

# OBITUARIES

## Elva Russell Whitman Fairchild

Elva passed away in Gainesville, from complications of pneumonia, on November 22, 2010. She was born in 1915 in Somerville, Massachusetts, daughter of Lillian Gibbs and Eldon Russell Whitman. After graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the Boston Teacher's College, she did advanced study in oil and watercolor painting with Bill Calfee and John Pike. After marrying Alexander Graham Bell Fairchild ("Sandy") in 1938, she moved to Panamá City, Republic of Panamá, where she raised two children. Sandy was employed in Panamá as a research entomologist and assistant director of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory for Research in Tropical Medicine.

Over the next 32 years, Elva painted avidly, winning many prizes for oil and watercolor paintings of tropical scenes and commissioned portraits. She exhibited mostly at the Canal Zone Art League, the American Pen Women, Universidad de Panamá, Panamá Artes and the Biblioteca de Panamá.

She was also an active teacher of portrait and landscape painting during those years, in the Canal Zone at Balboa Junior College and the Morgan Gardens, and in Panamá at the Helen Keller School for the Deaf and elsewhere. She was active in the Canal Zone Pen Women, and served as president of the C.Z. Chapter. While acting president, she organized a historic first ever art show at the old Tivoli Hotel for the then nascent Panamanian art scene.

After her husband Sandy accepted his honorary professorship at the University of Florida, Elva moved with her family to Gainesville in 1970. She was a member of the local Pen Women and Gainesville Fine Arts, and exhibited her work in many shows in Gainesville.

Elva is survived by her two children, Alice Bell Fairchild of Gainesville and David Fairchild of Corralitos, California, and by David's son and her grandson Alexander Fairchild, of Miami, as well as by her faithful little dog, Beowulf.

A funeral reception is tentatively scheduled for January in Gainesville. As Elva wished, her ashes will be carried to Beinn Bhreagh, near Baddeck, Nova Scotia, for interment beside her beloved husband Sandy, with whom she is now reunited.

## John Russell Buffett

John Russell Buffett, 80, passed away peacefully on Thursday November 25, 2010, at home, with his family by his side.

Born in Neils Harbour, he was the son of the late Luke and Susan Buffett.

He was a member of the Armed Forces and was employed as a carpenter at Cape Breton Highlands National Park for 25 years.

Russell enjoyed lots of company and the door to his home was always open to friends for a game of cards.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Gretta (Rick Wambolt), St. Peter's; son, Brent (Irene), Sydney; stepson, Neil MacDonnell, Dartmouth; stepdaughter, Mary MacAskill, Dominion; chosen son, Scott Burton and three chosen granddaughters, Candace, Shandelle and Courtney; sister, Burtha Battiste, Dartmouth, Mary A. MacDonald, Port Hawkesbury; brothers Jim, Hamilton; Leslie, Neils Harbour.

He was predeceased by sisters, Grace, Trypena and Martha, brothers, Hector and Bob.

Funeral was at Stella Maris Church, Creignish. Memorial donations may be made to the Judique Volunteer Fire Department or Strait Richmond Palliative Care.

## Josie MacDonald

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of our dear sister and aunt, Josie MacDonald on Thursday, November 25, 2010, at the MacGillivray Guest Home.

Born in Murray, Victoria County, she was the daughter of the late John J. and Margaret (Sutherland) MacDonald.

Josie was in the teaching profession for over 40 years. She became a teacher working with various schools in the county, and then became a principal and later in her career a supervisor for the school board.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and received the Order of Service.

Josie is survived by her sisters, Margaret Morrison, Sydney and Ethel MacDonald; as well as several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Mary Belle Gordon, Murdena Ferguson; brothers, Norman and Andrew MacDonald.

A committal service will be held at a later date in Goose Cove Cemetery. Donations in Josie's memory may be made to the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

## Donald Clarence Powers

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our youngest brother, Donald 'Donnie' Powers.

Donald passed away November 27, 2010, in Buchanan Memorial Hospital with his family by his side.

Born in Neils Harbour in 1961, Donald was a son of the late Frank and Frances (Doucette) Powers.

Donald enjoyed skiing and doing many odd jobs in the community when needed. He was employed at the Keltic Lodge for many years, then at Home Hardware. Donald will be

forever missed by his family.

He is survived by sisters, Darlene Jordan, Trenton, Heather (Mark) MacDougall, Ingonish Beach, Peg (Francis) Barron, Ingonish; brothers, Joe Powers, Sydney, Jim (Lynda) Powers, Sydney, Wayne (Joyce) Powers, Ingonish Beach, Monty (Nancy) Powers, Sydney; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Besides his parents, Donald was also predeceased by sisters, Josie Jean and Mary, brother, Stewart.

Interment was in the parish cemetery. Donations in Donald's memory may be made to the North of Smokey Palliative Care or a charity of choice.

## Sister Columba, CND MacNeil

Sister Columba MacNeil, CND (Sr. Saint Columba of Iona) passed away at Notre Dame de Bonsecours Infirmary Montreal, on Thursday, December 2, 2010.

She was the daughter of the late Joseph Hector MacNeil and the late Catherine Ann MacNeil of Nova Scotia.

Eleven of her siblings predeceased her including two sisters of the CND-Sister St-Joseph Oriole and Sister St. Ann of the Blessed Sacrament.

She leaves to mourn her loving sister Sarah Kennedy of Little Lorraine, N.S. and many cherished nieces, nephews and cousins.

Sister began her teaching career in the schools of the Montreal area and spent well over 20 years there. In 1967 in recognition of her work in teaching and in ministering to the poor in the Goose Village area she was presented with the Canada medal. Her last teaching assignment was in Richmond where she taught at St. Michael's and St. Francis schools. Following retirement from active teaching Sister Columba spent many years volunteering in her Richmond parish and serving the poor whom she loved.

Burial in Cote des Neiges Cemetery, Montreal.

## Cyril Mark Donovan

We sadly announce the passing of our beautiful brother and friend. Mark passed away at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney, Friday, December 3, 2010, after a long battle with illness.

Born in Ingonish, he was the son of the late Cyrileen (O'Brien) and Doug Donovan of Ingonish.

He was a member of St. Peter's Church, Ingonish.

Mark fought a long battle with sickness but never gave up his will to live. He was a dear friend to many and will be remembered by all.

Mark is survived by his brothers, Kendall (Doris), Guelph, Ont., Kelly (Audrey), Ingonish

Beach; sister, Noelle, Grande Prairie, AB; his niece, Shannon (Keith); his favourite little boy, Maddex, Ingonish Beach; and his lifelong friend, Steve Young, Sydney. Mark is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mark was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Dougie.

Burial was in the parish cemetery.

## CARD OF THANKS MacLellan-Hudson

We, the family of the late Ronda Lee MacLellan-Hudson, will never be able to express our appreciation for the kindness and caring support that we received from family, friends, the community, and health care professionals during Ronda's journey through life.

Our heartfelt "THANKS" goes out to all those who attended Ronda's graveside service and celebration of life. To all those who visited, phoned, e-mailed, sent flowers, food, cards, monetary donations, and provided support.

A special thank you to our family physician, Dr. Chow, Dr. Ritter, the Pain Management team from Halifax, and the staff of the Victoria County Memorial Hospital. Thank you to Rev. Dr. Cameron Brett for his thoughtful words while performing her graveside service. Also a special thanks to David and Shawn Dunlop of MacAskill's Funeral Home for their compassion and professionalism.

The comforting support and sincerity displayed to us by you all will be cherished in our hearts forever.

*"The best part of life is when your family becomes your friends, and your friends become your family."*

## CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank St. Andrews Presbyterian Church congregation for hosting the Benefit Supper, as well as the people who donated both food and money.

The generosity extended to our family by so many people over the past year is greatly appreciated, with special mention to the fishermen of Little River, and to Jim Allen for all his help. As well, Joe would like to thank those folks who took him for his doctors appointments.

We are very fortunate to live in such a caring community. God Bless!

*Joe, Joyce & Cassandra MacAskill*

## CARD OF THANKS

Betty and John Sisnett would like to thank all those people who were so kind to us after our accident.

We are so grateful to the staff at the hospital for our extended care, and to our visitors who brightened our days & kept us well fed after we got home.

Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year to one and all!



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## Victoria County's Residential Curbside Organics Collection

### Garbage Shipped to Guysborough

For the month of November, 2010, **227.38 Tonnes** of garbage were shipped bringing the total to **13,979.91 Tonnes**

Residents can now put organic material such as vegetable peelings, table scraps, meat, fish, poultry, dairy, bones and soiled paper in transparent green bags to be collected weekly along with recyclables and garbage. Special transparent green bags for compost are now available in grocery & hardware stores in Victoria County.

For more information on Recycling or Composting Programs, call Cape Breton's **Recycling Hotline at 1-877-567-1337** or see "Recycling" in the Aliant Yellow Pages.

### Organic Materials Collected

For the month of November, 2010, **4.17 Tonnes** of organics were collected bringing the total to **818.37 Tonnes**