

# OBITUARIES

## Annie MacKenzie

Annie Catherine MacKenzie, 97, of Middle River, Victoria County, passed away July 28, 2010, in Victoria County Memorial Hospital, Baddeck, after a brief illness.

Annie was born in Upper Middle River, February 17, 1913, to John and Dolena (MacKenzie) MacRae.

She was a member of Farquharson Memorial Presbyterian Church and the AMS Society.

She is the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Annie is survived by her son, Allister and daughter-in-law, Joan, with whom she resided, and her daughters, Joan, New York, and Jessie, Vancouver Island.

Annie was also survived by her granddaughter, Jean (Donnie) and grandsons, David (Annette), Sandy (Kerrie), Carl (Julia) MacKenzie, Glen (Kelly) Dowden, Paul and Mark Brillantes and great-grandchildren, David Alexander, Ryan, Emma, Carter, Kailyn, Miguel, Jenna MacKenzie, Maxwell and Ainsley Dowden, all of whom she cherished and adored.

She was predeceased by her husband, Norman, daughter, Margaret, son-in-law, Leslie and grandson, Robert Dowden. She was also predeceased by one brother, Murray and one sister, Alexandria in infancy, sister, Maggie Mae and brothers, Roderick, George and Daniel MacRae.

Annie enjoyed knitting, doing her daily crossword puzzles and card games with family and friends. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Burial was in Middle River Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Victoria County Memorial Hospital Foundation.

## Archibald 'Archie' MacLean

Husband, father and grandfather, Archibald Anthony (Archie) MacLean, 90 years, of Washabuck, Cape Breton, passed away peacefully surrounded by family early on July 29, 2010, after a brief encounter with cancer.

He was the remaining member of the late Malcolm B. and Mary Jane MacLean family.

He was predeceased by both parents and siblings, Mary Margaret (Peggy), Eulalia and Stephen Sylvester.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Ann (Marie); his children, Darlene and her husband Gerard; Beverly and her husband Rick; Karen; Daniel and his wife Frances; Jeanette and her husband Paul.

Archie is also survived by grandchildren, Malcolm, Lyndsay, Jenny, Joshua, Brianna, Nathan and Ben.

A quiet, kind and good man with dry sense of humour and quick wit, Archie lived a simple but complete life. He cherished his culture, family, parish and friends. He was his family's biggest fan and this was evidenced by his trips out west and to Halifax to be with them. He celebrated their successes and tempered their stumbles with kind words.

He was honoured to be invited to attend the papal mass in Halifax and was selected by his peers as volunteer of the year in Victoria County.

He enjoyed playing cards and was particularly astute at cribbage, recording two 29 hands in his lifetime. He had a sharp eye and steady hand which struck fear into opposing teams when facing his skill in a dart tournament. He also enjoyed reading, watching the Blue Jays and Jeopardy.

Archie worked for 30 years for Little Narrows Gypsum Co., Little Narrows, Cape Breton.

During his years in Washabuck, Archie volunteered tirelessly with the church, local community centre and the St. Columba Credit Union.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Columba Church, Iona. Memorial donations may be made in Archie's memory to the Holy Rosary Cemetery Fund in Washabuck.

## Malcolm 'Gordon' MacNeil

Malcolm 'Gordon' MacNeil, 68, of Estmere Victoria County, Nova Scotia, died August 2, 2010, at Victoria County Memorial Hospital.

Born in Ottawa Brook, he was the son of the late Andrew Hector and Mary Ellen (MacDonald) MacNeil. He was a member of Sacred Heart Mission Church, MacKinnon's Harbour.

He is survived by son, Glen MacDonald; two brothers, Hughie (Betty) MacNeil and Franklin (Sadie) MacNeil; two sisters, Shirley (Nelson) MacLean and Kim (Will) MacDonald. Godfather to Chantel Carrier and Sharlene MacLean. He is also survived by four nephews; five nieces; four grandchildren and four grandnieces. His presence will be greatly missed by his cat, "Bob".

He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Jackie MacNeil and sister, Elizabeth 'Betty' MacNeil.

Burial was at Sacred Heart Mission Cemetery, MacKinnon's Harbour. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or charity of one's choice.

## Violet 'Tooty' MacRitchie

Violet Murdell 'Tooty' MacRitchie, 87, Alderwood Rest Home, Baddeck formerly of Bucklaw, Victoria County, passed away Tuesday, August 3, 2010, in Victoria County Memorial Hospital, Baddeck.

Born in Bucklaw, Victoria County, Nov. 26, 1922, she was a daughter of the late Angus Joseph and Carrie Ann (Matheson) MacRitchie.

Tooty was an adherent of the Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her brother, Kenny (Pat), Whycomomagh; nephews, John (Ingrid), Toronto, Ont., and David (Cathy), Pictou; grandnieces, Annie, Kristen and Margaret.

She was predeceased by her sister, May MacRitchie.

Burial was in St. Patrick's Channel Cemetery. Memorial donations in memory of Tooty may be made to Alderwood Rest Home, Baddeck or Victoria County Memorial Hospital, Baddeck.

## Neil Francis Burroughs

It is with great sadness that we, the family of Neil Burroughs announce his death. Neil passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Glace Bay, December 17, 1933, he was the son of the late Neil J. and Catherine (Steele) Burroughs.

Neil served in the Korean War (1951-54) and was a member of the Canadian Guard. He retired from the Black Watch Battalion. Neil was awarded the UNS Medal and the Korean Medal of Appreciation. He was a member of the RCL Branch 78, Dominion. Neil will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues at the Cape Breton Development Corporation where he worked for 35 years. Neil was

employed at No. 26, Lingan, Phalen and Prince Mine. He was a former member of the Dominion Fire Department and he also served on the parish council and was an active member of St. Eugene's Church, Dominion.

Neil and his wife, Carmel, spent many summers in Cheticamp; where his presence will be greatly missed from the campsite. He was a longtime Blue Jays and Red Wings fan. But mostly, Neil will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather with a great sense of humour and a strong commitment to his family.

Neil is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carmel (Nicholson) Burroughs; three sons, Joey (Theresa), Tarbot, Johnnie (Dea), Glace Bay, Brian (Brenda), Tarbot; four daughters, Anne Marie (Jim) Fletcher, Dominion, Francine (Steve) Fortune, Bedford, Cathy Burroughs, Glace Bay, and Leanna (Steve) Hartigan, Ben Eoin. He is survived by two sisters, Sharon Hubeny, Cecilia Bailey; brother-in-law, Joseph (Theresa) Nicholson; longtime friends, Jackie and Sharon Nicholson; numerous nieces and nephews. Also left to mourn his death are 20 grandchildren, David, Shellie, Jennifer, Courtney, Chris, Joey, Cory, Krista, Leslyann, Jordon, Luke, Justin, Lisa, Keith, Brandon, Craig, Christina, Tim, Shannon, Steven and nine great-grandchildren, Marissa, Ethan, Jackson, Matthias, Madyson, Brandon, Nolan, Courtney and Keegan.

Neil was predeceased by his parents, daughter, Shelly, son, Neil Francis Jr., brother, Joey and a sister, Kay.

Special thanks to Palliative Care and VON for their care and concern throughout Neil's illness. Also a special thank you to Monica Binder for all the sweets she baked throughout the years.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced at a later date. Memorial donations in Neil's memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of one's choice.

## William 'Gordon' Newton

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Gordon Newton. Gordie died at home on August 3, 2010.

Born in Bras d'Or on Nov. 25, 1950, he was the son of Conrad and Una (MacLellan) Newton.

He was employed with the Canadian Armed Forces for 25 years and later employed as commissionaire at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum.

In his younger years Gordie was an avid boxer and was very proud of his accomplishments. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his dad or his sons-in-law.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Linda (Young) Newton. He will be sadly missed by his parents, Conrad and Una; his brother, Glen (Francene), his daughters, Terri (Chris) Charlong, Halifax, Tania (Troy) Janega, Sydney, and Tina, Sydney; his six grandchildren, Ryan and Kaylee Charlong, Troy and Jacob Janega and Aurora and Dustin Newton; his niece and nephew, Lindsay and Glen Newton and his very good friends, Art, Mary Jane and Stewie McNeil.

Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bras d'Or.

## Angus MacKay

We regret to announce the death of Angus William MacKay, Little Narrows, at the age of 78. Angus passed away Monday, August 9, 2010, at Victoria County Memorial Hospital, Baddeck.

He was born on October 22, 1931, at Whycomomagh Portage to Eli and Amy (Baker) MacKay.

Angus spent his early years working in the construction industry prior to working at the Little Narrows Gypsum Plant. Later he was employed at Georgia Pacific from where he retired after more than 30 years. He was a very dedicated employee for which he received a service award.

One of his favourite pastimes was ice fishing. Angus also enjoyed going for rides in his boat on Whycomomagh Bay. Angus was known in the community for his caring nature as was visible by the time he spent mowing at Sacred Heart Cemetery, MacKinnon's Harbour. He was also known as the 'waterman.'

He is survived by sisters, Roseanna MacIver, Maude (Billy) Livingstone and Vicky Percy; brothers, Sandy (Betty), Johnny (Clemmie); and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Rose (Neillie) MacKay, Shirley (Charlie) MacKay and Teaney (Gussie) MacKay. He leaves behind a very special niece, Faith (Ellis) Sutherland; and special friends, Judy and Jerry McNeil and Yvonne and Michael Nugent. Other family members include his wife's sisters and brothers, Millie (Jackie) Fraser, Marlene (Willard) Fraser, Gordie (Jean) Ellis, Charlie (Sandra) Ellis and Raymond Ellis.

He was predeceased by his wife and best friend, Betty (Ellis), parents, Eli and Amy, sister, Eva Morris and brothers, Alfred, Charlie, Murdock, Neillie and Gussie. He was also predeceased by brothers-in-law, Donald MacIver, Ralph Percy and Clarence Morris. Angus was predeceased by his wife's, sister, Nan (Dan Hughie) MacKinnon and brother, John Malcolm (Mildred) Ellis.

Burial was at Sacred Heart Cemetery, MacKinnon's Harbour. Memorial donations may be made in Angus's memory to Sacred Heart Cemetery Fund, MacKinnon's Harbour, or a charity of one's choice.

## Nancy MacKenzie

Nancy Adams MacKenzie of Greenfield Hill in Fairfield, CT died on Wednesday morning, August 11, 2010, after struggling with ovarian cancer for 7 years. She was 74.

Nancy first moved to Fairfield from Main Line Philadelphia when she married her second husband, G. David MacKenzie, in 1978. There, she worked in real estate for many years as a broker for Nicholas H. Fingelly Real Estate and William Raveis.

Originally from St. John, New Brunswick and Ottawa, Ontario, Nancy attended the Netherwood School for Girls in Rothesay, NB, where her mother lived for many years. She was the daughter of Frances Peat Clarke and George McAvity, who was killed flying hurricanes for the RCAF in WWII. The McAvity family owned the old McAvity Foundry, an industrial manufacturer of valves and fire hydrants for the Maritimes Provinces.

Nancy moved to Philadelphia in 1954 when she married her first husband, Henry R. Blynn, whom she met in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Her four children were born in Philadelphia and subsequently returned to Cape Breton every summer. While in Philadelphia, Nancy ran many small but successful boutique art businesses including the Lion's Paw and the Mane Lion. She was also very involved with the Academy of Music in Philadelphia and the annual Philadelphia Flower Show. (continued on page fifteen)

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