



The River Round Up

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Brian & Cathy Aitken



Catherine Joyce was born June 19th, 1950 the oldest of four children to Joseph & Helen (Lunn) Fougere of Montreal. Dad, Joe was formerly from RB while mom was from the Annapolis Valley. Cathy attended an english elementary School in Montreal and completed her education at a bilingual high school-Deux Montagnes Regional. In 1968 she went to work for Sun Life Assurance in Montreal as a secretary where she remained until 1971.

In 1967 needing a date for her graduation prom, Cathy telephoned a casual friend, Brian Aitken for the phone number of another friend she wished to ask to be her date. Brian who had just parted with his girlfriend said "Why don't you ask me?" Cathy did and the rest is history. Brian was a local Montreal boy and had spent his life there. Following four years of dating, Cathy gave Brian an ultimatum: Marry me or get lost and stop wasting my time. A quick proposal ensued and the wedding took place on November 27th, 1971. In 1973 daughter, Wendy arrived and she is currently a Naval Lieutenant stationed in Ottawa. In 1975 Carole who is an airline pilot with Can Jet was born. Since every important event in Brian and Cathy's life took place every two

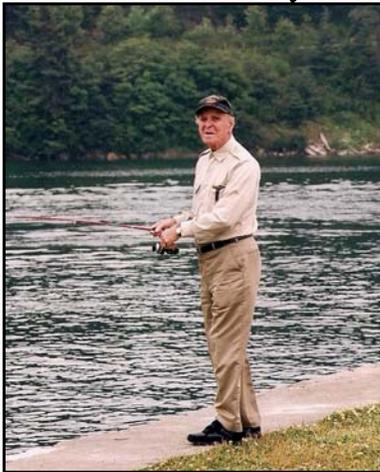
years and 1977 was uneventful they doubled their joy in 1979 with the birth of their twin boys, James & Michael. Both boys are now working as Rock Truckers in the mines in Fort MacMurray. With having Wendy, the docile little lady, Carole the tomboy, they were not prepared for two very active little boys. They once found the boys playing with their cars inside of the fireplace and when they appeared were covered in more soot than most coal miners after a week underground. Only the whites of their eyes and teeth could be seen.

Brian worked as a truck driver in the Montreal area until 1984 when he and Cathy made a decision to move to River Bourgeois so the children could enjoy the country and go to school here. They first lived with Cathy's parents who had moved here in 1978 and then lived on Church Point in the home owned by Delores & Doug Roberts for eight years. In 1993 they purchased land on the North Side (the most perfect location in RB) and built their home by themselves. Meanwhile Brian continued trucking and in 1996 became an owner/operator and went to work for Seaboard in Dartmouth. He hauled goods across Canada and has covered states from Florida to California. Most of the goods he carried were deadly chemicals such as cyanide and phenol (chemicals that when in contact with you could kill you in just a few minutes). Brian claims he just had to forget what he was carrying for constantly thinking about it would drive you crazy especially on icy roads and being cut off by drivers. During this time he has seen many eventful occurrences such as the hurricane floods in Louisiana to the aftermath of 911 throughout the US. Cathy often accompanied Brian on these trips and both agree the rolling hills of Virginia are their favourite place and their most memorable was the July 4th holiday after 911 while driving across Indiana, Illinois & Michigan and seeing the continuous display of fireworks. Brian quit driving in April 2007 and plans to only return to work when he gets on Cathy's nerves (and said this with a smile).

Cathy worked at Howard's Grocery for five years and at Foodland & the Legion for two years.

They both enjoy golfing & fishing and she enjoys cross stitching while he loves woodworking and carpentry. Cathy is a member of the CWL and has volunteered at many events during the community festivals. They love spending time with their family including her brother Mike and his wife Valerie. Cathy & Brian, the people of River Bourgeois are glad you chose to move here and we wish you many more years of health and happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

Where are they now? Everest Landry



Hi, my name is Everest Clarence Landry, born October 26th, 1921 the son of Bertha & Jeffery Landry of Cannes. My early years at the River were spent carrying mail and fishing lobsters at five & six cents per pound. I left for Halifax in 1940 and spent a short time working on the conversion of the cruise ship "Prince George" to a battleship. The same year I was employed by the Lord Nelson Hotel as a utility man which included making coffee, salads, pastry, being the night watchman and many other tasks. A month later I heard they were hiring at the CN Railway. I was interviewed at 11 am and five hours later I was a dining car employee headed towards Montreal. The next thirty-eight years took me across Canada many times. The early years involved moving troops, later war brides, hospital trains, displaced persons and immigrants from many countries. These trips involved many interesting and shocking incidents which would fill a book but not appropriate to recount here.

In 1945 I was asked by a friend to pick up a lady and her mother on route to his house. The lady I "picked up" happened to be the beautiful Honor Hirschfeld whom I fell in love with and married in 1946. During the next twelve years we had five children, Warren, Jeffery, Louise, Susan &

Annemarie followed by nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

In 1960 the CN Railway were laying off men in Halifax and thus the opportunity to transfer to Montreal. Gladly accepting this change, the next eighteen years provided a different life: The challenges of raising five children away from family members but we enjoyed the World's Fair, Expo 67, hockey, and classical music. In 1978 I retired and we sold our house and began traveling for pleasure. We purchased a motor home and spent the next twenty-four years on the road. We traveled from Florida to California and had many adventures on the way including seeing the spaceship Columbia when it landed in White Sands, New Mexico. We took trips to Mexico, Alaska, western Canada & Newfoundland. In 1991 for our 45th wedding anniversary our son gave us a vacation of a lifetime. We took the "Concorde" to England and returned on the QE2 ocean liner back to New York. We also cruised on the Rhine River and finally after many adventures and seeing interesting lands, the decision was made to settle in one place and pretend to be normal. That turned out to be in Innisfil, Ontario near some of the children. Perhaps quite a different life style but reasonably content with our activities & daily routine and Honor is thrilled with her line dancing and many events in the senior's residential retirement area. We love visiting NS and seeing my brothers Alcantra, Legere & Cyril and my Uncle Joe Bouchard. I enjoy meeting with people, making new friends & spending time with my family and life goes on. *Everest Landry*

50th Anniversary



Emily & Joe Boucher celebrated their 50th anniversary of wedded bliss on August 25th by renewing their vows at St. John the Baptist Church during the Saturday evening mass celebrated by Father MacDow. This ceremony was followed by an open house at their daughter Debbie's. Joe & Emily

have four children: Debbie, Bradley, Agatha & Jason and seven grandchildren. Congratulations from your family and many friends!

Point Michaud Field Trip



Photo by Art Digout

The annual Nova Scotia Bird Society Field Trip to check for shorebirds was held on August 22nd at Point Michaud. Leaders were Billy Digout & Weldon MacPhail. Pictured above having lunch in River Bourgeois are some of those from around the province who attended. Thirty two species were seen on the foggy beach with 14 different species of shorebirds including a Baird's Sandpiper. Visitors are always very impressed with the beauty of the area.

Thank You



We say thank you and so long to our summer students who have been very busy this year working on historical projects, the 30th annual festival, the church bulletins and serving clients. On the left above is Sally Burke, daughter of Linda & Basil. Sally spent her high school years as a dedicated CAP volunteer and has been the organizer of the past 4 Princess Pageants for the annual festivals. She is returning to Mount Saint Vincent University for her third year in the Science program. She was funded through the Dept of Economic Development.

Robyn is the daughter of Rose & Mark Merrick. She has been a regular volunteer at the CAP site for

the past two years. She will be returning to Richmond Academy for her grade 12. Robyn was funded through the federal government summer student program.

We thank both of them for putting up with all their many bosses and for doing a great job.

Monument Update



After allowing sufficient time for our drainage system to work, Burke Brothers were again on site this past week. To the amazement of everyone present, operator John Burke uncovered this massive base. The new base will allow for pinning and an adhesive compound will be added to secure our refurbished monument upon return. The base structure for our Veteran's Memorial Wall is now in place. We were very pleased to see that no water was present when the excavation of both areas was being carried out. Two members of the Restoration Committee visited John R. Steele & Sons in North Sydney to view their products and determine what items will best suit our requirements. They also visited a division of Shaw Brick to view their offerings and make a selection of stone for the Memorial Wall and walkways. Costing has been received on these products and ordering will take place within a short time. We are committed to be ready for Armistice Day 2008. *Donnie Pottie, Chair of Restoration Committee* Photo courtesy of Raymond Doary

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The four Grade XII Pupils who attended St. Peters School, (Grade XII not being taught at Stella Maris) were successful. They were Miss Audrey Pottie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Pottie, and Miss Elaine Richard daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Richard. Both of these young ladies will attend Teacher's Training School at Truro next year; also Miss Marguerite Sampson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Sampson, who will enter St. Rita's Hospital, Sydney as a student nurse and Hubert

Fougere, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anselm Fougere, who will attend College next Term.

Births

Aitken: Emma Rose, 8lbs 3oz, born July 28th to James & Kimberly of Fort MacMurray, Alberta. A sister for Tara. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Cathy & Brian Aitken and Diane & Doug MacDougall.

Grimes: Murphy James, 8lbs 7oz, was born on June 25th, to Brian & Kelly of Alberta. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Carl & Marilyn Grimes and Jimmy & Barb Adams of St. Peters and great grand mom Peggy Adams.

McNamara: Yvonne Theresa Anne, 7lb 7oz, born on July 27th to David & Marjorie of Antigonish. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents, George McNamara and Ben & Theresa Smeenck, great grand moms Christine O'Brien, Willamena Smeenck and Viola Touesnard.

Weddings

Morrison/White: Vicki Morrison, daughter of George & Emily, granddaughter of Josephine Morrison married Matthew White on Aug. 16th in Halifax. Matthew's parents are Mark & Heather White of Halifax. Congratulations to all.

Deslandes/Pottie: Congratulations to Sarah Annette, daughter of Brenda & Guy Deslandes, of Halifax and Christopher Adam, son of Leslie & Pene Pottie, on their wedding August 1st. Sarah & Chris will reside in Halifax.

Sampson/Touesnard: Congratulations to Brent Michael Sampson, son of Maureen & Terry Sampson, of L'Ardoise and Margaret Anne, daughter of Edward & Florence Touesnard, on their wedding, August 16th. Margaret & Brent will reside in L'Ardoise.

Bits & Bites:

- The 30th annual festival continues this weekend. Don't forget the men's breakfast, Heritage Walk, Steak & Stein. Horseshoe tournament, children's activities and dance on Saturday. Ballgames are on all weekend. On Sunday there is the woman's breakfast and Pot Luck supper, canoe races, RB trivia and variety concert. Ticket draws are Sunday night. Something for everyone and you don't have to cook. Check the schedule for times of events and please no rain.
- Congratulations to **John** (son of Vina & Charlie) and **Ann** (Sawyer) **Richard** of St. Peters on their 50th wedding anniversary on August 16th.
- Congratulations to **Leon Carter** of RB who was the overall winner at the Dundee Golf Club's

annual championship. Leon also scored his first hole-in-one. Congratulations also to **Jordie Mann**, son of Robbie & Verna, who was the overall runner up at the same tournament.

- Good Luck to **Meghan Bremmer** of the St. Peters detachment of the RCMP who is playing on Team Canada in the International Women's Baseball Cup competition in Japan this week.
- **This will be our last weekend to do the Church Bulletin; please email Bill Coleman at w.coleman@stpeterscable.com with your information in the future.**
- **45 Card game** Seniors Bldg. Sunday 7:30 pm (summer start time).
- **Cribbage** Seniors Bldg Mondays at 7pm.
- **Bingo every Friday night - 7:45 at Tara Lynn Center** with early bird games. Fourteen \$100. games with specials & rising jackpot (\$1000) to go.
- **Seniors meeting** September 9th 1:30.
- **CAP site meeting** on Sept. 10th at 7 pm.
- **CWL meetings** September 11th 7pm
- **Seniors Mini Bingo** on Sept 10th 1:30
- **RBCSS meeting** Sept. 24th 7 pm
- **CAP site summer hours for the public will change back to fall hours as our summer students return to class. Volunteers will have the site open from 2-4 and 6-8 pm Monday to Thursday and 2-4pm on Fridays.** We have wireless and high speed internet services plus a scanner, fax and photocopier. We also have a good selection of used books. Saturdays you can call Sharon 535-3516 or Sherry @ 535-3182 for appointment. CAP phone # is 535-3251. FAX number is 535-3638. Looking for a souvenirs of River Bourgeois?-we have festival mugs & hats, t-shirts, note-cards & postcards. 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.
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