November 23, 2009**



Family, friends and community were saddened to learn of the passing of Ann Gloria Moorhead on November 23, 2009 at her home in Florida.

Ann was born in Michigan U.S.A. and then moved with her family to Florida, where she met and married Ted Moorhead, a Baptist Minister. After several years living in different States they returned to Florida. Ann was very supportive to her husband in his work. They also did mission work in Japan.

After retirement from the ministry Ann taught Kindergarten for several years, then she worked with television in Orlando.

They had three children and five grandchildren, her greatest joy was having the family to her home for dinner and to stay over night.

Ann loved to have parties and she took great pride in planning each event. Everyone was always made welcome.

In 1990 they came to PEI and bought a beautiful older home in Long River, they would come in the spring and stay until fall. Ann would start planning this trip right after Christmas.

They were very happy to host the Long River Community Picnic more than once, where there was plenty of room on the spacious lawn.

Ann joined the Long River W.I. as she wanted to be part of all the community events even though she was not here in the winter. The WI catered to Bus Tours and she enjoyed meeting the people from many parts of the world.

Ann and her husband attended Long River United Church while on the Island.

We will miss her friendly smile and cherish her memory.

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**Ruth Paynter ~ Burlington ~ 1917 - November 23, 2009**



Friends, family and neighbours were saddened to hear of the passing of Ruth Paynter on November 23, 2009 at Clinton View Lodge.

Ruth Paynter was born in New Annan and lived there until she married Leigh Paynter and moved to Burlington/Irishtown. They ran a mixed farming operation. They had three children, which she loved and cherished always.

Ruth was a life member of Irishtown W.I. Ruth was very active in Community and Church life. She had a creative mind and brought many new ideas to the group meetings she attended.

In 1956 Ruth started making and selling Pottery and when her husband retired from farming he helped her. They built a pottery shop and opened a Tourist business making many friends of people they met.

Ruth was proud of her community and true to her community spirit. She and her friend Thelma Campbell wrote the history of Irishtown/Burlington in 1977, "FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL".

Ruth was a wonderful quilter and won many prizes. Some Japanese people became interested in her quilts because of the "ANNE" and "LUCY MAUDE MONTGOMERY" stories told in the themes of her quilts. Pictures appeared in magazines in Japan. Also one can find pictures of her quilts in "THIS BOOK OF ISLAND SCENES" which is still available in Island stores.

This lady is a fine example of working for Home and Country.

Ruth will be missed and fondly remembered by her friends and family.

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**Margaret B. Crozier ~ Hamilton WI ~ August 3, 1916 - November 23, 2009**

There passed away at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Charlottetown on Monday November 23, 2009 of Margaret B. Crozier of Hamilton (P.E.I.) aged 93 years. Margaret was born in Sherbrooke, daughter of the late Major W. and Margaret A. (Brown) Townsend.

As a young lady Margaret came to the Malpeque area and taught school for a few years. Here she met her husband Wendell Crozier. Wendell and Margaret resided in Hamilton where they lived on the family farm. They had a family of four, 2 girls and 2 boys also 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Margaret was a very jolly person. She loved having company, playing cards, cooking, knitting, crocheting and quilting. She loved to tell stories and had a smile and a loud laugh for all.

Margaret helped organize the W.I. Harvest Festival Handicraft booth in Kensington when it was formed. She was an active member of Hamilton W.I. and she received her life membership pin. She was also a member of Princetown United Church, sang in the choir and attended U.C.W. where she received another life membership pin. She also joined other community groups and willingly helped with all organizations.

Margaret will be sadly missed by all who knew her especially her children, grandchildren and her wide circle of friends.

We have lost a wonderful W.I. member!



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**Marion M. Evans ~ Spring Valley WI ~ July 25, 1916 – March 26, 2009**

There passed away peacefully at Perrin's Clinton View Lodge, Thursday March 26, 2009 of Marion M. Evans formerly of Burlington aged 92 years.

Marion was born in Seaview July 25, 1916 daughter of the late John and Eva (Cameron) Pickering, wife of the late James W.E. Evans.

Marion and James raised a family of 10 while living on a farm in Burlington (24 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren). Marion was a member of several W.I groups and at her passing was a member of Spring Valley W.I. Marion was an active community member, always willing to help with all community projects, knitting for Red Cross and canvassing the district for worthwhile causes.

Marion was a active member of W.I. and she received her life membership pin. She held all offices in the group. Marion was also a very active member of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Burlington. She was a member of W.A. and continued on with A.C.W. Marion was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Kensington.

Marion will be sadly missed by her large family and friends.



**Shirley (Mudge) Adams ~ Sea View WI ~ July 30, 1931 – February 2, 2010**



There passed away at the Prince County Hospital February 2, 2010 of Shirley Adams of Sea View.

Shirley was born in Fort Francis, Ontario on July 30, 1931, daughter of the late Edmond and Katherine Mudge.

Later on in life she met and married Lyman Adams of Sea View. Shirley and Lyman raised a family of five, 4 sons and 1 daughter. She also had five grandchildren.

Shirley attended and was a member of Sea View W.I. She helped out in any way she could. Shirley was a kind, cheerful person with a loving nature and loved life. Those who knew Shirley loved her.

She will be sadly missed by her family and wide circle of friends.

*You are our shining star in the sky, when we want to see you all we have to do is look for you, the star that shines the brightest.*

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**Martha Violet Schurman ~ New Annan WI ~ January 5, 1925 - November 26, 2010**  
**Veteran of World War 11**



Martha was born in 1925 in North Tryon, PEI, daughter of the late Reginald L. Dawson and Florence B. Matheson Dawson. Martha grew up on the family farm the eldest of six children, she has 4 sisters and one brother, all still survive her.

The family worked very hard on the farm and at 18 years old Martha joined the army. She worked as a truck driver and mechanic in Halifax and Montreal.

After the war Martha returned home to North Tryon and her father said “I have a job for you at a store in New Annan.” Martha’s father took her to the train station and she arrived to work at Harold Moase’s store in New Annan. While working at the store she met her husband, Don Schurman and they were happily married for 61 years until Don predeceased her in 2006. Martha worked with Don and his cousin Ingham Montgomery on the mixed farm, she was always the entrepreneur, selling garden produce, milk, eggs, berries, pumpkins, rhubarb, etc. and delivering

the goods to stores and restaurants in Summerside.

Martha and Don raised 3 daughters: Myra MacLean (Bill), Judy Oates (Clare) and the late Faye Schurman Darrach (Trent) who predeceased her mom in November 2009. Martha was a loving grandmother to Tammy MacLean (Nelson Cornell), Michelle MacLean (late Trevor), Trudy (Mike MacIssac), Shawn MacDonald and Leona Oates. Martha adored her four great grandchildren and they enjoyed her describing her as a hoot, lots of fun and very interested in each one of them.

Martha was a very active member of New Annan WI always working for Home and Country. She participated at local and area events and attended provincial conventions. She helped organize many events in the community of New Annan. She loved to enter her garden produce, crafts, baked goods, etc. in the local exhibitions. She even won the Rural Beautification Award for restoring her outhouse!

Martha was instrumental in having the first manor (Summerside Manor) to be built in Summerside after persuading government there was a need for a manor in the area.

Someone described Martha as “the greatest woman that ever lived”. She was a joyful, happy, kind, wonderful woman who provided wisdom, guidance and leadership. She always overcame her many illnesses, giving a smile and inspiration to everyone she met. Martha was an active member of the North Bedeque United Church and her faith has blessed her with a joyous reunion and her crown of righteousness.

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**Etta M. Pidgeon ~ Spring Brook WI ~ 1915 – 2010**

On February 23, 2010 the members of Spring Brook W.I. were deeply saddened to hear of the death of their oldest and beloved member.

Etta Melissa Pidgeon was born in Spring Brook on May 2, 1915 - the eldest daughter of J. Armenius and Gertrude Meek. In 1935 she married Archibald Pidgeon of French River. They made their home in Spring Brook where they raised a fine family of two sons and four daughters.

Etta was a member of Spring Brook W.I for over fifty years and faithfully lived up to the Motto "For Home and Country". In later years when she was unable to attend meetings she continued to support all community events and W.I projects. She continued to pay her W.I. memberships dues including her final year.

She held many offices in the Spring Brook branch and she was also a representative on the District 6B Convention Area Executive. Etta was the Red Cross convener for over twenty years. She did a vast amount of knitting for the Red Cross and always kept a good supply of yarn on hand for others who wished to knit.

Etta was a faithful member of St. Thomas Anglican Church, a Sunday School superintendent and teacher, a member of the Women's Auxiliary and served on the Board of the Anglican Church Women.

In her home Etta was a kind and loving mother and grandmother who spent many hours babysitting her twenty grandchildren. She was a wonderful neighbour, always ready to help out when a need arose.

In recognition of her many contributions to the Women's Institute and the community, she was awarded a W.I. Life Membership in 1978.

She remained in her own home until October 2009 when she moved to Clinton View Lodge. She was tenderly cared for by the staff until she passed away on February 23, 2010.

She is buried in St. Thomas Anglican Cemetery, Spring Brook.



*Every day in some small way*

*Memories of you come our way.*

*Just as you were, you will always be*

*Treasured forever in our memory.*

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**Dorothy Jean MacQuarrie ~ Wilmot WI ~ May 17, 1919 – May 12, 2010**

Passed away peacefully at the Prince County Hospital in her 91st year.

Born in Cape Wolfe on May 17, 1919, daughter of the late Bruce and Hazel (Cook) Carruthers. Wife of the late Francis (Ginger) MacQuarrie. Mother of two sons Willard (Brenda), Kenneth (Colette) and grandmother to Tim (Susan) and Greg MacQuarrie, six brothers and two sisters - all of whom were dearly loved.

Dorothy was very community minded and a faithful member of Trinity United Church. A charter member of Wilmot Women's Institute, joining on November 8, 1945 until her passing. A tireless worker in every capacity, joyfully took part in all activities of Women's Institute, a kind and loving neighbour and true friend.

Dorothy took great pride in her sewing, hand embroidery and her beautiful flower garden, where she tenderly spent many hours. Two large beautiful bouquets of her tulips were placed by her family at the funeral.

Truly a loving, kind and generous example of the principles of our Mary Stewart Collect.

She bore her grief in silence and never complained.



*To know her was to love her.*

*Her presence we miss, her memory we treasure.*

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**Lynda Joan Oulton ~ Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI ~ April 7, 1949 - October 10, 2010**



On October 10, 2010, the many friends, co-workers and members of the community of Uigg and especially her family were greatly saddened by the untimely death of Lynda Oulton of Uigg.

Lynda was a “life member” of the Uigg-Kinross-Grandview W.I. since 2003, where she capably held many offices. Her excellent record keeping skills and willingness to participate in all W.I. endeavours made her a most valuable and dedicated member.

Lynda was active in other community activities as well, she was a Brownies leader, 4-H leader and district co-coordinator for many years, as well as a member of many committees.

She will also be greatly missed at her place of employment, as a dietician with the Department of Health in Montague. She was called on many times to be a guest speaker at many functions to share her knowledge with others.

Lynda resided in Uigg with her husband, Mike and are the proud parents of three daughters, Mindy, Kerry and Brittany. Their love of travel, camping, and geo caching took them all over North America and beyond. Linda was a great mother and homemaker, she loved to entertain family and friends at anytime. She especially enjoyed the summer evenings by the campfire. Their vegetable garden and her beautiful flower beds were a source of pride and joy, which we will enjoy for years to come.

Lynda’s dedication to her family, work and community is a good example for us all as we sadly go forward, being constantly reminded of her absence.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, friend and neighbor and will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

*Tenderly we treasure the past, with memories that will last*

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**Vera Willis ~ South Milton WI ~ 1917 - April 21, 2010**



Vera was born in Saskatchewan in 1917. She moved with her parents, Hamilton and Sophie Horne, to their Milton farm in 1924.

Vera married Fulton Willis in 1939 and moved to their Kingston farm, returning to Milton in 1951.

She was an active contributing member of both communities, in the church and Women’s Institute - a good neighbour, always interested in others.

Vera would welcome visitors to her home with a smile, a cup of tea, and a tasty meal.

She was a superb cook and housekeeper. She enjoyed her farm life and the outdoors, race horses, and her beautiful flower gardens. Vera also created beautiful handwork - crocheting and needlework.

She was an active member of the St. John’s Anglican Church in Milton.

Vera was one of the original charter members of South Milton WI formed in 1936 - a life member as of 1983 and was given special recognition in 2008 for having more than 50 years of service in PEI WI - at that time - 72 years.

She died at MacMillan Lodge in Charlottetown on April 21, 2010 where she resided after suffering a stroke at her home in January, 2004.

Vera’s son Vernon, and his wife, Pat are now living in her Milton home. Pat has become a member of WI.

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**Dorothy Jean (Dot) MacPhail ~ Argyle Shore WI ~ June 11, 1921 - February 18, 2010**

The community of Argyle Shore was saddened by the sudden passing of Dorothy J. (Good) MacPhail. Dorothy was born in Cornwall, PEI, daughter of Leigh and Minnie (Stewart) Good, on June 11, 1921. She spent her early years in Cornwall before going to Toronto with her friend and future sister-in-law, Irene MacPhail, where she worked for a short time before coming home due to the death of her brother, Harold.

On November 18, 1942, she married Foster (Dougall) MacPhail. They settled in the family home where they were blessed with two daughters, Gayle Crighton and Bonnie Cousins (Kenny). She was a loving "Grammie Dot" to two grandchildren and to five great-grandchildren. Following Foster's death in 1959, she continued to operate the family farm with her daughters. She later married Wilbert (Bert) MacPhail and became a loving mother to his granddaughter Anne. After Bert's death in 1989, she and Anne continued to operate the farm until her death.

Dot was a Charter Member and a Life Member of Argyle Shore WI where she remained active until her death. She served as President at different times and, in earlier years, she and her trusty horse and sleigh provided transportation for many members to meetings in the winter months.

Dot was a faithful member of the DeSable Free Church of Scotland. She was also a member of Lady Argyle L.O.B.A. where she held different offices through the years. She was an active member of the Argyle Shore Senior Citizens Club.

She enjoyed driving a truck, tractors, and cutting the grass on the ride-on lawnmower. She loved farming, the outdoors, gardening and always had an abundance of fresh produce to share with her neighbours and friends.

Her famous lemon and fudge squares were always special treats at meetings and community and family gatherings. Dot will be greatly missed in the community where she always played an active role in community functions and was faithful and dependable to be available whenever help was needed.



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**Jean Marguerite MacDonald ~ Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI ~ April 14, 1935 - October 21, 2010**

The members of the Uigg-Kinross-Grandview Women's Institute, as well as numerous friends and neighbors far and wide were greatly saddened by the death of Jean MacDonald of Lyndale on October 10, 2010.

Jean was born in Grandview the oldest of the three children of Marjorie (also a W.I. life member) and Alexander MacPhee. She attended Grandview school and in 1955 married Lloyd MacDonald of Lyndale. Jean and Lloyd carried on a thriving farm operation with their only child David. Her door was always open to everyone and their hospitality was legendary.

Jean was a most valued W.I. member and had received her "life membership" in 1983. Both Jean and Lloyd were dedicated community workers and supported and attended functions not only in their own area but in many surrounding areas as well. Jean was a member of St. Andrew's United Church (Vernon) choir which she attended faithfully ever since the church was built over forty years ago. Appreciation for her dedication was recognized by the Christmas cantata in December 2010, being dedicated to her memory. She was also a life member of St. Andrew's UCW and had held executive positions in this organization.

Jean was a wonderful friend and neighbor and will be missed by all whose lives she touched by her many acts of kindness.



*Greatly missed, always remembered*

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**Kathryn (Kay) MacQuarrie Wood ~ Victoria WI ~ June 25, 1907 - December 16, 2007**



Kay was born in Hampton. Upon completion of her education she taught school. As a young bride she moved to Victoria where she and her husband Howard bought a farm known as Dunrovin.

Kay joined the local WI and was always working to improve life in Victoria. Her greatest contribution to WI was her gift of writing. She served as secretary for many years. However the work she put into compiling and writing the History of Victoria has lived on and is referred to by many. Maybe her greatest satisfaction was recalling the year Victoria WI won the Carol Lane Award. Following a nearly disastrous accident at the wharf the WI took immediate steps to improve water safety in the community. Kay, through her writing expertise, outlined the project on paper and Victoria WI placed second in Canada. She never grew tired of telling about the presentation at the historic Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City.

Kay, along with her husband Howard and son Lyman, was one of the early tourist operators on P.E.I. They welcomed vacationers to their spacious home and cottages for fifty years.

In her spare time Kay loved to travel, read, write a weekly column for the Journal-Pioneer, curl, play cards and entertain her large circle of friends.

Because of her out-going personality she was very well known. Victoria WI felt they were blessed to have had such an exceptional member.

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**Doris (Crosby) Thompson ~ Victoria WI ~ November 5, 1916 - November 26, 2007**

Doris was a valued member of the Victoria WI. Because of her dedication and years of service her branch made her a Life Member.



She moved to Victoria with her husband Max and three children. They operated a dairy farm while Doris taught in the local school and later she opened their spacious home as a tourist home.

Doris and Max were involved in the formation of the Crapaud Exhibition and excellence in agriculture. WI played a large part in the fair with the formation of the Domestic Science and 4-H classes.

The Thompson family were dedicated members of the local united church. Doris involved herself in UCW- working and socializing with the local ladies.

Doris lived the WI Mission Statement: 'to educate oneself while focusing on family, personal growth and community.'

She had a talent for painting and found time to create water paintings which she left to her grandchildren.

In her retirement years when she found it difficult to be an active member she still liked to be informed of all WI activities. She found pleasure in traveling and eating out - always looking for a good Chinese Restaurant and the 'Best Wings' in town.

Doris is fondly remembered for her hospitality; meticulous devotion worker and the master of humorous one liners.

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**Margaret Ross (Cannon) McLure ~ Victoria WI ~ August 31, 1939 - December 16, 2009**

Victoria WI members were numbed when eight days after our Christmas party one of our most dedicated members left us. One year later her presence is still with us as we reflect on all her accomplishments and projects she shared with us.

At the branch level Margaret served terms as president, secretary and convener. She served as treasurer at the provincial level. She represented the WI at the local Crapaud Exhibition and at the Provincial Exhibition. She volunteered at setting up the domestic science classes and in exhibiting her own items. Her greatest satisfaction was a red ribbon for homemade bread. In 2007 she was awarded a Life Membership because of her unwavering dedication.

Margaret was very talented and always exploring new skills. She was an amateur painter - trying to preserve the beauty of nature. Photography was another passion. She photographed all the buildings in Victoria and displayed them in an album.

She mastered the art of cross-stitch. Newlyweds and babies often received a creation of hers. But maybe her greatest satisfaction was the completion of her first quilt the year before she died. Margaret was a fabulous cook and avid gardener.

Family, friends, church, and community were Margaret's life. She embraced them all and worked endlessly to improve the lives of those around her. With the same dedication she devoted herself to WI. She was a very committed wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and friend. She treated everyone in a very non-judgmental way.

Margaret did some traveling abroad. Then she would become our ambassador, carrying Island pins and pamphlets to share as she tried to make her beloved Island known around the world.

She believed hard work should have some rewards. She called it "her little treat". That was usually a fresh lobster or other seafood.

But as we reflect on her shared talents, commitments, and knowledge nothing stands out like her dedication to walking and the Island Roadside Cleanup. She spear headed the clean up each spring but continued the clean up every day as she went for her walk. She taught us to appreciate nature and see the sunset.

An exceptional human being with a very infectious smile whose earthly journey seemed to pass too quickly, left a legacy that will live on in all the things she shared and left with us.



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**Rhoda Elizabeth Josey ~ Brackley WI ~ May 11, 1931 - March 26, 2010**

Rhoda was born to Paul and Lillian Dickson on May 11, 1931 on Entry Island in the Magdalen Islands.

She had four brothers and one sister. She went to school in Entry Island and Truro N.S.

On July 27, 1950 Rhoda married Bruce Josey. They had two sons, Victor (Patricia) and Owen (Darlene) of whom she was very proud and they were blessed with four beautiful granddaughters and one great grandson.

Rhoda was a member of St. Pauls Anglican Church.

In September 1989 Bruce and Rhoda moved to PEI and settled in Brackley. In September 1992, she joined Brackley Women's Institute where she enjoyed the meetings and community activities.

Rhoda loved to crochet, knit and play cards, she also loved to read and was a wonderful cook.

Rhoda is greatly missed by her family and her sister WI members.



*When a loved one becomes a memory  
That memory becomes a treasure.*

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**Janet Elizabeth Mays ~ Brackley Beach WI ~ December 27, 1943 - November 30, 2010**



Janet was born in a small town in Maine, later moved to Ontario, and in 1994 she and her partner Sam built a summer home in Brackley Beach, where they resided from May until October each year.

Janet was a Professor at Ryerson University and later worked in Administration as Head of Security for the University.

Janet came to speak at a Brackley Beach Women's Institute meeting and enjoyed the meeting and the ladies so much that she became a member in 2004. She was very community minded and helped bake for the summer ceilidhs, cleaned the Community Center (owned by Brackley Beach Women's Institute), planted grass seed, artistically arranged the pictures on the Community Center walls, along with many other contributions.

Janet had many varied interests. She and Sam had a vineyard of 23 acres in eastern P.E.I. A Master Gardener, her talents were evident at her summer home where she had fruit trees, flower beds, a vegetable garden, and raspberries. She was a board

member of the Victoria Playhouse, and a member of Friends of Covehead and Brackley Bays.

Recently she invested in the historic 1871 "Howes Hall" in Brackley Beach, which she and a group of painters restored and renamed Howes Hall Art Gallery. This is where she displayed her paintings which reflected her life, full of energy, colour and life.

Approximately five years ago Janet began her battle with cancer and fought a very courageous battle until the end.

A friend with a great smile, she loved everyone and everyone loved her.

Janet leaves to mourn, her partner Sam Sniderman, her daughter Judy, her son Jamie, and three grandsons.

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**Edith Florence MacCallum ~ Brackley Beach WI ~ December 23, 1913 - January 17, 2011**



Edith was born in Stanhope, the second eldest of the eleven children of James and Isabel MacLauchlan.

Following graduation from Prince of Wales College at the age of 17, the teaching career she began in Suffolk and Covehead Road became a lifelong pursuit as she encouraged children and adults to continue learning. Edith moved to Brackley Beach in 1938 when she married Gregor MacCallum and they raised their six children on the family farm. Between 1940-45 she was active in the Brackley Point Red Cross Unit and in 1945 she joined the Brackley Beach WI at its charter meeting. Edith was honoured with WI Life Membership in 1985 in recognition of her outstanding leadership and contribution in support of rural women, improvements to the school and the community. She generously shared her extensive knowledge of genealogy and events to write and publish the history of the Brackley Beach WI in 2002. Friends enjoyed Edith's remarkable memory, wonderful sense of humour, and her kindness shown to all.

Many Islanders and visitors met Edith when she operated the canteen at the National Park in the 1960's.

Edith and Gregor opened their home for tourists in the 1970's and their historic property was tragically lost to fire on March 31, 1987. Through this and other personal tragedies, Edith's faith, strength, courage and gentleness encouraged others as they faced life's challenges.

During a lifetime of caring and sharing, Edith's family extended to 15 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. She worked closely with the WI and was also a leader and strong supporter of the West Covehead United Church and the United Church Women.

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**Sherrill Barbara Ann Ings ~ Cherry Valley WI ~ September 6, 1951 - September 26, 2010**

Sherrill was proudly a PEIWI life member. She grew up in Cherry Valley and remained affiliated with WI there after her move to Charlottetown in her adult years. The third of their four children, her parents were Sterling and Kay Ings. Kay was her principal mentor and Sherrill learned to face her unique life challenges head on, many of which involved communication as well as health disorders. Sterling and Kay and brother, Dwain, predeceased her. Sisters Janet MacPherson (Herb and family) and Cynthia Ings mourn her loss.



Following in her parent's footsteps, Christ Church Cherry Valley became most central to her life. Her involvement included being a server for more than 20 years, chief greeter, and scripture reading. She belonged to the Anglican Church Women (ACW) and served a term as president for three years.

Besides WI and ACW, Sherrill belonged to Go-Getters, Disabled Women's Network (DAWN), and the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Self Help Group. She was very active in these organizations holding various offices and serving on multiple committees. Until her recent illness she was treasurer of the WI. Also up until her death she sat on the Board of the Kay Reynolds Centre. Extraordinary effort went in to her responsibilities with all of these organizations and she loved the participation.

Weaving, knitting, and needlepoint were all significant in her life. There was always a project in progress and lovely creations were the result. Walking, cycling, and yoga were activities she enjoyed. Frequently, she walked long distances around Charlottetown. Traveling was near and dear to her heart whether it was local or out of province by car or by air. Her air travel to visit relatives or friends were significant highlights. Sherrill truly loved spending time with others and she had a wonderful supportive network.

Thanks to family and friends and her care givers at Charlotte Residence (where she happily resided since March 2010) she had such a joyful birthday just the day before her last admission to hospital. She was diagnosed with cancer and sadly, at age 59, called to her eternal home. Her last days were spent in the Palliative Care Unit. Frequently during that final illness, she was described as "so strong". Throughout her life, her resolve and determination were outstanding, as was her beautiful smile. To those of us who knew and loved her, we are grateful for her life and for the remarkable person she was, as well as the inspiring memories of her bright smile and enduring strength.

..... *"in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37*

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**Dorothy Jean (Murphy) Ingraham R.N. ~ Sea View WI ~ May 23, 1930 - October 19, 2009**

Dorothy Jean (Murphy) Ingraham R.N. died at the age of 79 on Monday, October 19, 2009 in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside. She was born on May 23, 1930 in Sea View, daughter of the late Theresa (Meek) and James R. Murphy.

Dorothy followed her education in the Kensington area and pursued a nursing career. She worked as an R.N. in several hospitals across Canada. She met her future husband Rev. Eric Ingraham and was married in 1956. Dorothy and Rev. Eric had a family of three daughters. She also had 5 grandchildren and one great grandchild. While living in Sea View Dorothy found time to go to W.I. She attended Sea View W.I. for a few years. Dorothy loved knitting, quilting and needlework.

Dorothy will be sadly missed by her loving family and a wide circle of friends.



*Her smile would light up a room. "It is always better to laugh than to cry".*

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**Ruby Irene (Smith) Gill ~ Pleasant Valley WI ~ October 14, 1911 - July 17, 2010**



Ruby Irene (Smith) Gill was born in Pleasant Valley on October 14, 1911, the eldest girl in a family of fourteen children. At an early age, she went to Charlottetown to be a housekeeper for Dr. Smith who had four young daughters to care for, one of them being Catherine Hennessy who still resides in Charlottetown.

In 1942, Ruby married Herbert Gill of Victoria, PEI where they resided until 1957 when they moved to the Smith Road with their two children, Carol and Roger. As the children were school age, Ruby lost no time in joining the Pleasant Valley Women's Institute. She took great pleasure from the meetings and was always a willing helper, washing dishes at the many banquets and

fundraisers sponsored by the WI and a leader in the roadside cleanup each spring.

Ruby was presented with a Life Membership pin in 1991 by Penny Frizzell, President of the Pleasant Valley WI while Connie Barlow read the citation.

Ruby faithfully attended the Pleasant Valley United Church and was a member of the United Church Women's group. Ruby's hobbies were knitting and walking.

After Herbert passed away, Ruby and her son Roger continued to live on the Smith Road until Roger's untimely death on November 9, 1999. Ruby then moved to a Senior Citizen's Home in Crapaud to be near her daughter Carol and family. She later went to the South Shore Villa where she passed away peacefully on July 17, 2010. Ruby will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

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**Hilda Stead ~ Wheatley River WI ~ January 1926 - March 2010**

It was a sad day for Wheatley River WI when we learned of the passing of one of our life members and a Past President, Mrs. Hilda Stead. Hilda joined the WI in 1945. She was an active member until the start of her illness in 2007.

She attended most of the events and was always willing to help at our local fund raisers, her casserole covers were on the craft table and her gumdrop cakes very popular on the bake table.

Even when illness caused her to move into Andrews Lodge in Charlottetown, she liked to read the monthly "Newsletter" to keep up to date with all the activities.

Not only was Hilda active in the WI she was also a member of the United Church in Hunter River, and worked with other local organizations.

*" The Memory of a good person is a Blessing."*

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**Carolyn Pickering MacGougan ~ Malpeque WI ~ July 1, 1920 - October 6, 2009**

There passed away October 6, 2009 of Carolyn Pickering MacGougan of Malpeque and Kensington. Carolyn was the daughter of John W. and Eva Britt Cameron Pickering. She was born in Sea View July 1, 1920.

She met Sydney MacGougan from Malpeque and after marriage moved to Malpeque. They raised a family of seven, 4 sons and 3 daughters. She also had 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Carolyn was quite active in her community. She was a member of Malpeque WI for a few years and a life member of the Atlantic Mission Society.

Carolyn will be missed by her loving family and a wide circle of friends.

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*We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who submitted write-ups for this special “Memorial Edition.”*

- *If we have made any editing errors or omitted any write-ups or photos, we sincerely apologize.*
- *Some minor editing has been done but for the most part the content is that of the original.*

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Love is not a thing to feel.  
Love is not a thing to give and receive.  
Love is a thing only to become  
And eternally be.

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