### OBITUARIES

#### **Barry Hebb**

We regret to announce the passing of Barry Phillip Hebb, 60, of Ingonish. Barry died peacefully at Buchanan Memorial Hospital, Neils Harbour, on Thursday, January 20, 2011, surrounded by his loving family.

He was the son of the late Reginald and Stella Hebb, Halifax.

He is survived by his two sons, Darrell (Nicole), Cheticamp, and Robbie (Rhonda), Ingonish; and his daughter, Stephanie, Ingonish. He is also survived by his two grandchildren, Dakota and Jacob; brothers, Darrell (Mildred), Halifax, and Robbie, Kentville; and sisters, Theresa (Roger), Halifax, and Judy, Dartmouth.

Besides his parents, Barry was predeceased by his brother, Kenny and his sister, Sharon, both of Halifax.

Burial will be in the parish cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations in Barry's memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

#### **Purcell Murphy**

It is with great sadness that we the family announce the sudden passing of Purcell Murphy on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Ingonish, and raised in Sydney, he was the son of the late George

Murphy and Mrs. Bessie (Stockley) Murphy.

Purcell was employed as a cleaner with ABC.

He had a passion for life and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Purcell was an avid fisherman.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife, Crystal; children, Christopher (Kaitlyn), Charles (Jessica), Matthew and Leah (Leon); two precious granddaughters, Kylie and Neveah; his grandsons, who he treated like his own, Austin and Anthony. Purcell is also survived by his sister, Marie, brother, Murray, as well as many nieces, nephews and many great family and friends.

Besides his father, he was predeceased by his sister, Sheila and brother, Frank.

The funeral service took place Tuesday, Jan.uary 25 in S.W. Chant Funeral Home Chapel, Sydney.

#### Sandra (Smith) Whitty

It is with great sadness and fond memories, we announce the passing of our loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, Sandra (Smith) Whitty of Indian Brook, Victoria County, at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney, on January 27, 2011, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Born in West Tarbot, she was the daughter of the late Sarah Jane Buchanan

and Donald John (DJ) Smith, Indian Brook.

She was a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Baddeck.

She is survived by her loving husband of 31 years, Bert; daughters, Donna (Blair) Jessome and their son, Matthew (the pride and joy of her life) and Florence; son, Sheldon (Terri), Gardiner Mines; granddaughter, Jessica MacDermid, North River; stepdaughter, Nena (Maxx) Whitty; step-grandson, Blayne MacDonald; sisters, Christine (Duncan) MacEachern, North River, Murdena (Sandy) MacRae, Baddeck, Shirley Hefferon, Baddeck; sisters-in-law, Agnes (Tom) Donovan, Halifax, Lillian (Glen) Perrerdine, Enfield, Catherine (Basil) Favaro, PEI; brothers-in-law, Maurice (Violet) Whitty, Ingonish, Joe (Edie) Whitty, Liverpool, Freeman (Flora-Ann) Whitty, Doug (Judy) Whitty, both of PEI; and sister-in-law, Catherine Smith, Indian Brook. She is also survived by her best friend, Joan MacInnis; and many nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her "aunt" Mae Smith; their "baby" Tiger; brother, Angus; mother-inlaw, Gertrude Whitty; father-in-law, George Whitty; brothers-in-law, Dennis Whitty and Barry Whitty.

Over the past six years, Bert and Sandra lived in Indian Brook in their new dream home. This was the best six years of their lives, and, during this time period,

#### CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late John Stephen MacNeil extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbours for their kindness during John's passing and funeral.

Thanks to Fr. Paul Abbass and Fr. Hugh MacNeil, the choir, Branch 124 Grandona Legion for the Honour Guard and lunch after the funeral, Dr. Chow, Dr. Genge and the staff of Victoria County Memorial Hospital.

Thanks to the Continuing Care nurses, especially Margie, as well as Gail, Dolores & Gregory. And to MacAskill's Funeral Home, thank you.

MacNeil Family

Bert and Sandra travelled extensively, the highlight of their travels was travelling to hawaee and going on a 10-day cruise.

Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the North Shore and District Volunteer Fire Department, RR #1, Englishtown, B0C 1H0.

"Part of us went with you the day God called you home."

#### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank friends and family near and far, for the love and support, food and friendship we have received since our dear Shannon Kelly MacRae passed away.

Cape Breton community and hospitality was in full form and it was never more needed or appreciated.

The Rev. Karen Lynch gently guided us and held our hand. MacAskill's Funeral Home, in Baddeck was there for us at every turn. The Cape Breton Regional Hospital doctors and staff were exceptional and the Middle River Community Hall and Seniors Group hosted a lovely celebration. For all this and more, we thank you.

> Sincerely, Donnie and Margie MacRae and family

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**MacRitchie:** It is with our deepest "Thanks" that we acknowledge the family, friends, extended family and entire community who so graciously gave of themselves on Mom's behalf. We are humbled by your generosity in terms of time, food, money, memorial donations and emotional support during her stay in the hospital and eventual passing.

Mom's lifelong care from Dr. Carlyle Chow was truly a blessing in her life as well as her family's knowing her unwavering faith in him. We were all so comforted by the care and compassion from Dr. Genge, Dr. Sutherland, the nursing staff and Palliative Care staff at the VCMH in Baddeck.

In Mom's case, to say "You Reap What You Sow" is most applicable by the graciousness, love and dedication that so many of you returned to her in her later years, especially n the four years since Dad passed away. She certainly didn't expect it from any of you but appreciated it beyond words. The care from the Victoria County Home Care staff was tremendous. Her private care from Pat, Linda, Betty, Doreen, Cathy and Ann Marie was truly a 'God Send' especially as most were even within walking distance of her home. "We'll always remember her love for another but our greatest pride is to call her our Mother."

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*Most sincerely, Anne, Jeanie and families* 

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