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Jim & Beatrix Howell



Beatrix Dorothea Turkstra was born June 30th, 1941 in Zutphen, Holland the youngest of five children. Dad was the dean of the local Christian Lyceum (pre-university academy). Their home was near the German border and they endured much fighting during the war. Beatrix recalls the noise of the V1 bombs and the many times they had to flee to their shelters. She remembers "Liberation Day" like it happened yesterday and the wonderful Canadian and British soldiers who gave her chocolates. Beatrix attended nursing school for three years before deciding it was not the career she wanted, and went to Spain to be a tour guide. She was fluent in Dutch, French, English, German, Spanish & understood Italian and many Scandinavian languages which made her an ideal tour guide. In 1966 Beatrix immigrated to the US and became an airline stewardess, trained in Florida before being based in New York with Pan Am World Airways. She went on many round the world tours before ending her flying career in 1976 following the hijacking of a plane in Beirut on the same day she was on another plane also in Beirut. In 1973 Beatrix married airline pilot Barry Hewlett and went to work in the travel

industry while doing prison ministry. In 1982 following her divorce she moved to Sherman, Connecticut. Later that year she walked into Candlewood Animal Hospital with her sick dog and that trip would forever change her life. The veterinarian's name was Jim Howell.

James Edward Howell was born on Dec 5th, 1946 in Jerseyville, Ontario, the youngest of four children. Dad was a sixth generation dairy farmer whose family had moved from New Jersey. The family was totally self-sufficient on the farm and Jim attended a two-room school until grade nine when he went to Ancaster High. Following high school he attended Agricultural College in Guelph before moving on to the University of Guelph to study Veterinary Medicine. He graduated in 1971 and began a practice in Cambridge. In 1971 Jim married Gillian Reddin and had two daughters Megan & Kerry. In 1975 the family moved to New Milford, Connecticut and started a new practice called "Candlewood Animal Hospital". In 1983 Jim's marriage failed and several months later a beautiful blonde Dutch born lady walked into his clinic with her sick puppy.

Jim & Beatrix dated for about a year before they wed on July 28th, 1984. Beatrix became an instant mom to Kerry & Megan who were seven & eight years old. They would later adopt Michael, a teenager who worked part time in Jim's clinic. Jim & Beatrix have been blessed with four grandchildren. Jim continued his veterinary clinic work while Beatrix opened a crisis pregnancy clinic called "Hope Line" in New Milford.

In 1987 the family was visiting Cape Breton and was driving along the Bras D'or Lakes in Dundee when they noticed a "for sale" sign on a home. They went to the wrong house and ended up in the VanZwol home. They soon discovered that their new found friends were from the same country as Beatrix and he also was a veterinarian. Marie Troke was Mr. VanZwol's receptionist at the Animal Hospital and who just happened to have a log Cabin for sale in

Grand Gully and that is how they landed in their beloved River Bourgeois. They spent part of their summers here and in 1995 they purchased the old Cameron Boyd homestead on the Southside. In 2003 Jim sold his practice in Connecticut and they moved here permanently. A new home was built on the property and the old house known as "Eagles Rest" is used by Pastors and Missionaries on furlough to have a time of renewal.

Jim now works part time at the Highland Animal Hospital in Cheticamp and Inverness for two days and does surgery one day a week in Port Hawkesbury. He also loves to teach God's word, the Bible and does occasional Lay Preaching at the Baptist Church in Arichat and they also attend the Pentecostal Church in Port Hawkesbury where Beatrix sings in the Worship Team. Beatrix volunteers at the Villa to play and sing. Both Jim and Beatrix's focus in life is to share the word of God and its wonderful message of salvation through Jesus. In their spare time they enjoy their sail boat "Queen Bea" on the Bras D'or Lakes. Beatrix & Jim the people of River Bourgeois are happy that you chose to live in our community and we wish you many years of health and happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

The Cenotaph Restoration Project has received much help and support throughout the first phase leading into our Remembrance Day Ceremony.



The L'Ardoise Legion Army Cadet Corps led by instructors Raymond Doary, Terry Clements and civilian instructor Tanya Collier arrived on site armed with picks, shovels and rakes to lend a helping hand in maintaining the respectful appearance of the site throughout this period. Cadets ranging in ages from 12 to 18 years worked hard under the watchful eye of 99 years young Ned Bona. Several others gave much of their time with the ground work including George A. Landry, George J. Landry & Glyn Chilvers. The final phase will continue in the spring with a Dedication/Rededication Ceremony to be held later in the summer. *Donnie Pottie*

Remembrance Day



Approximately 75 people assembled for Remembrance Day ceremonies at our recently restored cenotaph site. The weather more than co-operated during the festivities. Wreaths were laid for all divisions of the Armed Forces; River Bourgeois Community Service, Richmond County, Catholic Woman's League and many individual wreaths were laid in memory of loved ones. The five missing names are now engraved on the back side of the monument and plaques are placed on the newly built Veterans Memorial Wall representing all who served.

Anniversary Dinner



Back Row: Stanley, Monica, Daniel, Linda, Monica, Joe, Vera, Anselm, Joe, Emily, Fr MacDow. Front Row: Theresa, Cletus, Mary, Charles, Madaline, Raymond, Mildred, Alma & John.

A mass was celebrated by Fr. MacDow on Nov. 23rd for couples celebrating special anniversaries and was followed by dinner provided by the CWL. Celebrants were: 30 years-Conrad & Wanda Burke; 40 years-Linda & Daniel Cote; 50 years-Joe & Emily Boucher, Stanley & Monica McPhee, Charles & Madaline Libbus; 55 years-John & Alma Burke; 56 years-Anselm & Vera Sampson, Joseph & Monica Stone; 57 years-Cletus & Mary Touesnard, Leo & Theresa Landry; 59 years-Raymond & Bridget Robertson, Raymond & Mildred Burke; 65 years-Margaret & Joe Bouchard; 68 years-Evelyn & Victor Burke.

2021 Graduates



Lucas, Dawson, Selinda, Amber, Erin & Gage

Six children began grade primary this year. Lucas (Lisa & Carmen Cook), Dawson (Jennifer Gibson & Jordan Lehman), Selinda (Arnold Sampson & Laurie Suitor), Amber (Darin & Angela LeBlanc), Erin (Valerie & Tim Cunningham) and Gage (Laurie & Michael Pottie). We wish you happy learning and we will see you at the 2021 graduation.

History



Laura Richard

Recopied from an article by Marie Boyd. There is no date we assume it is November 1968 and that it was from the Richmond Record. Thank you to Sylvia Allan for sharing this family story about happy and sad memories.

A wedding of interest to their many friends here and elsewhere in the province was solemnized by Fr. Marinilli, P.P. when Linda, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Richard became the bride of Dannie Cotie, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Cotie of Grand Greve in a double ring ceremony and nuptial mass. The bridal couple was met at the back of the church by the priest accompanied by the two altar boys, Joey Stone and Cyril Viscount, where they were given the blessing. After the priest and altar boys returned to the altar, the bride walked to the front of the church on the arm of her father by whom she was given in marriage to music played by the local organist, Miss Marjorie Robertson. A short distance from the altar she was met by the groom, who took her to the altar steps. For her wedding the young and winsome bride had chosen a wedding gown of white satin trimmed with lace with scoop neckline, the sleeves ending in

lily points over the wrists. Her train was of satin trimmed with a band of lace and fell from the neckline of her gown, and her shoulder length bouffant veil was held in place by a coronet of rhinestones and pearls. She carried a cascade of bouquet of red and white roses. Her trainbearer was her small sister Debbie who was dressed in a long gown of pale pink brocaded satin with short sleeves, high waistline and long straight line skirt. Her headdress was a tiny veil in matching color. Her maid of honor and bridesmaids were her two sisters, the misses Sylvia and Estelle and they were dressed in identical fashion as the trainbearer and carried nosegays of pink and white roses. Groomsmen were Phonse and Gerry Cotie, brothers of the groom.

After the ceremony the bridal party motored to the parish hall which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The head table was centered with a three-tier wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom, flanked with two tall lighted candles, while beautiful bouquets of flowers set off all the tables. A hot turkey dinner provided by the parents of the bridal couple was served to some 200 invited guests. For the occasion the bride's mother was dressed in a two piece dress of brocaded silk with which she wore white accessories and a corsage of white roses. The groom's mother was dressed in navy blue in which she wore white accessories and a corsage of white roses. The many gifts were opened by the bride, assisted by the bridesmaid, while the groomsmen read the accompanying cards. The happy couple will live in Halifax where the groom is employed.

Only a week after this wedding the bride's mother, who had been taken to St. Rita's Hospital a week before the wedding but who was allowed to come home the evening before the wedding and was present at all the wedding festivities, had to return to St. Rita's the evening after the wedding where she died the following week. Mrs. Richard who was only 41 years old, had been having treatment at the hospital the last four years but in the intervening time had been taking care of her large family as well as being always ready to help in community work.

A faithful member of the Catholic Women's league, she was always ready to help at any of its projects and in her death not only her family but the whole community has lost an irreplaceable citizen. She was the mother of fourteen children, twelve of whom are living, the youngest being four years old. Besides her husband she is survived by her daughters, Linda, (whose marriage to Danny Cotie took place shortly before her death) of Halifax, Sylvia, who was employed in Halifax but who came home to look after the remaining members of the family; Estelle, Carol, Sally, Donna and Debbie and sons; Albert,

Terry, Earl, Anthony and Allan. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Alvina Landry, four sisters; Charlotte (Mrs. Fred LeBlanc) and Ethel (Mrs. George Bowser) both in River Bourgeois, Agnes (Mrs. David) Petit de Grat and Emilda (Mrs. Don Clattenburg) of Oromonto N.B. and two brothers Cletus and Gervase of River Bourgeois.

All members of her family were home for the funeral. Members of the CWL led by their director, Father Marinelli .P.P. recited the rosary at her wake. Her funeral, one of the largest seen here for a long time, was officiated at by Fr. Marinelli who said the funeral mass and the prayers at the graveside.

Births

Haynes: Katelyn Marie 7lbs and Leah Dawn 4lbs 15oz were born on Oct 28th to Mike & Tiffany of Greenhill, Pictou Co. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Theresa & Paul Owens and Margaret Haynes and proud great grand pop Fabie Richard.

Fougere: Marguerite (Maggie) Ellen 7lbs 1 oz. was born on Oct. 26th to Bruce & Lisa of Richmond, Virginia. Sister for Leyna & Luke. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents Marguerite & Hubert Fougere.

Rabjohn: Colby Aiden 7lbs 1 oz was born on Nov. 12th to Melanie & Kevin of Halifax. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Susan & Ron Walker and Bruce & Ann Rabjohn and great grand mom Charlotte LeBlanc.

Smith: Adam Kenneth 8lbs 3oz born Oct 3rd to Julia & Jason of Baddeck. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents Gretchen & Blaise Landry.

Deaths

Cavanagh: John C., 77, of New Glasgow passed away on Sept. 29th. Our condolences to his wife Josephine, his children and sisters-in-law; Susan Stone, Kay Boyd & Rita Sampson of RB.

Davidson: Estwood Jr., 65, passed away on Oct. 29th in Manitoba. Our condolence to his step-mother Rachael Davidson, step-sisters Verna Mann & Debbie Fougere and step-brother Harold.

Bits & Bites:

- **Congratulations to Craig Flinn**, (son of Roger & Faye Flinn (nee Baccardax), on the release of his first cookbook, "*Fresh & Local*". Following seven years of cooking and gaining experience in European & North American kitchens, he opened Chives Canadian Bistro on Barrington Street in Halifax in 2001 and this past January opened a second eatery called Ciboulette Café (chives in French). Drop in the next time in Halifax or pick

up his new cookbook while there or at a local bookstore.

- **Congratulations to: Julia Smith** (daughter of Blaise & Gretchen Landry, Baddeck) co-owner of Helen's Bakery for receiving the *2008 Business of The Year Award* presented by InRich Business Development. Also honored as *SEB Youth Entrepreneur of the Year* was **Mike Touesnard** (son of Janice & Albert of RB) who operates Canal Tire in St. Peters.
- **Congratulations** to cenotaph winners: Week 1 was #34-Peter McPhee of Antigonish and Week 2 was #45-Kenny Burgess of Rocky Bay.
- **Christmas Baskets:** Anyone knowing of a family in need of a Christmas Dinner Basket may call Sharon Chilvers (535-2512) or Sharon Digout (535-3516) before Dec. 15th.
- **45 Card Seniors Bldg.** - Sunday 7:00pm.
- **Cribbage Seniors Bldg.** - Mondays at 7pm.
- **Bingo every Friday night - 7:45 at TLC** with early bird games. Fourteen \$100. games with specials & rising jackpot (\$1000) to go.
- **CWL Christmas Dinner** at MacBouch following 4:30 Mass in St. Peters on Dec. 4th.
- **Seniors Christmas "Potluck Luncheon"** Dec. 9th at noon.
- **Seniors Christmas mini bingo** Dec. 10th 1:30.
- **CAP site hours are from 2-4 and 6-8 pm Monday to Thursday and 2-4pm on Fridays.** The CAP site will be closed from Dec. 19th to Jan. 5th for Christmas break. If you need access during that period call Sharon @ 535-3516 or Sherry @ 535-3182 for appointment. CAP phone # is 535-3251. FAX number is 535-3638. Email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Visit our website at www.stpeterscable.com/~rbcap.
- **Anyone wishing to book the TLC** should call Mike Fougere at 535-3308. 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 etc.
- The Round Up is available at Bucky's Garage, RB Post Office or East Coast Credit Union. Subscriptions are available for \$20.00 delivered in RB, \$30.00 within Canada and \$40.00 internationally per year.
- **The CAP site committee extends warm wishes to all for a happy and peaceful Christmas.**

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