



The River Round Up

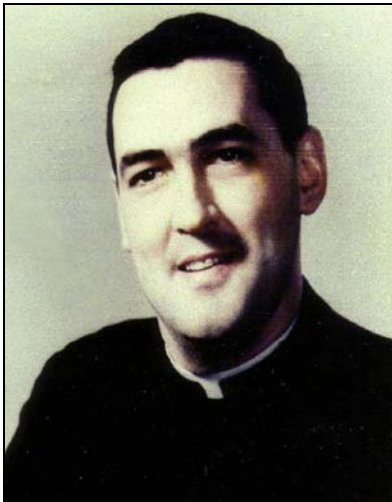
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Father Everett MacDow



Everett Joseph was born July 29th, 1941 to Ethel (MacNeil) of Big Pond & Everett MacDow of Loch Lomond. He was one of nine children and lived his young life in Sydney where he graduated from Sydney Academy.

In 1960 Everett entered St. F.X. University and graduated with a B.A. & B.Ed. He then received a Bachelor of Theology and Divinity from Laval University in Montreal followed by his Masters Degree in Education at Boston College. He attended Holy Heart Seminary in Halifax for four years (he was a classmate of Bishop Vernon Fougere) and was ordained as a Priest by Bishop William E. Power on May 31st, 1969 at Sacred Heart Church in Sydney.

Since his ordination Father MacDow has served many parishes: beginning at *Holy Redeemer* in Sydney along with *Immaculate Heart* & *St. Augustine* in Sydney; *St. Columba*, Iona; *Stella Maris*, Louisburg; *St. Joseph*, Albert Bridge; *Pius X*, Sydney Mines; *Mt. Carmel*, New Waterford; *St. Joseph*, New Victoria; *St. Alphonsus*, South Bar; *Lady of Lourdes*, Stellarton; *Glace Bay Team Ministry*- (*Youth for the Poor*); *St. Margaret*, West

Bay Rd. and served as a Lieutenant in the Navy in Esquimalt, BC. In July 2006, River Bourgeois, St. Peters & Barra Head welcomed Father MacDow as their Parish Priest.

Father MacDow was born in a family with a history of religious vocations. Three of his mom's sisters entered the *Petites Soeurs des Pauvres* (Little Sisters of the Poor). Sister (Elizabeth) Rose de St. Joseph stationed in Brittany, France served time in the concentration camps during the war. She along with others were taken from their beds during the night and loaded on train cars. At one point the train came to a halt and they were lined up in a field as if they were going to be executed but for some unknown reason they were put back on the train to continue their journey to the camps. Father MacDow visited her twice in France. Sister (Josephine) Rose of the Holy Face spent her life in the United States and passed away this past Easter. For thirty-seven years Father MacDow made his annual trip to visit her and was there at the time of her passing at the Convent in Enfield, Connecticut and celebrated her funeral Mass. Sister (Catherine) Anne died early in her religious life in Boston on the eve of World War II.

Father loves to travel and on one of his trips to France he and cousin Jack MacNeil (Sharon Digout's brother) also went to Barra, Scotland in search of their ancestry. They both very much enjoyed their journey into history, however it was not disclosed whether there were skeletons in the closet. On another journey to France he and Father Bernie MacNeil visited the Canadian Cemetery Beny-Sur-Mer where a great many of Cape Breton military are buried. They also went to Lisieux where St. Theresa was born, joined the Carmelite Convent and was buried. Father MacDow is also a great lover of music and enjoys giving spiritual direction. He has a great devotion to Padre Pio and St. Theresa and is an avid reader especially of scriptures and different expressions of spirituality.

Concerning the amalgamation of parishes and the challenge of the church for the future, Father stated we are followers of Christ. As his disciples we must be open to where the Spirit is leading the community. He sees a great purification-taking place within the Church. "The Lord is calling us to an authentic discipleship which requires a great deal of sacrifice and prayer in being true to the call of Christ. If each of us is open to the Spirit and prays faithfully, he will lead us individually and the Church to greater unity, joy and peace. Father is extremely optimistic about the future "if we will walk in his presence more closely the young will see the church in a new light and see clearly the sign of today's Church" "See how they love one another".

The people of River Bourgeois, St. Peters & Barra Head wish to express their deepest gratitude to Bishop Lahey for choosing to send us such a wonderful, kind and spiritual Parish Priest. *Sharon Chilvers*

Graduation



Congratulations to Ryan Bruce Boudreau who graduated from NSCC-Dexter's Institute of Heavy Construction with honours. Ryan is the son of Bruce Boudreau & Karen Boucher and grandson of Lucille & Buddy Boudreau.

Community Celebration

On December 16th at 5pm the RB Community Service Society is inviting all residents (young & old) to celebrate Christmas at the Tara Lynne Centre. We will have carollers during the lighting of our tree outside followed by more singing and music inside. We invite all with or without musical talents to come and join in. Refreshments will be served with cider & hot chocolate and we anticipate a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. There is no charge but we will have a silver collection with proceeds to go to the Christmas baskets for the needy. See you all there!

Where are they now?

I was the second child born to Angela & Charlie Burke. I attended elementary school at RB and

completed my high school education in St. Peters in 1959. After graduation I attended Teachers College in Truro completing my courses in 1960 and commenced teaching in the Halifax area in the fall. I taught elementary classes in schools in Herring Cove and Spryfield where I was also the Vice-Principal. In 1963 I married Richard (Dick) Cordick and continued my full-time teaching career until the birth of our second child in 1968 when I chose to be a stay at home mom and then only taught on a substitute basis. In 1974 Dick was commissioned as a Lieutenant and our somewhat nomadic life began. The first move was to Victoria (Esquimalt) BC where Dick took an 18 month course in Naval Architecture. This provided me with the opportunity to perform substitute teaching on the other coast.



Shirley & Dick in their backyard

We returned to the east coast in 1976 and for the next 5 years we lived in Dartmouth and I became heavily involved in taking classes in gourmet cooking as well as employment with Statistics Canada. In 1981 Dick was posted to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. Because of some health related problems, he opted to take early retirement in 1984 and began a career in the Public Service. The first stop was Vancouver where we lived until the construction of three new Fisheries & Oceans and Coast Guard ships were completed. Dick then accepted a position with the Coast Guard in Ottawa and we returned in 1985. During this time our children Paul and Lisa were trying to cope with being educated in three different provinces, which was a difficult load to bear but somehow things worked out. Paul received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the U. of Victoria and Lisa earned her Registered Nurse designation at Algonquin College in Ottawa. Paul presently resides in Vancouver where he is a computer animator and his wife Sheri Radford is the editor of several Vancouver and area tourist magazines as well as authoring several children's books. Lisa is settled in Ottawa as an R.N. and is Director of Care at an Extendicare Nursing Home Complex. Dick retired from the Public Service in 1998 and we relaxed for a year but then decided to make a quite significant lifestyle change. We opted

to up size from our new three-bedroom home in Ottawa to a 150-year-old five-bedroom house in Lanark which is 50 km. west of Ottawa. It took 10 months of intensive work to bring the home as close as possible to the original structure and decor. It is located on the Clyde River and we even have a barn where Dick has a heated workshop and tends to spend most of the winter working on a myriad of projects. I am still heavily into cooking and baking. And in my spare time I do a lot of sewing and quilting. As if this wasn't enough we have ventured into the world of Bed & Breakfasts. Initially it was to help out a neighbour who has a B&B but has evolved into a time consuming but pleasurable experience.

At the present time and although there have been a couple of medical setbacks, things are in hand and we are enjoying our life to the fullest. You can have a look at our B & B at clydeside.ca. We'd love to host some people from "The River". *Shirley (Burke) Cordick*

Anniversaries



Standing: John MacDonald, Conrad Fougere, Debbie MacDonald, Maurice Landry, Buddy Boudreau, Anthony Landry, Father MacDow, Raymond Burke, Cletus Touesnard, Bill Coleman, Leslie & Pene Pottie, and Leo & Judy MacNeil. Seated: Lucille Landry, Lucille Boudreau, Beatrice Landry, Theresa Landry, Mildred Burke, Mary Touesnard and Tina Coleman.

On Nov. 25th the parish honoured those who celebrated their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 55th + wedding anniversary during the Saturday Eucharist. They received certificates and were served dinner at the TLC. Celebrating **25 years** were: Gerald & Janet LeBlanc, John & Debbie MacDonald, Leonard & Cynthia Pottie; **30 years**: Calvin & Nancy Burke, Michael & Valerie Fougere, Gordon & Rita Fougere, Anthony (Pap) & Beatrice Landry, Leslie & Pene Pottie; **40 years**: Bill & Tina Coleman, Conrad & Marie Fougere, Leo & Judy MacNeil; **50 years**: Alfred & Lucille Boudreau, Maurice & Lucille Landry, Walter & Marion Lynds; **55 years**: Cletus & Mary Touesnard; **56 years** Leo & Theresa Landry;

57 years: Raymond & Bridget Robertson, Raymond & Mildred Burke; **59 years** George & Catherine Boudreau; **63 years** Joe & Margaret Bouchard; and **66 years** Evelyn & Victor Burke. Congratulations to all!

1954- The year of the Tiger



Front-Allan Burke-bat boy, Steve Smith- Manager, Pat Burke, Art Digout, Bernard MacPhee, Russ Fougere 2nd Row, Gerald Robertson, Garvey Samson, Charlie Boyd, Fraser Boyd, Stanley McPhee.3rd.row-Peter Pottie, Joe Boyd, George Digout.

On May 8th, 1954, Marie Boyd "published" the first issue of the post-war edition of the River Round Up, in an effort to raise funds for the construction of a Soldier's Memorial Cairn. The cairn was to be placed near the gate to the ball field at the Parish Hall.

In the third issue of the Round Up (June 19th) it was reported that an organizational meeting for the River Bourgeois Baseball Club had been held, with the following "officers" selected; Fraser Boyd – Manager, Steve Smith – Coach, Arthur "Tattoo" Digout – Captain, Patrick Bourque - Asst Capt., Stan Digout – Score Keeper and Allan Burke – Bat Boy. It was also reported that Lawrence Pottie had left for Ontario to work on a Lake boat, taking from RB one of its best pitchers.

At a baseball game on the RB field during July of that year it was reported that no less than seven sets of River Bourgeois twins were in attendance. The twins were; Lucy and Leon Digout (Art & Margaret), Mary Cecelia & Charles Sampson and James & Carol (Caroline & James) Joe & Charlie Boyd (Cameron & Lil), Eddie & Georgie Landry (Henry & Elizabeth), Gerry & Claire Burke (Hogan & Pricilla) and Peter & Paul Smith (Lillian & Lou). I don't know if the reason that we lost the above noted game was because of the twins being in attendance or that "the regular catcher George Digout could not play because he was ill on that day", as reported in the Round Up. In any case it was the only game that the RB Tigers lost during 1954 in regular season and playoff competition.

The 1954 season was special for a number of us since five members of the team graduated from high school that year and we spent the summer at home thus being able to practice together nearly every night. After that year the five players in question went to university and took various employment positions around the province during the summer. Also three members of the team, Gerald Robertson, Garvey Samson and Russell Fougere joined the Port Hawkesbury Hawks Midget Baseball Team and this team defeated all their opposition to become the Maritime Midget Champions. (A first for a Cape Breton team!!!)

The 1954 Tigers had depth at all positions and in my opinion it was the best team ever in the community. We were very strong in the very important pitching position with Pat Bourque, Bernard McPhee, Garvey Samson and rookie Gerald Robertson all being effective on the mound. When Pat wasn't pitching he would play shortstop and Art Digout would play second base. When Pat pitched Art moved to shortstop and Charlie Boyd played second base. The steady and dependable Peter Pottie played third base and Russell Fougere played first base. Our catcher George Digout was the best in the RCBL at that time, while the outfielders were Stanley McPhee, Joe Boyd, Charlie Boyd and Fraser Boyd. When they were not pitching Garvey and Gerald were quite capable of filling in for any player who may be absent because of injury or any other reason. (This sounds a bit like "Who's on first"- the Abbott & Costello skit.). Steve Smith & Fraser Boyd provided the coaching and management for the team, and a future Tiger, Allan Burke was the Bat Boy. This was Fraser's final season with the team and he did not play too many games. For many years he was the team's power hitter and was a great all around athlete. He was a big man who was very strong and was fleet of foot as well. *Russell Fougere*

Births

Beaver: Sadie Tate 8lbs. 7 oz. was born Sept 27th to Scott & Beth of Sherbrooke. A sister for Cole (Bugsy). Congratulations to all including grandparents Carol & Ren Beaver and great grandmother Madeline Cook.

Clow/King: Ethan Kelvin 7lbs 15oz. was born Oct 29th to Lori & Kelvin of Halifax. Congratulations to his parents, grandparents Lorraine King of Evanston and Dave & Anne Clow & Nicholas and Josie.

Fougere: Ava Evangeline 6lbs 4 oz. was born on Nov. 22nd to Kevin & Tammy of Calgary. Congratulations to parents, grandparents Valvi White and Conrad & Marie Fougere.

Snowdon: Lily Debra 5lbs 8oz was born Nov. 14th to Jennifer & Troy of St. Peters. Congratulations to

mom & dad and grandparents Neil & Eleanor Snowdon and Fraser & Debbie Martell.

Deaths

MacNeil: James (Jimmy) 62 years of Sydney passed away on Nov. 13th. Our condolences to his sister Wanda (Conrad) Burke and her family.

Richard: Martin Ernest 82 years passed away Nov. 10th in Peterborough, ON. Our condolences to his wife Margaret and children and also sisters: Rita, Monica and Geraldine, brothers: Fabie, John, Leo, Clarence and Tony.

Bits and Bites:

- **Christmas Baskets**-anyone knowing of a family in need of a Christmas Dinner, please call Sharon C. 2512 or Sharon D 3516 prior to **Dec. 14th**.
- **We are very happy to report that Edward Bouchard** has arrived home safely from Afghanistan. He & his family will be spending Christmas with his parents, Art & Linda in RB.
- **Seniors Christmas Lunch** Dec. 11th at Seniors Building. Potluck. \$5.00 Dues payable Dec 31st.
- **Seniors Mini Bingo**, Dec 13th @ 1:30 pm.
- **CWL Christmas Dinner** Dec. 7th 5pm at Parkers.
- **Cribbage Seniors Bldg** Mondays at 7pm.
- **45 Card game Seniors Bldg.** Sundays-7 pm.
- **Cards & exercise** each Mon. 1-3 Seniors Bldg.
- **Happy Birthday** to Annie Mae Burke and Valerie Boyd who celebrated their 92nd birthdays, Jane and Rita Landry number 86 and Rita LeBlanc number 80.
- CAP site will open to the public from 2-4 and 6-8 pm Mon to Thurs and 2-4 on Fridays. CAP phone # is 535-3251. The site will be closed from Dec. 20th to Jan 3rd. There are T shirts still available for Christmas gifts
- Anyone wishing to book the TLC should call Ann Clow at 535-2726. People requiring use of the Funeral Home call Marie & Conrad Fougere at 535-2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 535-2939 to open the church for any special functions i.e. weddings, baptisms or funerals.
- The Round Up is available at Bucky's Garage, RB Post Office or East Coast Credit Union. Subscriptions are available for \$15.00 delivered in RB, \$20.00 within Canada and \$25.00 internationally per year.
- *The volunteers of the Capsite wish you all a very joyous Christmas*

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