

# OBITUARIES

## Margaret 'Peggy' Dykes

Margaret passed away May 17, 2011 in Victoria, B.C.

She was born in her family home at Munro's Point, Cape Breton to Captain Angus and Mary Carmichael. At a young age she often travelled with her family on her father's schooner 'The Ambition'. Her sea-faring family and Scottish heritage influenced her long and well-lived life. In 1937 Margaret graduated from Normal College in Truro, N.S. She was a highly regarded school teacher who, during the war, changed careers and worked as an inventory clerk at the Halifax dockyards. There she met and married Lt. Cmdr. Randle Dykes. They settled in Baddeck, N.S. where they raised their three children, Heather (Lloyd) MacInnes, John (Margot) and Randle (Patty).

Margaret moved to Victoria, B.C. with her husband and sons in 1964 when Randle became captain of the weathership CCGS St. Catharines.

Her husband, Capt. Dykes passed away in 1999. Margaret was also predeceased by her sister, Muriel Bethune; brothers, Hector and Donald Carmichael and a great-grandson, Noah.

Left to mourn her loss are her three children, her grandchildren, Lloyd Michael (Trina), Megan (David) MacInnes, Meadow, Allan and David (Cori) Dykes. Also missing Margaret will be six great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews, and her brother-in-law, Normie Bethune.

A Service of Remembrance was held at St Ann's Bay United Church on May 31, 2011. Donations in her memory can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to St. Ann's Bay United Church.

## Frances Marie Basque

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear mom, grandmother, aunt and sister, Frances Marie Basque, surrounded by her loving family and friends at the Victoria County Memorial Hospital in Baddeck, N.S.

Born in Wagmatcook, she was the daughter of the late Simon and Mary Rose (Pierro) Basque.

Marie was a caring, kind and classy lady who would comfort you in need and always had kind words of wisdom. Marie loved music, karaoke, TV bingo and especially looking out for her grandchildren. She was a member of the Queen of the World Church, now known as the Blessed Kateri Tekawitha parish in Wagmatcook. She was well known for her baking, cooking and family gatherings and always had many visitors to drop in for some tea.

Surviving are her daughters, Mary Jo Peck-Isadore, Priscilla (Isadore) Googoo and Fallon Isadore, all of Wagmatcook; her son, Travis Isadore (Amanda), Paqtnkek; 20 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one godchild, Anthony Peck; numerous nieces and nephews and one surviving aunt, Christina Aucoin of Sydney River. Also left in mourning are her siblings, sisters, Bridget (Frederick), Brenda, Sophie; brothers, Charles, Samuel, Wilfred, Michael, Carl, all of Wagmatcook, Brian of Ottawa, Ontario.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alexander Isadore, two children, Gloria and Daryl grandchildren, Vanessa, Nilan and Cyndi Joy Peck, two brothers, Frederick and Simon Jr., two sisters, Janey and Christy Ann (Freeman Francis) and most recent her son-in-law, Alex R. Googoo.

Burial will be at the Queen of the World Cemetery. After the service, a feast and salite followed at the Wagmatcook Culture Center.

## John 'Alexander' MacLean

The four sisters of Alexander are very sad to announce his passing in Saint Joseph's Hospital, Toronto on May 24, 2011.

Born on September 15, 1940, Alexander was the eldest child of the late Flora Mae (Gillis) and Peter F. MacLean of Iona, Victoria County.

He graduated Saint Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, 1962 and Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax, 1966. In 1976 he chose to leave the priesthood and enjoyed a life long career with educational career colleges.

His interests were music, sports and politics. His first musical recording was while he was a student at St. F.X. when Celtic Records produced The Piano Stylings of The Cape Breton Scot, believed to be the first recorded album of piano music devoted to the music of the Cape

Breton Scot. His most recent Celtic piano CDs are Across the Ocean Wave and Lake Bras d'Or.

Alexander leaves his sisters, Anne (Lawrence Nestman), Florence (Joseph Canary), Theresa, Helen (James MacDonald), all of Halifax; nieces and nephews, Lara, Natasha, Peter, Leah, Lucy, Shamus and Scott along with seven grand nieces and grand nephews. Also surviving are his supportive paternal aunts, Mary MacDonald, Baddeck, Teresa Morrison, Sydney and Nancy Gallagher, Florida.

Alexander will be remembered as an optimistic, loving, generous brother and a true and loyal friend.

In accordance with Alexander's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be a private family burial.

A random act of kindness would honour Alexander's memory.

## Wendell Lillington

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden unexpected passing of Wendell Lillington on May 28, 2011, in the Northside General Hospital with family members by his side.

Born in Isle aux Morts, Nfld., he was a son of the late Joshua and Sarah (Harvey) Lillington. Wendell was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Wendell served over seas in the Second World War, as a gunner, mainly in England and Holland. After returning from overseas he worked in Ontario on the lake boats for many years before returning to Neil's Harbour where he worked as a laborer until his retirement. Wendell lived the past two and a half years in the Harbour View Hospital DVA unit in Sydney Mines.

Wendell was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #86 as well as the St. Andrews Anglican Church in Neil's Harbour.

He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by brothers, Edgar and George; sisters, Jenny, Alice, Gertrude, Elizabeth and Sarah 'Neil'.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Andrews Church, Neil's Harbour or the Harbour View Hospital, Sydney Mines.

## Marion Fuller Brown



Marion Fuller Brown, age 94, a longtime community activist, civic leader, former Maine State Representative and a champion of Maine's quality of place, died peacefully at her



home on Friday, June 3, 2011, surrounded by her family and close friends.

Marion was born in Kansas City, MO May 14, 1917, one of four children of Charles Theirs Thompson and Marion Moreau Thompson. She graduated from Sunset Country Day School in 1934, Bradford Junior College in 1936 and received a BA from Smith College in 1938. In 1939 she married Henry M. Fuller, Esq., of Milton, MA. They moved to York, ME that summer in time for Henry to join the law firm of Judge Gene Sewell. In 1944, they acquired Rams Head Farm where they raised their four children over the next twenty years. Tragically in July 1962 Henry died at age 47 in a haying accident on the farm, leaving Marion a widow at age 45 with four children to raise. Five years later in July 1967 Marion married Brooks Brown, Jr. of Augusta, ME. Brooks moved to York where he and Marion lived until his death in 1987.

During the time Marion was at home raising her children, she became involved in local and state civic affairs, beginning with her appointment in 1960 by Gov. John Reed to the Maine Milk Commission. In 1964 she was elected chair of the Commission for the next two

years, the first woman to do so.

In 1966, Marion was elected as the first woman from the Town of York to the Maine State Legislature, serving 3 terms until 1972. Marion was principal sponsor of legislation that banned billboards in the State of Maine, the second of only four states to implement such a ban - a ban that was recently threatened to be overturned by the current Maine legislature. She was the prime sponsor of Maine's Returnable Bottle Law, one of the first such bills in the nation, and of Maine's Clean Water and Clean Air.

During this same period, Marion was National Republican Committee Woman from the State of Maine and served as a delegate to three National Republican Presidential Conventions between 1964 and 1972.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon appointed Marion to the National Highway Beautification Commission on which she served until 1975. In 1977 she became a founder of the Coalition for Scenic Beauty, the only national organization dedicated to advocating the preservation of scenic views and the reduction of visual pollution of our rural and urban landscapes, now known as Scenic America, based in Washington, DC.

Marion was a member of the Delegation of Friendship among Women which traveled to China in 1975 as a guest of the Chinese Government on a goodwill tour.

In 1977 Maine Governor Longley appointed her to the Maine Travel Advisory Council. Successive Maine Governors continued her appointment until 1997. Marion also served for nearly a decade on the Land for Maine's Future Board as a charter member and served on the Keep Maine Scenic Committee until 2008.

From 1968-1983, Marion was a member of the York Planning Board. In 1985, she became a founder and Director of the York Land Trust and continued her interest and involvement as a Director Emeritus until her death. In the 1990's Marion exemplified her commitment to land conservation by placing conservation easements on the open fields surrounding Rams Head Farm. And in 2000, in conjunction with her children and grandchildren, an unspoiled half-mile of shoreline on the York River in the Mount Agamenticus Sea corridor, comprising 54 acres of fields and woodland belonging to Ram's Head Farm, was preserved through a conservation easement held by the York Land Trust.

Marion was a member of the Piscataqua Garden Club from 1948 until her death, serving in various leadership capacities, including President, between 1948 and the present. Through her work as a member of the Piscataqua Garden Club, she became a distinguished member of the Garden Club of America, serving as both a Regional Director and Vice-President. During this time she was instrumental in creating the GCA National Affairs and Legislative Committee to advocate nationally on behalf of conservation and environmental issues.

In addition to her conservation efforts, Marion was involved from 1970-2008 with Strawberry Banke Museum of Portsmouth, NH, serving as both a member of the Board of Trustees and Overseer. During those years, she was also involved with the Old York Historical Society where she served as trustee.

She was the first woman to serve as a Trustee of the York Hospital. She also was a long time trustee of the York Country Club and The Pine Tree Society of Bath and served as a deacon of the First Parish Church in York.

In recognition of her outstanding leadership, Marion was the recipient of many awards at the state, local, and national level. In 1983 she was the first recipient of the Sunset Hill School's Outstanding Alumna Award for civic activities and accomplishments. She received the Deborah Morton Women of Achievement Award in 1975 from Westbrook College. Down East Magazine presented her its Environmental Award for 1983. She was given a 1992 Proclamation of Appreciation for Environmental Leadership by the Selectmen of the Town of York. In 1995 the Garden Club of America presented her with its Crocker Silver Bowl for conservation. She

received the Scenic America Lifetime Achievement Award for 2000 and in 2001 she was given the Maine Nature Conservancy Award.

Governor Angus King, citing her leadership, proclaimed May 14, 1997, her 80th birthday, as Marion Fuller Brown Day in the State of Maine. King cited her dedication and vision resulting in the elimination of billboards, the acquisition of 65,000 acres of accessible scenic land under the auspices of the Land for Maine Future Board and the beautification of Maine highways.

Marion enjoyed being on or near the ocean whether sailing as a child on Barnegat Bay; cruising in Penobscot Bay; having a meal on the deck of the York Harbor Reading Room or enjoying the sound of the waves of Long Sands Beach. She was ever curious and passionate about world events, politics and was proud of her extended family.

Marion is survived by her four children, Alexandra C. Anderson-Spivy of New York, NY, Martha Fuller Clark of Portsmouth, NH, Henry Weld Fuller of Baddeck, Nova Scotia and Emily Fuller Hawkins of Deer Isle, Maine, three step-children, Susan B. Greenleaf of Bar Harbor, Maine, David B. Brown of Augusta, Maine, Connie Brown of San Diego, CA, eight grandchildren, ten step-grandchildren and eight great grand children. Judith Rivinus Fuller, her only daughter-in-law, predeceased her on April 19, 2008.

She is also survived by her sister, Anne T. Gartner and her husband, Murray T. Gartner, of Scarborough, Maine, and seven nieces and nephews. Her brothers, Charles Moreau Thompson and Robert Smock Thompson also predeceased her.

Special thanks are extended to Joanne Cross, Madeline Gavin, Linda Westfall, Reenie Johnson, Dede Hart and Henry Blaisdell for their enduring commitment to Marion's care and well being over an extended number of years.

To all she has been a steadfast beacon of integrity, loyalty and determination, dedicated to the dynamics of the two party political processes and the principle of giving to those organizations she championed. She will be sorely missed by all.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, August 14, 2011 at 2:00 PM at the First Parish Church, York, Maine.

Memorial Gifts may be made to the York Land Trust, P.O. Box 1241, York Harbor, Maine 03911, or [www.yorklandtrust.org](http://www.yorklandtrust.org), and to Scenic America, 1250 I Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20005, or [www.scenic.org](http://www.scenic.org).

## Joseph Rambeau

It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the passing of a truly wonderful man, Joseph Rambeau on Saturday, June 4, 2011, in Smelt Brook, N.S.

Born in Smelt Brook, Joseph was the son of the late George and Alice (Therault) Rambeau.

He was a hard working man, who aside from driving a school bus for 28 years, made a living on the water. If he wasn't on it, he was thinking about it one way or another.

Joseph was a "jack of all trades" who took great love in trying to solve everyone's problems. He was a man who lived everyday doing something for his family and friends.

No words can describe what a wonderful and loving husband he was to his wife, Anne (Dixon); and father to his sons, Andy (Gloria) and Joey (Tena) of Smelt Brook, Alan (Gloria) South Harbour; as well as daughters, Joanne (Eddy Fitzgerald) and Andrea (George Fitzgerald), Cape North. Joseph loved his 17 grandchildren dearly and always tried to cherish every moment he had with them. He will also be sadly missed by his sister, Susan (Douglas) Briand, Smelt Brook; brothers William, Smelt Brook and Frankie (MaryAnne) of Eastern Passage; goddaughter, Janice Hayden; daughter-in-law; Kimberly Cameron; and his many special nieces and nephews.

Joseph was predeceased by brothers, Francis, Stephen, Peter, sister, Margaret, as well as sister-in-law, Delphina Rambeau and brother-in-law, George Fitzgerald.

The burial will be in the parish cemetery.