

OBITUARIES

Catherine 'Caddie' MacNeil

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. Catherine Ann 'Kaye/Caddie' MacNeil, 66 of Iona, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 29, 2011, surrounded by her loving family at the Victoria County Memorial Hospital in Baddeck after a courageous battle with cancer.

Kaye was born in Sydney on April 18, 1944. She was the daughter of the late Hector and Anna MacNeil, Iona.

She will be dearly missed by her five children, Cheryl (Sonny) Johnson, Iona, Michele (Sheldon) Matheson, Baddeck, Gerald (Mona), Halifax, Gerard (Kelli), Port Hawkesbury and Lori (Scott) Shaw, Whycomagh. Nana was loved by her 14 grandchildren, Dakota, Harley, Chynna, Bauer, Eilish, Wren, Matthew, Lindsay, Megan, Marcy, Evan, Lucas, Hunter and Jayden. These little angels were her pride and joy.

Caddie leaves behind her siblings, Jimmy (Jerry), Washabuck; Sadie (Michael) MacKenzie, Big Beach; John Hector (Juanita), Hazeldale; Josie (Richard) Bonaparte, Iona and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Kaye was predeceased by her husband, Roddie Frank; her sister, Sissy and brother, George.

Caddie was a lifetime member of St. Columba parish, Iona. She was known by many for her incredible gift of telling stories. Her visitors never left without a good cup of tea and an entertaining conversation. Caddie was an active member of her community. She will be forever remembered for her beautiful smile, her outgoing personality, her unbelievable memory, her great sense of humour, her compassion for others and her strong faith.

The celebration of her life was held Thursday, February 3rd at St. Columba Church with Fr. Paul Abbass officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Victoria County Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, P.O. Box 598, Baddeck, N.S., B0E 1B0.

Anna Maria Jackson

It is with heavy hearts that we, the family, announce the passing of Anna Maria Jackson on Monday, January 31, 2011, at Buchanan Memorial Hospital, Neils Harbour.

Anna was born in Holland on July 15, 1927, and immigrated to Canada in 1952.

She worked at both the Sydney City Hospital and St. Rita Hospital in Sydney.

Anna is survived by her son, Leo (Cathy) Vanderwyst, Ingonish; daughters-in-law, Pat Vanderwyst, Sydney, and Susan Reid, British Columbia; her sister, Nellie, Holland; as well as many nieces and nephews. Oma was dearly loved by her six grandchildren, Suzanne, Rick, Crystal, Barbie, Nicky and Andrew; five great-grandchildren; stepdaughters, Linda (A.G.) Sams, Mary Sue (Gladstone) MacKinnon and five step-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Anthony Vanderwyst, her second husband, Alfred Jackson and her sons, Peter Vanderwyst and Frank Vanderwyst.

A celebration of Anna's life was held on Saturday, February 5th in the United Church in Ingonish, with Rev. Margie Wood officiating. Memorial donations in Anna's memory may be made to the palliative care unit, Buchanan Memorial Hospital, Neils Harbour.

Kenneth MacKay Sr.

It is with heavy hearts we announce the death of our father, Kenneth Alexander MacKay Sr., age 72, of Baddeck/Shelburne. Kennie passed away on February 1, 2011, in Yarmouth Regional Hospital, after a lengthy battle with illness.

Born in Baddeck, he was a son of the late Chester MacKay and Annie (Morrison) MacKay.

He is survived by his sons, Kenneth Jr. (Gail), Kevin 'G.G.', Jeffery (Violet), all of Baddeck; daughters, Carol Ferne (Jim), Shelburne, Patricia, Wagmatcook, Jennifer (Ken), Baddeck; brother, Hughie (Margie), Shubenacadie; sisters, Tina (Harry), Ontario, Shirley, Shelburne; grandchildren, Charlene, Timothy, Nicholas, Jaime, Allison and Liam and his 14 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by son, Chester; brothers, Layton, Robert 'Sharky', Angus, Everill and Walter; sisters, Mary, Phyllis 'Dilly' and Lena.

Kennie worked many years at Campbell's Meat Market in Baddeck and fished the Bras d'Or Lakes for lobster with 'Big Willy' Roberts, many days as well.

He later was employed by and retired from Marine Atlantic Newfoundland Ferry Services. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, but his true love was for horses and Kennie enjoyed a number of his last years caring for the race horses at Penn Hill farm in Shubenacadie, and betting them at Truro Raceway. He was a member of the Standard Breed Horses Association of Nova Scotia and the Maritime Horse Owner's Association in Truro.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial was held on February 7th in Greenwood United Church, Baddeck. Memorial donations may be made to Yarmouth Regional Hospital Renal Dialysis Unit or a charity of one's choice.

Ameta (Pike) Stephens

Quietly and peacefully, Ameta Stephens passed away in the early morning hours of February 10, 2011 in Victoria County Memorial Hospital, Baddeck, her loving husband Jack at her side.

Born at Henry Street, Whitney Pier, Ameta was the eldest daughter of the late Archibald and Bella Winifred (Inkpen) Pike.

Known for her loving ways and her engaging smile, Ameta was a well known model as a teenager and later spent many years in the retail sector, having been employed at Crowell's in Sydney, Hudson's Bay Co. Vancouver, B.C., and at The White Store and Raj's Gift Shop, Baddeck. Ameta was also well known and respected for her love and knowledge of coins, stamps, antiques and collectibles, having operated Iron City Coins with Jack, and later operating Seaflower Crafts in Baddeck.

Ameta was a spirited and avid curler, having skipped numerous award winning bonspiels over a 30 year span at rinks in Sydney, Dartmouth and Baddeck. She was a respected member of Bell Club, Baddeck.

Ameta is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, John William 'Jack' Stephens of Baddeck and her immediate family, sons, William John 'Bill' Stephens and his wife Patty of Baddeck Bay, David Peter and his wife Cathy Boudreau of Sydney and youngest son, James Rhetland and his wife, Suzanne of Cole Harbour. Ameta was blessed with four wonderful grandchildren, Michele Stephens (Shawn) and daughter,

Zion Johnna of Baddeck, John William Stephens (Katherine) and their children, Jack and Sophia Belle of Stratford, P.E.I., granddaughter, Bella Felicité Stephens of Sydney and grandson Derek J. Hope, Saskatchewan.

In addition to her immediate family, Ameta is survived by her loving siblings, Wallace (Andre), Archibald, Robert (Brenda), Geraldine Smith, Annabell Wambolt, George (Virginia), Sylvia (Gordon) Colbourne, David (Audrey), Charles (Gloria), Carol (Earl) Jewer and Louise (Albert) Broussard, and her uncle, Morley Crann, Middlesex, England.

She was predeceased by her infant brother James.

She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends and acquaintances.

It was Ameta's sincere and unselfish wish that her remains be granted to Dalhousie Medical School, and as such there was no visitation.

A memorial service and reception in celebration of Ameta was held on February 12th at Knox Presbyterian Church, Grant St., Baddeck. Memorial donations may be made to Victoria County Hospital Foundation, Baddeck, N.S.

Geraldine Jackson

Geraldine Jackson, 92, of Halifax, passed away on February 10, 2011, in Melville Lodge in Halifax, with her family by her side.

Born in Baddeck, in the Telegraph Hotel, she was the former Geraldine Dunlop, daughter of the late Gerald and Bessie (MacAskill) Dunlop. Geraldine had the good fortune to live in several parts of Nova Scotia and was active in community affairs wherever she resided. She had been a Sunday school superintendent of First United Church in Mahone Bay, as well as being a ranger captain. In Truro, she was a member of the PC Women's group and a member of the board of directors for Nova Scotia Youth Training School. When returning to Baddeck, she became president of the Provincial Women's PC Association, president of the Baddeck Valley Community Club, Sunday school superintendent for Greenwood United Church, a member of the Victoria County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and a member of the Alexander Graham Bell Ladies Club and assistant probation officer for Nova Scotia Correctional Services and regional registrar of births and deaths and marriages.

She is survived by her children, Graham Jackson (Karen), Judy (Phil Henderson), Joanne (Bonnie Webber), Celeste (Ray MacLellan) and Lloyd Jackson (Glynnis); 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Austin Jackson; brother, Charles David 'Buddy'; sister, Shirley Kerr and great-grandchild, Riley Ronalds.

A memorial service took place Monday, February 14th in Greenwood United Church, Baddeck. Interment will be in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to Greenwood United Church or a charity of choice.

Alfred 'Murray' Stockley

Murray died February 12, 2011, at Harbourstone Enhanced Care Facility.

Born in Ingonish, January 12, 1930, Murray lived on the family homestead at Rocky Point.

He was a kind, gentle person who had an amazing self taught knowledge of nature. A longtime steward of the sea he believed in hard work and living from nature. There was always a proper way to hunt, fish, or pick a blueberry. He enjoyed hearing if the fish were biting or if a deer had been sighted. He was the companion of many a beagle or

black lab over his 81 years and was often seen by many in his rubber boots, walking his niece's "pups" or making his rounds dropping bones off to local dogs. Murray was also a lifetime contributor to Parks Canada's annual bird count. Those of us that knew him well will miss his stories, his humour, albeit sarcastic at times, and the quiet way he always hummed a tune.

Murray shared his life with his girlfriend, Alice; his niece, Clara and her husband Mike and their three children Evan, Taylor and Samuel aka "Little John"; his special sister-in-law, Sadie and niece, Claudette; his life-long friend, Buck Hussey and his second family, the staff on Wentworth Court.

Murray was predeceased by his parents, Alfred and Louise and sisters, Pat, Kaye, Francis and Nora, brother's Jim and Russell.

He is survived by siblings Rose, Ontario, Mary, Dartmouth, Hannah, Baddeck, Clancy, Main-a-Dieu, Ann and Roy, Ingonish.

A celebration of Murray's life was held at St. John's Anglican Church, Ingonish, on Wednesday, Feb. 16th. A reception followed at the Ingonish Volunteer Fire Department. Memorial donations may be made to our local SPCA at www.capebretonspca.com or by visiting the shelter at 401 East Broadway in Whitney Pier.

Florence 'Flora' Canning

Florence 'Flora' Canning, formerly of St. Patrick's Channel, Cape Breton, passed away on February 14, 2011.

Born on June 10, 1925, Flora was the daughter of the late Elizabeth MacLeod, St. Patrick's Channel, and Chester MacKay, Big Baddeck, Cape Breton.

Flora was a member of the Farquharson Presbyterian Church, Middle River. For more than 40 years she volunteered at the Alderwood Rest Home, Baddeck, where she resided for the past three years.

Flora received the Nova Scotian Volunteer Award for outstanding service in volunteering. She was also a staunch supporter of the Liberal Party of Canada.

Flora was most proud of her roll as loving mother and friend. Her love of piano and traditional Cape Breton music inspired her to be an accomplished musician. At the age of 60 she learned to drive. She worked at the Notre Dame Convent, Baddeck, and cherished the friendships made there.

Flora will be remembered by her family and friends for her ability to lead through example with her music, cheer, humour and being the effervescent shining light in our lives. She gave us inspiration and encouragement so freely.

Flora will be forever missed and remembered for her super-human strength in enduring the suffering of this world with notable faith, dignity and courage, with immeasurable charm and intelligent wit and we were in awe of her loving courageous example.

Flora is survived by little sister, Beth (Keith) Philips, Calgary, Alta.; sons, Donald G. (Beth Douglas) Canning, Toronto, and Darren J. (Cheryl) Canning, Middle River; daughters, Joan L. (John Knite) Canning, Toronto, Evelyn F. (Peter MacNeil) Canning, Toronto; grandchildren, Vincent T. Canning, Toronto, Grayson and Bruce Canning, Alberta, Daniel J. Canning-MacNeil, Toronto, and Morgan C. Canning, Middle River, Cape Breton. She is also survived by aunt, Thelma, St. Patrick's Channel; and best friends, Pat Ryan and Mabel MacDonnell.

Flora was predeceased by loving husband, Everette T. Canning and son, Clayton.

Burial took place in the church cemetery, Middle River. She was a member of the Sunset Co-op.



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