

OBITUARIES

Reverend Angus Anthony Joseph "Tony" MacDonald

It is with sorrowing hearts that we announce the death of Father Angus Anthony Joseph MacDonald of Malignant Cove, Antigonish Co., NS. Fr. Anthony "Tony" died suddenly on January 4, 2011 at his "estate" at the Cove while making preparations for his annual trip to Florida. Fr. Anthony was born December 26, 1939, son of the late Dougal and Jean (MacDonald) MacDonald.

He attended St. Andrew Rural High and graduated from St.FX University in 1960 with a B.A. degree. (He thoroughly enjoyed being with his classmates at the 50th anniversary of his graduation in October.) He trained for the priesthood at Holy Heart Seminary in Halifax and was ordained on May 23, 1964 in St. Ninian's Cathedral by Most Rev. William Power. That same year he was appointed assistant at the following parishes: St. Mary's, East Bay; St. Mary's, Mabou; and St. Peter's, Ingonish. From 1965-1969 he was on loan to the Archdiocese of Quebec where he taught at St. Lawrence College, Quebec City. Fr. Anthony also served at Sacred Heart, Sydney; St. Joseph's, Bras d'Or and St. John's, New Glasgow. He was parish priest at St. Joseph's, Port Felix and mission; Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River; St. Michael's, New Waterford; St. Pius X, Sydney Mines; St. Peter's, Port Hood; St. Michael's, Baddeck and Queen of the World, Wagmatcook.

During his priesthood, Fr. Anthony studied at the University of Ottawa receiving a Master of Education. He served as an Advocate on the Antigonish/Halifax Marriage Tribunal, was on the Personnel Board for the Diocese, Ministry to Priests program and the Curcillo Movement. He retired in 2005, but continued to serve wherever and whenever he was called. He loved his fellow man and they loved him, with his sense of humour and optimism.

Father Anthony will be deeply mourned and sadly missed by his brother Rickey, sister-in-law Peggy and their children Susan, Mark (Suzanne), Jane (Gerry), Luke (Andrea), Sara (Scott), Laura (Dan) and their families, as well as

his sister, Margie and her daughters Janice (Ben), Leanne (Darryl), Nancy (Mark) and their families, seventeen grandnieces and grandnephews in all. Fr. Anthony enjoyed many fun times with all his young relatives at dinners, barbecues, fishing trips, the beach, and the dam, especially in the summer at the cottage.

He was a gentle and caring priest who listened well and comforted many.

A funeral mass was held at St. Ninian's Cathedral in Antigonish, presided over by Most Rev. Brian Dunn. Memorial donations may be made to the Antigonish Food Bank or St. Vincent de Paul.

Douglas Keith Smith

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our loving brother, Douglas 'Doug' Keith Smith, who passed away January 6, 2011, at home.

Born October 19, 1951, in Neil's Harbour, he was a son of the late Everett and Doreen (Lawrence) Smith.

Doug was a lobster fisherman, who began fishing in his early 20s with his father. He fished on several boats throughout the years with the most recent being the Bonnie Roger III. Doug was an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed sports fishing and camping. He also enjoyed making miniature lobster traps, playing poker, reading novels and watching football.

He will be sadly missed by sisters, Brenda (Bobby) Fitzgerald, Elaine Nunn; brothers, Jackie (Jocelyn), Derek (Anita), all of Neil's Harbour; seven nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by nephew, Carter.

A memorial service was held January 10th in St. Andrews Church, Neil's Harbour and interment was in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to St. Andrews Church, Neil's Harbour or a charity of choice.

Alex Oleksa Melnyk

Alex Oleksa Melnyk, 90, of Victoria Mines, passed away on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney.

Born in Sydney, he was the son of the late Wasal and Pauline (Yakimchuk) Melnyk of Victoria Mines.

He was a devoted member of Holy Ghost Ukrainian parish, Whitney Pier and St. Alphonsus parish, Victoria Mines.

He worked for 50 years with Sydney Steel.

He was a devoted family man and a pillar to his community in many ways. He will be sadly missed for his kind and gentle nature by all who knew him.

He is survived by his daughter, Augusta (Jackie) MacDonald, Baddeck; son, Michael (Cheryl) Melnyk, Antigonish; grandson, Scott (Cheryl) MacDonald, Middle River; and his pride and joy, great-grandchildren, Zoe Catherine MacDonald and Logan Alexander MacDonald.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Veronica; brother, Sander; sister, Katie; stepfather, Michael Hasiuk; and daughter-in-law, Claire.

Burial will be at St. Alphonsus Parish Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Palliative Care Unit.

John MacNeil

John Stephen MacNeil, 84 of Grass Cove, Victoria County, N.S., died January 12, 2011 at the Victoria County Memorial Hospital.

Born in Grass Cove, he was the son of the late James S. and Mary (MacInnis) MacNeil. He was a member of St. Columba parish, Iona. He was a veteran of the Second World War, serving in Canada and Europe with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders.

John was a former employee of the North Victoria School Board and a member of the Grand Iona Legion, Branch 124.

He is survived by two brothers, Roddie and Joe (Mary), Grass Cove; three sisters, Peggy (Frank Vitelli), Toronto, Ann Booth, Toronto, Isabel (Allen Dixon), Calgary and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Sylvester.

Burial was in St. Columba Cemetery. Donations may be made to Victoria County Memorial Hospital Charitable Foundation.

Shannon Kelly MacRae



On Sunday January 16, 2011, Shannon Kelly MacRae, at the age of 20, suddenly passed away in Sydney Cape Breton.

A lover of life, inherently joyful, and a friend to all, Shannon lived her life with magnetic effervescence.

She is survived by her partner Jordan Petterson; her parents Donnie and Margie (Crowdis) MacRae; her grandmother Sadie Crowdis; her mother-in-law Thelma Kehoe; father-in-law Carl Petterson; her siblings Maria (Preston), DJ, Gwen (Jeff) and sister-in-law Victoria; her nieces Isla and Catherine and her nephew Thomas; her pets Chaos, Harmony, Diesel, Hubert, Zongi and her budgie, as well as extended family and friends, too many to mention.

A private funeral service for family was held on Friday, January 21st, 2011, officiated by Rev. Karen Lynch. Following the service, family invited all to join them in a celebration of her life at the Middle River Community Hall.

In honour of her love for animals, family asks that a donation in Shannon's name be made to your local animal shelter.

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, January 26: Baddeck Academy (9:30-10:45 am), North River at Church (11:45 am-12:15 pm), Barrachois Bridge at the Church (1-1:30 pm).

Thursday, January 27: Indian Brook at Leather Works (10:30-11:15 am), Little River at the Wharf Road (11:30-noon), Gaelic Singers Hall (noon-12:30 pm), Wreck Cove General Store (1-2 pm).

Wednesday, February 2: Middle River at the churches, (9:45-10:15 am), Middle River School (10:30-11:45 am), Wagmatcook Preschool & Head Start (12:15-12:45 pm).

Thursday, February 3: Boularderie East at the Highway Garage (9:30-9:45 am), Boularderie School (10-11:30 am), Boularderie at Grant's Store (11:45-noon), Ross Ferry (1-1:30 pm), Kempt Head (2-2:30 pm).

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NOTICE TO PARENTS PRIMARY REGISTRATION 2011

Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board

Primary registration for students under the jurisdiction of the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board will take place on the following Dates:

MONDAY, JANUARY 24 and TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011
from 2:30 to 4:00 pm and 7:00 to 8:00 pm and

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2011 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm

If there are cancellations due to weather for the listed dates, an additional registration will take place Thursday, January 27th from 2:30 to 4:00 pm

Students enrolling in school for the first time are required to register in the school that children from the area traditionally attend. Parents/Guardians are asked to be present at one of the above times. Registration will be done as a group with the Principal and Primary teacher explaining the procedure.

Pupils being registered MUST be five (5) years of age on or before December 31st, 2011. Valid proof of the pupil's age (official birth certificate or baptismal certificate) must be presented at the time of registration. Birth certificates are required for all students by school opening in September.

Registration must take place at the school that normally serves the area in which you live. For further information, please contact the Principal of the school.



Charles Sheppard
Co-ordinator of School Services