

# OBITUARIES

## Murdock MacLeod

Murdock "Bus" MacLeod, 96, of Wolfville, passed away Tuesday, November 15, 2011 in the Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville.

Always proud of his Cape Breton roots, he was born in Baddeck, the son of the late William and Annabelle (Ferguson) MacLeod. He was a graduate of Baddeck Academy before serving overseas in England, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Germany. He graduated from Acadia University upon his return. He joined the United Fruit Company, Kentville, in 1947. He was instrumental in its transformation into Scotian Gold Cooperative from which he retired as Comptroller in 1980. After retirement he was appointed as Wolfville's Coordinator for Downtown Development. His passions were gardening, cooking, and politics of any flavour. Always community minded, he served on many committees and boards; Wolfville Board of School Commissioners, President of Annapolis Valley Board of Trade, Chair of the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival, and Chair of the Wolfville Police Commission to name a few. He served as a member of Wolfville Town Council from 1959-1964, Deputy Mayor from 1964-1966, and served as Mayor of Wolfville from 1966-1974.

He is survived by sons, Wayne, Amherst; Robbin (Vicki), Aylesford; Tim (Betty) Wolfville. "Grampy" will also be missed by grandchildren, Jeff (Tyra), Kentville; Jake (Nicole), Oakville, Ontario; Melissa (Justin) Smith, Bedford; and Jennifer (Peter Aalders), Lower Sackville; Alexa, Amherst; step-grandchildren, Cody (Angie), Kelsey (Sean) and Kailey. He is also survived by great-grandchildren, Liam and Margo MacLeod, Kentville; Belle, Lily, and Jack MacLeod, Oakville, Ontario; Nicholas Smith, Bedford and step-great-grandchildren, Chloe and Cordelia, Aylesford.

He was predeceased by his wife, Joyce (Porter) in 2007; brother, Wilfred; sister, Margaret Ross; daughters-in-law, Donna and Sheila.

A private family graveside service will be held at a later date in the Willowbank Cemetery, Wolfville. Donations in memory may be made to the Valley Hospice Foundation, 23 Earncliffe Avenue, Wolfville, NS B4P 1X4.

## Thomas Edward Kerkhoven

Dear Friends and Neighbours, if you are reading this message, it means my life in this world has reached its end. But what an adventure it has been! A life that began in Indonesia and followed a path

from there to Holland, Canada, Curacao, and ultimately to my Cape Breton home. A life lived as a field hockey player, a seaman, a husband, a father, a farmer, a diver, a jazz lover, a gardener, a reader, a thinker, and always a student of life. Great loves found, great loves lost, and then, somehow, the courage to love again.

*It has been a real joy to live the last few years of my life in Cape Breton. I shall continue in spirit to roar with the Lions, philosophize with the Free Wheelers, chase the elusive bullseye with the Middle River Seniors, and float with the Barnacles. It was always a pleasure to see the angels in the post office, and chat with the friendly faces of this community. I extend a special goodbye to my dear cohorts, Norman MacInnes and Duncan MacEachern, with whom I shared so many laughs.*

*I am struck at the end of my life by how fortunate I have been. At times when I reached my darkest hours, something always arose from the darkness that made my life better than it was before. Even these last few months fighting with cancer have been, surprisingly, among the best periods of my life. I was surrounded by the love of my dear wife Angie, my three beloved daughters Janiece, Noline, and Carmen; my sons-in-law Tom, Doug and Waring; my grandchildren Jack, Cora, and Benjamin; and my dearest cousin Rudolf Suermondt from Holland. I feel I am floating away on a sea of love.*

*My final request ... Have one hell of a wake! I invite you, my family, friends and neighbours to share a laugh or a story this summer at Partridge Landing, Big Harbour. My ashes will be scattered in the rock garden I created there. I shall be with you in spirit.*

Tom passed away at home at 2 a.m. on Christmas morning. He was in his bed by the fireplace, as he wished, with his wife and daughters nearby. It was a crossing over blessed with dignity, humour, and love.

Please mark your calendars for the Party in Celebration of Tom's Life at Partridge Landing, 500 Big Harbour Rd., on July 28, 2012, at noon. RSVP to Carmen@partridge.vi.

## Mary Gilliland (MacNeil)

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Mary Effie MacNeil on Thursday, December 28, 2011 at the Cambridge Memorial Hospital, Cambridge, ON.

Born in St. Margarets Village, Bay St. Lawrence.

Mary was the daughter of the late

John James and Jane (MacNeil) MacNeil.

Mary is survived by her husband William and her sons William Jr. and Richard, Cambridge, ON; brothers Keith MacNeil, Cambridge, ON, John MacNeil, Sydney River, Francis MacNeil (Vera Gwynn), St. Margarets Village, Theodore MacNeil (Halifax), Wendell (Annie) MacNeil, Sydney Forks; sisters-in-law Jean MacNeil and Charlotte MacNeil both of Sydney; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents Mary was predeceased by her brothers James Angus MacNeil and Paul Bernard MacNeil.

Mary will be greatly missed by all but will remain in our hearts forever.

Donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

## Florence Johnston

Florence Mae Johnston of Sydney, Nova Scotia passed away surrounded by family on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at Hospice Simcoe in Barrie ON., following a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Tarbotvale, Victoria County, Cape Breton, she was the daughter of the late Archie and Margaret (MacPhee) Carmichael of Ben Eoin.

Flo was a loving wife and devoted mother and grandmother. She was retired from MacGillivray Guest Home after 25 years of service.

She is survived by her children Stephen (Sharon) Listowel, ON, Laura Leigh (Jim) Flear, Barrie, ON, and William 'Woody' (Sheri) Sydney; also her nine grandsons, Anthonie, Kenneth, Gerrit, Shaun, Connor, Logan, Tyler, Mitchell and Bryden. They will greatly miss her kind, gentle and loving ways.

She is also survived by her brothers Bernie (Louise), Jack (Margie) and Archie all of Sydney; Rod, Florida and by her sisters Dena (Donald) Johnston, Phyllis (Ron) Youden of Sydney and Carol (Danny) of East Bay; sisters-in-law Charlene, Windsor, ON., and Charmaine, Sydney, ON. Also left to mourn are her many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. She always had a warm welcome for those coming home from away.

Flo was predeceased by her loving husband William; by her brothers Elmer and Roy; sister Marie and sister-in-law Connie.

Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery, Sydney Forks. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Simcoe or to a charity of choice.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late John Curley would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the passing of our brother.

Thanks to Dr. Genge and the nurses (especially Pat Nicholson and Freda Hanson) of the Victoria County Memorial Hospital.

Thanks to Rev. Etter, the organist and choir for a perfect service. Thanks to the pall bearers and Firemen for their support and presence during the service.

Special thanks to Mary Ivey and the girls at Home Care. You were so very good to him and we appreciate it.

Thanks to anyone who visited, brought food, gave cards and/or memorial donations. Thank you to the Community Hall and the Seniors Club.

We are blessed to have great friends and neighbours in our lives.

*Thanks to everyone,  
the Curley Family*



## Bookmobile Schedule

**Wednesday, January 11:** Cape Smokey School (11:15-11:45 am), Cabot High School (12:15-12:45 pm), Neil's Harbour at the Highland Manor (1:30-2 pm), White Point (2:15-2:45 pm), Smelt Brook (3-3:30 pm), Dingwall at Church (4-4:45 pm).

**Thursday, January 12:** North Highlands School (10:15-11:30 am), Bay St. Lawrence Community Centre (11:45-12:15 pm), Cape North (1:45-2:15 pm).

**Wednesday, January 18:** Wagmatcook School (9:30-11:45 am), Little Narrows-Ferry (1-1:30 pm), Hazeldale (1:45-2:15 pm), Washabuck Community Hall (2:30-3 pm).

**Thursday, January 19:** Rankin School (10-11:30 am), Iona at St. Columba Church (11:45-12:15 pm), Jamesville at Dunn Road (1:45-2:15 pm), MacKinnon's Harbour (2:30-3 pm), Ottawa Brook (3:15-3:30 pm).



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