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Marie Boucher



Marie Phyllis was born on December 9th, 1916 to Ida (Sampson) & Hilaire Bourque of the Church Point. She graduated from the East End School before heading to Halifax to seek employment. She worked as a housemaid for two years and then was hired by the Halifax Infirmary. There she worked on the surgical ward cleaning but was also expected to serve the patients meals. It was hard work for \$12 a month with sometimes fifteen-hour days claimed Marie, so after two years she went to work as a housemaid for Joseph Chisholm who was the Chief Justice of NS. She loved her job, however she loved someone more and his name was Clarence.

At age fifteen Marie had become love struck by a local gentleman of Church Point. Clarence born March 26th, 1911 was the son of Henry & Seraphim (Poirier) Boucher. After corresponding for seven years and only seeing each other during vacation time, Marie & Clarence were wed by Fr. Robitaille on February 14th, 1939. They lived with his father until 1945 and then with dad's help he built their own house. In 1940, daughter Lucille who now lives in Saint John was born, followed seven years later by Sylvia who lives in the old homestead and then son Earl who sadly passed away of cancer at age twenty-four. Marie also has fourteen grandchildren and twenty-six great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren. Clarence worked as a carpenter and also spent eighteen years

with the Dept. of Highways building bridges in Richmond County. Marie worked at the MacDonald Hotel in St. Peter's and the Richmond Motel in Grand Anse. She was however best known for her sewing abilities. She sewed for many years for the neighbours and as she recalls, some of the people expected miracles. They would take her material and there was never a rush until a dance was announced for the next day. In the early seventies a nun requested Marie make a habit for her and that was the final request and she quit (the nun did not get her habit). She then began making quilts, which she machine sewed and top stitched by hand. All of her family has one of her masterpieces in their possession.

In 1987 Marie became the first resident of the RB Seniors Building. Clarence had passed away in 1983 and she did not wish to remain home alone. She now had friends to play cards with; there was a quilting room and lots of company. She likes to prepare the recreation room for the weekly Mass. These days she still enjoys reading, watching her favourite TV show "wrestling" and knitting although she is now hindered by carpal tunnel syndrome. Marie may your wrist soon heal and all the people of RB wish you many more years of good health. *Sharon Chilvers*

A Safe Return



Sgt. Ronald G. Landry is now stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan for a six-month term. He left his home base of Edmonton, Alberta on January 25th and is due to return on August 10th. He joined the Unit C Branch of

Service: G3 Branch, Combat Engineers in 1994. He served in CFB Chilliwack, Edmonton, Kosovo, Ralston, Alberta and back to Edmonton. On November 11th, 2005, in a "Tribute to Our Heroes" Ronald was honored for his achievement with Operation Kinetic attached to 4UK Brigade for entry to Kosovo.

Ronald, who is 31, is the son of Vera Landry-Bourque & the late George Landry of River Bourgeois. He is married to Erin Sharleen Corley of Chilliwack and has three sons: Jacob (8), Behnjamin (5), Asher (3) & one daughter Sihdney (2). He also has two brothers Craig in Truro & Chad in Halifax. We all wish him the very best and a safe return from his peacekeepers duties. Mom, step dad Basil and all his family, relatives and the people of RB.

Ed note-we also wish Fr.Reg Currie's grandnephew who is serving in Afghanistan a safe return. Anyone interested in sending a note to Ronald Landry or Edward Bouchard may do so at the following addresses (Cost is 51 cents)

Bouchard/Mcpl

Op Archer,
1 MNB HQ & SIGS SQN C TP
PO Box 5058, Belleville ON
K8N-5W6 or Email
Ed Bouchard-Melman7007@hotmail.com

Landry, RG SGT -692

11SQN 1TP-1 PPCHI
BG-TF-Orion
Taskforce Afghanistan
Po Box 5058-STN Forces
Belleville ON K8N 5W6

Certificates of Merit were awarded to five dedicated volunteers of our community: Raymond Doary, Marlane Burke, Glyn Chilvers and Marie & Conrad Fougere.



A wonderful meal prepared by Emily and Peter LeBlanc followed Mass celebrated by Fr. Reg Currie.

News from Iraq

Early in February a Canadian Consular Officer Michelle Cameron was one of four Canadians inside a SUV fired upon by US soldiers in Baghdad. She had a close call and was the spokesperson on the news. She is employed with the Canadian Embassy trying to help secure the release of two Canadian peace activists. Michelle's grandmother is Delia (Pottie) Cameron formerly from RB and a sister of Mildred Burke & Peter Pottie. Michelle's parents, Peter & Elaine Cameron, were notified their daughter was okay before it was aired on the news. An investigation is now underway into the incident. *Ann Clow*

CWL



The CWL Executive for 2006-2008. Back row: Leona, Therese D., Debbie, Valerie, Marlane & Therese P. Front row: Ann, Father Currie, Deirdre & Elaine.

On Feb. 11th the St. John the Baptist CWL held their annual meeting at the TLC. The new Executive for the 2006-2008 is *Spiritual Advisor* Fr. Reg. Currie, *President* Deirdre Boyd, *President Elect* Elaine Burke, *Past President* and *Secretary* Ann Clow, *Treasurer* Therese Pottie, *Convenors* are: *Organization* Elaine Burke, *Education* Leona MacDonald & Therese Digout, *Health* Susan Boudreau, *Community Life* Valerie Cunningham, and *Christian Family Life* Debbie Digout. New members Carol Ann Fownes and Mary Cecelia Burke were welcomed.

Where are they now?

Hi, my name is Rose (Landry) Kelly and as a daughter of Leo & Theresa I grew up on Southside RB. After graduating from high school, I went to work in Halifax at Canada Trust while taking night classes to complete my first year of university. I then attended full time and graduated with my BSc. (physiotherapy) in 1981. I met Bob Kelly of Halifax in 1979 and we were married December 30, 1981. We moved to Toronto where Bob was already working with TD Bank and I worked at The Etobicoke General. We transferred with TD to London, England in the spring of 1984 where I worked at the Head Injury and Stroke Unit at St. Bart's Hospital until our son Brad was born on November 29, 1985. We transferred back to Toronto in March of 1987 and our daughter Elise was born May 30, 1988. While there, I worked part-time at Sunnybrook Hospital until we moved back to Halifax in 1989 where Bob was in charge of TD Atlantic Division. We returned to Toronto in 1991 when Bob was appointed the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for TD

Bank and I worked at the Rehabilitation Centre part time.

In the fall of 2000, Bob accepted a job as CFO of First Union (later called Wachovia Corp.) in Charlotte, North Carolina. As I am not eligible to work in the US, I volunteer with various organizations from Women of Vision (affiliated with World Vision) and The Family Center for helping abused and neglected children. I am also helping in a study on Domestic Violence. Our son Brad is now in his third year at Tufts University in Boston, Mass. taking Mechanical Engineering. Elise is in her last year at Charlotte Latin School and is planning to study Communication/Advertising at university.



Brad, Elise, Rose & Bob

Bob has been recognized as the best CFO in America for three years running and is now beginning a new job as Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman at Mellon Financial based in Pittsburgh, PA. I look forward to another change and to work on women and children's issues. We always look forward to visits from family & friends from "back home" and in all of our travels, River Bourgeois remains our favorite vacation spot and my kids think of it as their second home-the one that stays the same when all else changes. Thanks again, we are very honoured to be thought of. *Rose Kelly*

Birthday Party at Richmond Villa



Mary Burke and her mom, Caroline Sampson, with Kay Boyd & Susan Stone. Caroline passed away not long after and is greatly missed.

On January the 11th, the St John the Baptist CWL hosted the monthly resident party at the Villa. There was plenty of food, cake and lots of music. *Island Driftwood* played to a very lively crowd of Villa

residents as well as friends and neighbours who came to party. (We have lots of great dance pictures but have to check with our lawyers first before using them). The members of our church choir sang some favorite hymns and sing-along songs.

Very sincere thanks to all musicians who so willingly took part; to the people who provided the lunch and to Paula Sampson, activity director, for the warmth & compassion she has for our family members who reside at the Villa. *Maureen & Sharon*

RB to Host Seniors Expo

The 2nd Annual Richmond County Seniors Expo will be held again in RB on May 27th & 28th. As a result of its overwhelming success last year, there has been a great deal of request for a repeat. Plans are well underway and the tickets will be available by April 1st. There will be several types of card games, sports, including softball, horseshoes, golf hitting competitions, and more. Lots of music & good food will be available. Father Currie has generously agreed to celebrate mass once again at the hall. The cost for the entire weekend including the four meals is \$20 per person. Is that a deal or what? Tickets will be sold on a first come basis. Anyone needing more information may call organizers Sharon Chilvers at 535-2512 or Anne Sampson at 535-2803

A man for all seasons

James Henry (Jim) Boucher was born in River Bourgeois in 1913, the son of William P. & Victoria (Sampson) Boucher. He was educated at the River Bourgeois School and left home at the age of 15 years seeking employment in Ontario. His first job was on the construction of the Welland Canal. This was followed by various other construction jobs all across Canada, from Prince Rupert in BC to Toronto and eventually to Truro, NS, where he joined his brother Walter and his boyhood friend James Samson with H.H. Latimer Const. Ltd.

In 1943 Jim married Margaret Rachael Sampson. She was the daughter of Charles & Minnie (Burke) Sampson of River Bourgeois. Jim & Margaret had three children; Kenneth (now living in Halifax), Gilbert & Anna Marie (both living in RB). Jim worked for the Latimer firm for 21 years and the family lived in a number of villages around NS because of the nature of his work including Jeddore, Maccan, and Centreville (Digby Co.) before "returning home" in 1955.

With his vast construction experience and a very bright mind, Jim was a much sought after person by various firms in our area and beyond. He was an excellent mechanic and could operate any type of

motorized equipment. He also was very good at building boats. Not only did he build the boats but knew exactly what type of equipment was required for their reliable operation and was able to install this equipment himself.

In his youth Jim played baseball with the River Bourgeois team and in the early sixties he volunteered to coach the RB team in the Richmond County Baseball League. He was one of the principal reasons the team operated during the next decade. Joining Jim for several seasons on the team were his two sons. Ken who was a solid catcher with terrific power at the plate & Gilbert who was a steady hitter and a real "ball hawk" at his 3rd base position. The team won several RCBL Championships during Jim's tenure.

Jim was very strict when it came to the use of baseballs. Practice balls for the team were seldom of very good caliber. When practice was held during a damp day or balls were hit into the swamp, players were dispatched to find the balls and bring them to Jim for towelling them off and eventually dried at home for the next practice. He even tossed the odd "good" used ball into some League games. His son Gilbert tells of a time when he asked his mother to send him a ball when he worked in northern Canada. After some persuasion, she sent him a new ball along with a message that it would not be in his or her best interest for Jim to find out about his "gift".

In the early sixties, to quote from Garvie Samson's book: "Jim Boucher, who was a thinker and doer, decided to construct an outdoor rink which could be flooded and maintained. He constructed a rink in the lower section of his field, beside the roadway, with the assistance of Gerard, Kevin and Maynard Boyd, and his sons Kenneth and Gilbert." The rink had 4 ft. boards and was adequately lighted for skating and hockey games. The rink was a great recreational facility not only for the youth of River Bourgeois but for the whole County. A small fee was usually charged for skating sessions but if a person could not pay the fee no one was ever turned away by the owner.

Jim Boucher, who passed away in 1988, was a good friend and his work and assistance in the community was appreciated by all, especially the youth. As outlined in the above paragraphs, he was truly a man for all seasons. *Russell Fougere*

Births

Burke: Brooke, 5lbs 12oz was born Feb. 11th to Denise & Wayne of Halifax. A little sister for Ryan. Congratulations to grandparents Annie (Burke) Landry and Ivan & Alma Pittman of Miles Cove, Nfld.

McPhee/Frost: Julia Marie, 7lbs 6oz., was born Feb. 7th to Rose Frost & Noland McPhee. Congratulations to sister Malerie, grandparents Norman & Lorraine McPhee and George & Elizabeth Frost, Grand Anse

Deaths

Sampson: Mary Judith (Caroline), 94, passed away Feb. 17th. Our condolences to her children Mary, Carol Ann, Ernest, Rudolph, Charles, Terrance, & James and their families.

Sampson: Vivian, 82, passed away Feb 4th. Our condolences to her sons Thomas & Gerard and stepchildren Delores, Bruce & Beverly and sister-in-law Flo Sampson and their families.

Viscount: Joan, 71, passed away Feb. 21st. Our condolences to her husband Bernie, children Wanda, Shelly, Patricia, Cyril, David, Brian & Terry; her sisters Patsy & Gertrude and all the extended family.

Bits and Bites:

- I got this note from I can't say who but:
"Grandma and Grandpa Clow
I would say, number 10 is on the way"
 - **CWL Merchandise** Bingo Mar 5th 2pm.
 - **Seniors 50+** Potluck lunch followed by Annual Meeting on March 7th.
 - **CWL** meeting March 14th in Vestry at 7pm.
 - **RBCSS** meeting Mar. 22nd 7pm at Seniors Bldg.
 - **Darts, cards & exercise** every Monday 1-3 at Seniors Bldg. Everyone welcome!
 - **45 card game** every Sunday at Senior's 7pm.
 - **Cribbage** every Monday at 7pm at Seniors Bldg.
 - **The CAP Site hours** are Mon.-Thurs. from 2-4 & 6-8 and Friday 2-4 pm. On weekends, an appointment may be made by calling Ann (2376) or Sharon (3516). CAP phone # is 535-3251 and can be reached during the above hours; our Email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com and our website is www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap.
 - A reminder for anyone wishing to book the TLC to call Ann Clow at 535-2726. People requiring use of the Funeral Home should call Marie or Conrad Fougere at 2621. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 2939 to open the church for any function such as weddings, baptisms or funerals.
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