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Stanley and Monica McPhee



On July 28th, 1930 a handsome little three-pound baby boy was born to Whitney and Nellie (Burke) McPhee. His name was Stanley Terrance. Stanley an only child attended the East End school before going to high school in St. Peters under the direction of Helen Archibald. He traveled back and forth to school with Cameron Boyd. He graduated in 1948 and spent the next two years at the vocational school in North Sydney. He studied sheet metal first, but he failed to complete his project of a scuttle (coal bucket) so he switched to plumbing. His roommates at that time were Eddie Burke and George Bowser.

In 1951 Stanley decided that teaching was more to his liking and spent the next four years at St FX and graduated with a B.A. and B.Ed. His first teaching job in 1954 was in Sterling Mines in a three-room school where he taught grades eight to ten and was the principal. Due to the lack of accommodations he stayed in the upstairs of the school (he was never late even in snowstorms). Part of the deal, was that his meals would be provided at the mess hall where the miners ate. Edgar MacPhee worked as a miner there and when he worked the night shift, Stanley slept in Edgar's bed as there was lots of company in the barracks. The next year Stanley taught in Rockingham High School in Halifax but returned

home in 1955 to teach and pursue a romance with a beautiful young lady named Monica.

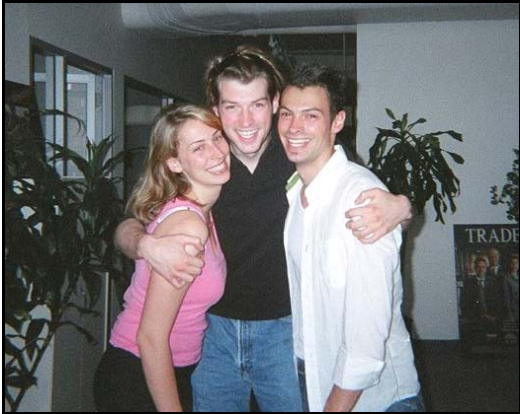
Monica Marie was born October 20th, 1938 the youngest of fourteen children to Amable I. and Ida May (Landry) Burke. She attended Cannes school and completed her schooling at the new "Stella Maris School". She moved to Halifax to work for Laura Gillian but then went to work at the Royal Bank. In 1953 while hanging out listening to the jukebox at Alfred Burke's restaurant she met a young gentleman by the name of Stanley. For the next five years they dated but would frequently break up only to be reunited after much persuasion from Monica's best friend, Germaine Digout. They finally realized that it was meant to be and on July 1st, 1958 they were wed. Germaine was right, as its now almost forty-eight years of wedded bliss. In the next nine years they had six children; Fraser, Mike and Veronica in the Halifax area, Donnie in Moncton, Gerard in Sydney and Germaine in Port Hawkesbury They also have eight wonderful grandchildren.

After their wedding, Monica transferred to the Royal Bank in St. Peters but quit to become a mom while Stanley spent the next thirty-four years teaching, and a great one he was, and I personally can attest to that. He continued to upgrade his education in summer school to keep up with ongoing changes. Some summers he corrected provincial exam papers in Wolfville. After more than twenty years in RB schools, he spent the next four teaching mostly conversational French to English speaking students in Point Tupper, St. Peters, Lakeside and Johnstown. He also taught at the new Elementary School in St. Peters for a couple of years before retiring in 1988. Following his retirement Stanley would sit at the window watching the school bus go by and each time he would point out to Monica with a smile and say. "I don't have to go to school today". Thanks Stanley for being a great teacher and mentor to so many children.

Monica has been Treasurer for RBCSS for the past nineteen years, a member of the CWL and a very active member of the church. Stanley served as

chairman of the Parish Council and is now on the CAPsite committee and delivers "meals on wheels". He loves his weekly card games and both enjoy having friends for dinner. Three days a week they go to the gym where Monica exercises and Stanley socializes. They both enjoy attending their grandchildren's sporting events. Monica and Stanley, the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health and happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

Where are they now?



Amy, Patrick, & Joseph Doary

PATRICK: Patrick attended King's College in Halifax for two years, completing part of his degree before taking a "pause". Feeling a desperate need for a change, Patrick headed west to Vancouver, to a different ocean and a strange city where his sister, Amy lived. After he spent a year slugging it out working in beautiful downtown Vancouver surrounded by many different cultures and languages, his thoughts went back to school and he decided to study French. He enrolled in "Programme Special de Francais Langue Etrangere", an immersion program at Universite Laval in Quebec He spent the better part of a year meeting many people, most of whom, interestingly enough, were from outside Quebec (funny, no?). He felt his next logical step was to move to Europe...la France, in particular Paris. While in "The City of Lights", he practiced what he had learned in Quebec and tried to capture that ever elusive and oh-so-gorgeous Parisian accent. After his very enlightening year in one of the most amazing cities in the world, meeting people and seeing things he'd only seen and heard of in books and magazines, he returned to Canada in 2005. Now living in Toronto, Patrick is working at The Park Hyatt Hotel and finishing his Linguistics degree at Glendon College, part of York University.

AMY: In 2001, Amy graduated from Carleton University with an Honours degree in Mass Communication, and moved to Whistler, B.C. After two months, she soon realized that Whistler and its

picturesque views were growing thin. She moved to Vancouver and found a job at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel. The Hotel allowed her to travel Europe in 2003 to volunteer with the Italian Environmental group, *Legambiente*, in an old-Italian convent in rural Italy without hot water or heat in the dead of February. At the end of 2003, Amy again packed her bags and ventured down under, this time to get a tan in sunny Australia. When she returned she met with some of Fairmont's Public Relations executives, and they advised her to move to Toronto and attend Humber College's Post Graduate Public Relations Certificate program. Wanting to enter the music business, Amy met Richard Flohill, a 72-year old, British Blues/Jazz Publicist with a passion for Guinness beer, who put her in touch with a PEI native named Maureen McTague. Amy worked with Maureen and her company Holmes Creative Communications (HCC) volunteering in Winnipeg for the 2005 JUNO Awards. After graduating from Humber, she interned with HCC and was later hired to work on projects such as: Global TV's "Falcon Beach", Live 8 in Barrie and Canada's Walk of Fame. She eventually accepted a job as Publicist for CHUM Television where she handles publicity for Star! Canada's Entertainment Station and A-Channel, (local stations in Ontario and BC). She has just completed work on Much Music's "VJ Search: The Series" and is now getting ready to launch "Canada's Next Top Model". Watch for Amy's name on the credits of "Star! Daily" the half-hour flagship program on Star!

JOSEPH: Joseph worked for the City of Ottawa teaching skating for three years before taking on a second job at Scotiabank. With one credit short from finishing his B.A. in Film Studies, he was accepted into the prestigious advertising program at Seneca College in Toronto and within a matter of a month he had packed his bags, received a transfer to Scotiabank's head office and left his life in Ottawa behind. Over 1,000 applicants applied for this advertising program and Joseph was one of the 65 talented students chosen for the class beginning in September 2004. He went to school full-time while working part-time at Scotiabank and excelled in his classes. He will graduate from both Carleton University and Seneca College in June 2006, requiring Arthur & Henrietta to make two trips to Ontario in the same month! In his last semester, Joseph met a young entrepreneur, 23-year old Carissa Reiniger, President and Founder of Silver Lining Ltd, a marketing firm with offices in Edmonton, Toronto and Vancouver. He is currently interning with Silver Lining's Toronto office, where his primary account is marketing the dance troupe ALI Entertainment.

Honoring our Volunteers

On April 27th, the County of Richmond honoured volunteers at their annual dinner. Representing River Bourgeois were: Loraine Gates –Rich. Co. 4H leaders Council; Joan Burke-Rich. Co. Minor Hockey Assoc.; Georgie Landry-RB Seniors 50+ Club; Therese Pottie -RB Cap site; Cletus Wedge- RB Community Service Society; Deirdre Boyd- St. John the Baptist CWL; Conrad Fougere- St. John the Baptist Parish Council and Mimi Fougere-Strait Richmond Health Care Foundation. Many other RB residents were honoured at volunteer dinners at the Richmond Villa and The Strait Richmond Hospital. To all volunteers a great big “Thank You”

1981-The “Real Last Grade 9”

Last Month we erroneously showed you the class of 1972 as the last grade nine class in RB. We would like to thank all those who called in our boo boo.



Principal; Doug Forgeron Back Row: Glen Morrison, Austin Burke, Kevin King, Cederic Bourque, Darren Boudreau, Andrew Konning, Rodney Bona, Darrell Sampson and Vernon Boyd. Front Row: Jackie Sampson, Jennifer Boyd, Claire Sampson, Doreen Boudreau, Janice Pottie, Charline Pottie, Emmeline Burke, Shelley Viscount and Angele Burke.

Marie Boyd's Diary

Marie Boyd, who wrote the first edition of the Round Up in 1942, was a schoolteacher who graduated from Provincial Normal College in 1925. In 1931 she accepted a teaching position at Poulamon, Richmond County. She began writing a diary on the first day of that school year which gives some insight on life and activities in rural Cape Breton during the Depression Years. I will indicate in brackets the surnames of the persons noted in the diary and other pertinent information but the remainder is taken directly from the diary.

Sept. 8th Opened School at Poulamon. Went swimming at the wharf. To bed at 8.

Sept. 10th -Went down to D'Escousse for an ice cream at Leonard Fougere's. Peter (Fougere) came

home from on board the “Iron More” (coastal freighter).

Sept. 11th Went home. Jim (Boyd), Cil (Boyd), and Eileen (Boyd) came for me. Got gramophone fixed. Peter and Walter (Fougere), Eileen and Steve Burke came over in the evening. Mom sick.

Sept. 13th _ Went to Mass with John, in the boat. Rest went in car. Baseball game at Louisdale. Big row. River won 21-10. Went to prayers, walking. No prayers. Jim drove Eileen to Point Tupper.

Sept. 14th Jim drove me back to Poulamon . Hard to get car started. Went to bed early. Got book from Hervey (Boyd).

Sept. 15th _ Met Joe Kyte (Raleigh's distributor – traveled by horse and wagon) on the road from school. Joe stayed at Mrs. Fougere's (Marie's boarding house) for the night. Rained hard and thundered.

Sept. 19th _ Went to St. Peters. Took Tina Burke to see Dr. Jack (MacDonald). Went down to Lake (Lakeside) looking for eels. Came home and worked on banner. (For Cannes School Fair).

Sept. 21st Cil, Jim, and I went to Fair at Arichat. Put up some stuff did some darning and worked on banner for fair (Cannes).

Sept. 23rd School Fair at Cannes. Jim and John came for us about noon. . Spent the afternoon at the Fair. Cil and Walt, Peter and I, and William and Evelyn (Fougere) came to the house in the evening. Jim drove us back to Poulamon at about 11 .

Sept. 27th _ Raining . Went to Mass in the car. Low Mass. Fr. Robitaille (Parish Priest) was going to 40 Hours at Arichat. D.D. and Kate (Boyd) , William and Steve came to visit. Jim's car broke down at Marcel Boucher's. In the evening Joe and Sally (Digout) , Peter and Walter came to visit.

Sept. 28th Monday morning. Peter and Jim came and put me across from Richard's. (rowboat trip from Richard's Pond to Poulamon.)

So that was rural life in the early thirties, with no electricity, no tv. , no movies, very few cars, and, at times, long walks and rowboat rides. But there were lots of home visits and when the School Fair was on, it was a “Big Event”.

Jim, John and Hervey Boyd were Marie's brothers. Jim married Valerie Landry (presently living on North side R. B. Rd.) Walter Fougere married Cil (Marie's only sister). Peter was Marie's long-time male friend and William was Carmen's (present R. B. postmaster) father. They were brothers of Evelyn (Victor) Burke, of South Side R. B. Eileen Boyd was the daughter of D.D. and Kate Boyd and she married Richard Donahue of Halifax. (they were the parents of politicians Arthur and Terry). Joe (Sally) was Dr. Joe; later of St. Peters. His parent's home was the

present residence of George and Sharon Digout on North Side R. B. Road *Russell Fougere*

Births

Aarts: Ethan Joseph, 8lbs 8 oz. was born on Apr; 23 to Kim and Jeff of Elk Point, Alberta. Congratulations to grandparents George J Landry and Sally Baccardax and great grand mom Cecilia Baccardax.

Welsh: Khelsea Lee 4lbs 12 oz and Kheiran Elizabeth 5lbs 3 oz. were born on March 31st to Melissa and Damian of Port Hastings. Congratulations to grandparents Betty Park and Bob Park, Shelly Bushell and Bob Welsh and great grand moms Mary Bona and Ta Welsh.

Young/O'Brien: Breanna Mae 4lb 8oz and Santana Mae 4lbs 13oz were born April 7th to Shelly and Joseph of River Tillard, Sisters for Brandon, Chelsey and Durell.

Deaths

Dorey: Alfred E. 70 yrs of Evanston passed away on Apr. 20th. Our condolences to his son Barry of RB .

Hollett, Genora Ann 93 yrs of Halifax passed away Apr. 19th. Genora was the daughter of the late Martin and Seraphine Pottie and aunt to Donnie Pottie.

Sampson: Basil Joseph 85 yrs of Glace Bay passed away on Apr. 13th. Our condolences to his son Arnold of River Bourgeois.

Bits and Bites:

- **The Estwood Davidson Bursary Fund concert** will be held Sat. May 13th from 7:30-10:30 at the TLC. Performers include: Howie MacDonald, Dave MacIssac, Buddy MacMaster, Carl MacKenzie, Dougie MacPhee, Linda Landry, Cyril MacPhee, Joey Beaton, Karen Beaton, Donnie Campbell and many more. The M.C. is "Ray Mac" MacDonald. For advance tickets (cost is \$12.single and \$20 couple) call Verna 2166, Cyril 2140, Debbie 2495, Colin 2167.
- "Friends of Renee" are hosting a **Day Spa Fundraiser in support of breast cancer research** on Sat. May 6th at the RB Senior's 50+ Club. Pamper your mom, sister or friend in honour of Mother's Day. Massage, Manicures, Pedicures, facials, hairstyle etc. being offered. Classic (\$65) and Elite (\$100) packages are available by appointments only. Contact Daunette at 625-5130, Robin at 587-2992 or Nicole at 787-2616 to reserve your spot.
- Have you heard about **The egg competition** between Obeline Burke and Gerard Touesnard? Obeline received a male and female Budgie for Easter. Since that time her female has laid 4 eggs (Judy wants the babies) and Gerard's hens are

not keeping up. So if you want an omelet call Obeline. Last week Gerard gave Donnie (Pottie) one of his large brown eggs to take to work to compare it to Sobey's X-large eggs. They weigh between 65 & 70 grams. Gerard's weighed 90 grams. Can Obeline's budgies beat that?

- The RB Cap site has applied for **two-summer student grants**. There is no guarantee that any will be awarded but we ask that anyone interested drop off their resume at the Cap site or mail to PO Box 56 by May 8th. Applicants must have attended school/university full time last year and be returning full time in the fall. For more info call Sharon Digout at 3516.
- There are **two bursaries available** from RBCSS for students attending college-university next send resumes to RBCSS ,PO Box 56 or email sharon.chilvers@ns.sympatico.ca
- **Seniors 50+**meeting May 2nd 1:30.
- **Health Fair-** Lions Hall , May 4th-1-5pm.
- **Craft/Flea** market to be held at the TLC on Sat. May 6th from 11 to 3pm.
- **CWL** meeting May 9th Vestry 7.
- **Seniors Mini** bingo Wed. May 10th 1:30.
- **CAP site meeting** May 10 at 7pm.
- **Tickets** to RC Senior's Expo only to May 15th.
- **RBCSS** meeting May 24th 7pm Senior's bldg.
- **Darts/card exercise** every Monday 1-3 at Seniors Bldg. Everyone welcomed.
- **45 card game** every Sunday at Senior's 7:30pm.
- **Cribbage** every Monday at 7pm at Seniors Bldg.
- **Need the Postmaster-**you can call 535-2902.
- **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 ..
- A reminder that anyone wishing to book the Tara Lynne Center should call Ann Clow at 535-2726. People requiring use of the Funeral Home should call Marie and Conrad at 2621 until further notice. Call Georgie or Harold Landry at 2939 to open the church for any special function such as weddings, baptisms or funerals.
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