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Jude and Mary Burke



Jude Austin was born on September 17th, 1947 the second of five children to Austin and Gladys (Burke) Burke of Cannes. Jude attended the Lower End School long enough to remember the long walk and cold seat on the outside toilet. A few months later the Stella Maris School opened and he welcomed the bus ride and warm sittings. Jude's brother Billy and sister Natalie were both born with neurological disorders, sometimes called Chorea Syndrome and sadly both were only thirty-six years of age when they passed away. Only as a result of extensive care by their parents and extended family were they able to live so long. While taking his grade eleven Jude began taking an electronics course by correspondence with National Radio Institute in Washington DC. Two and a half years later he completed the four year course and in 1971 began working for Blair Landry in Grand Greve. He repaired televisions, VCR's and all appliances and performed any other tasks that needed to be done. In the same year Jude began working there, he and friend Danny Landry from the Southside went to a dance at the Glebe House in L'Ardoise and upon arriving they spotted two beautiful young ladies. Jude looked at Danny and said "I'll take this one and you take the other". Jude's dance partner was

named Mary and Danny's was Ann. Jude and Danny certainly did not realize that these ladies would be in their lives some thirty-eight years later.

Mary Elizabeth was born on April 11th, 1948 the second of ten children to Daniel and Anita (Bona) Longuepère of L'Ardoise. Mary attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help School until it burnt down and then went to the newly built École L'Ardoise School. Upon completion of her education Mary went to Halifax and worked at Moirs Chocolate factory for two years before moving on to Stadacona. In 1969 she returned home to care for children and it was in 1971 when she went to a dance that she met her prince charming.

Mary and Jude dated for more than a year and married on October 14th, 1972 at Holy Guardian Angels Church in L'Ardoise. As they were leaving the church there were six guys on the side of the road shooting their guns in the air? Poor Jude almost took a heart attack as Mary had forgotten to tell him that it was L'Ardoise tradition after every wedding. Two years later daughter Tanya was born followed by Tammy. Tammy now lives in Port Hawkesbury while Tanya lives on the lower road in a home originally owned by Jude's uncle Herman Burke. Jude and Mary enjoy their beautiful granddaughter, Jillian.

Following their marriage Jude and Mary settled in Grand Greve and lived there until 1983 and then moved to their current home. The house was built by Jude's dad, Austin who was in his seventies at the time. Austin not only built the structure but also did the electrical and plumbing. He was a man of many talents. In 1983, Jude went to work for the county as janitor of the St. Peters High School and in 1996 became head custodian of St Peters schools with the Strait Regional School Board. He plans to retire in 2012 and is very much looking forward to it. He continues to do electronic repairs from his home in his spare time. Mary was a stay at home mom who enjoys gardening and crafts and can be seen walking daily at a rapid pace. She competes with Monique McPhee in speed walking.

Jude and Mary the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health and happiness.
Sharon Chilvers

Easter Fun Day at Tara Lynne Center

We had 97 kids - yep I said 97!! It was so much fun and everyone seemed to have had a great time. We decorated eggs (dyed, painted, stickers, markers, etc. we used about 18 dozen eggs!!), face painted, colored, enjoyed the bounce-a-rama and had a power drink & snack before the big egg hunt where each kid got to find 4 eggs and the eggs all had a chocolate or gum & some had tickets for prizes!!



Kaitlan Burke (Shanna & Russ) painting her Easter egg.
The event was sponsored by the Youth Development group of RBCSS. It was lots of fun! *Shanna Burke*

Democracy 250 Presentation



Left to right: Glyn Chilvers, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 47 President and Korean War veteran Maurice Landry, WW11 veteran Raymond Burke, Cenotaph Committee Chair Don Pottie, MLA Michel Samson, Committee members Debbie Fougere, Raymond Doary and RBCSS treasurer Sherry Baccardax

On Saturday, April 18th, The RB Cenotaph Restoration Committee was presented with a cheque for \$10,000.00 from the Democracy 250 Fund by MLA Michel Samson. Democracy 250 is a society incorporated last year to celebrate 250 years of representative government in Nova Scotia. Bill 199 states the objectives of Democracy 250 as '(a) the

celebration of our history, heritage and institutions;(b) the education of young Nova Scotians and other Canadians on representative government and our parliamentary system, including the value of responsible government, and on democracy, including the importance of participation in the electoral process;(c) the honouring of our veterans and military men and women in upholding and protecting our freedoms;(d) recognizing good citizenship; and (e) such other objects of a similar nature as Democracy 250 in its sole discretion shall decide.'

RB's Passion Play



Left to right-Jillian (Tanya) Burke, Shania (Tammy) Boucher, Melanie (Ida & Robert) Poaps, Meghan (Rose & Mark) Merrick, Travis (Carmen & Lisa) Cook, Hayley (Pamela & Gerard) Sampson, Liam (Joan & Kelly) Burke, and Austin (Jamie and Russell) Morrison

On April the 8th members of St. John the Baptist parish were witness to a re-enactment of the last hours of Jesus Christ by the Grade 8 students. The props, lighting, sound affects and costumes were amazing. The young actors were very realistic. Hats of to Carrie & Michael Grimes who produced the play and also to Wilma & Clifford Landry did many hours of work. We understand that Carrie has done a lot of theater work and the professionalism was certainly there. Members of the congregation were awed. If we are ever lucky enough to see any more productions by this group-do not miss them.

RBCSS Annual Meeting

The River Bourgeois Community Service Society held their annual meeting on March 25th. The 2009 Slate of officers is: **Chairman** Ed Pottie, **Secretary** Tina Coleman, **Treasurer** Sherry Baccardax, **Vice President** Gilbert Boucher, and **Past President** Sharon Chilvers. Committee heads are: **Economic Development** Francine Boudreau, **Bar** Michael Fougere, **Property Maintenance** Cletus Wedge, **Bingo** Rose Merrick, and **Youth Development** Jill Kirby, **Members at large** are Valerie Fougere, Wayne Bona,

Theresa Sampson Ann MacNeil, Eddie Landry, Monica Stone and Irene MacInnis.

Chairman's Report: During the past year as Chairperson of the RBCSS I have witnessed a few changes to the way the RBCSS organization has operated. The monthly meetings are open to the public with the last few minutes of the meetings slated for question period. The present RBCSS board has completed a year's work in which we continue to be financially stable although we work together everyday to keep it that way. A few of the projects that we worked on in 2008 included the following: RBCSS completed its 30th Annual Festival during which everyone worked hard to make it a success. Well done to all the many volunteers! The RB Technology & Training Centre became their own entity in 2008 rather than a division of RBCSS as CAP sites are no longer allowed to apply for funding under the umbrella of another organization. They continue to partner with RBCSS in many projects. The Youth Development Committee has had another busy year with Canada Day, festival, Halloween, Christmas and Valentines activities etc. The Bar Committee continues to work at each event at the TLC that serves alcohol, record purchases & sales and provide records to the treasurer. Summer students were hired through Youth Initiative & HRDC grants which provided a festival coordinator and a grounds worker during the summer. The docks and its assets were turned over to the RB Mariner's Society on a motion from the board. The Tara Lynne Touesnard Bursary was awarded to two graduating students from the Richmond Academy. Property Services continue to oversee all our facilities & their maintenance. Our Bingo is thriving and thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to make that a success. It takes team work to make an organization or a business successful. Just think about the word **TEAM: "Together everyone accomplishes more"**. The Cenotaph Committee under Donnie Pottie has completed an outstanding amount of work on the site this year. Our financial books have gone totally computerized this year using "Simply Accounting 2009" with much help and many thanks to Lisa MacDonald. We are in the process of re-acquiring the land & building that the RB Historical Society was given by RBCSS. A grant to replace the existing fence around the Jim Boucher Memorial Field was declined for the year 2008 while a lease was being drafted regarding the concerned land. RBCSS have now signed a five year lease with the concerned land owners of the field that will provide us with an opportunity to repair and maintain it. This field will be used for our annual festival, by the children of the community and anyone else who wishes to use it for their enjoyment. The same grant will again be applied

for in 2009 to replace the existing fence this summer. RBCSS is working to install new bleachers which will allow fans to watch the ballgames in comfort and parents to watch their children at play. I'm sure Jim would be proud. As a board we were tasked to discuss and amend the by-laws that were tabled and put on hold at last year's annual meeting. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard in order to come up with new by-laws which we hope will conform to the majority of the community's wishes and stay within the laws of Nova Scotia and the Society's Act. RBCSS have applied for grants from the municipal, provincial & federal governments, Democracy 250, Veteran's Affairs, HRDC, ECBC, and NS Health Promotion to help with organizational, festival, summer students and infrastructure costs.

My Motto is "there are only two kinds of people in the world, **"Those that come from River Bourgeois and those that wish they came from River Bourgeois"**. Think and say positive things about the River and the people who live & work here. You will find that life is better with a positive attitude. Greet outsiders and visitors with open arms, **IT IS THEIR HOME TOO**. I wish to promote our community and again thank the board of directors for the great work they have achieved this past year. *Ed Pottie*

Volunteers honoured at 2009 Richmond County Dinner



Back-Arthur, Harold, Bill & Cletus. Front- Norma, Paula, Linda & Joe. Donnie was unable to attend so he sent Therese who took this picture.

The Annual Dinner honoring volunteers was held on April 24th by the Municipality of Richmond County. Bill Coleman represented the Knights of Columbus, Paula LaFantaisie -Technology & Training Center; Joe Sampson -RB Seniors; Norma MacNeil -Legion Br 47, Donnie Pottie- RB Community Service Society, Cletus Wedge -RB Economic Development, Harold Landry the RB-Mariner's Society, Arthur Doary the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, and Linda Burke the St. John

the Baptist CWL. Congratulations to these residents and **all** the many volunteers for the ways they help our community.

Weddings

Burke/Landry: Congratulations to Mitchell Alexander son of Mark and Marie Burke and Mindy Marie daughter of Aubrey and Wendy Landry of Sampsonville on their wedding on April 18th. Mindy and Mitchell will reside on Northside RB.

Dorey/Ratchford: Congratulations to Krista Marlene daughter of Barry Dorey and Debbie Bidochka and Ryan Hewitt Ratchford son of Susan Ratchford of Sydney on their wedding on April 4th. Krista and Ryan will reside on Southside RB.

Samson/LeBlanc: Congratulations to Jessica Mary daughter of Doreen and Hughie Samson and David son of Chris and Donna LeBlanc of Martinique on their wedding on April 28th. Jessica and David will reside in Martinique.

Deaths

Carter: George Joseph, 59yrs of Sampsonville passed away on March 25th. Our condolences to his children and his sister Glenda Sampson of RB.

Matthews: Mary Edna, 49 yrs of Cleveland passed away on April 20th. Our condolences to her sister Clarissa Matthews of River Bourgeois.

Touesnard: Marie "Catherine" Alma, 80 yrs passed away on April 10th. Our condolences to her sisters in-law Viola (Roderick) and Ann (Joe) Touesnard and her many nieces and nephews.

Bits & Bites:

... **Congratulations** to Edna Casey on her retirement. Edna was employed by Continuing Care for the last ten years and the Richmond Villa for twenty-nine years before that.

... **Congratulations** also to Blaise Landry of Baddeck (formerly of RB) who retired on April 9th, following a 30 year career as a Forest Technician and Area Supervisor of Victoria & Inverness Counties. Blaise plans to relax with wife Gretchen and enjoy the grandchildren

... **The RBCSS has received a summer student grant** for a student that is in university and is returning in the fall .The RBCAP site has also applied but do not know if we were successful but anyone interested in either position can drop a resume off at the site .

... **45 card games at Senior's Building** on Sunday nights @7:30(Summer hour)

... **Cribbage games Monday nights at Senior's Bldg at 7 pm.**

... **Benefit for Mike Eden** on Saturday May 2nd at Tara Lynne Center with an auction from 1-4pm, Potluck supper 4-6pm (\$5. /adults & \$3. for children) and a variety concert from 6-8pm. Donations at door.

... **A flea market with strictly kid** related items on Saturday May 9th at the TLC.10 -1pm,\$5. per table. Hot dogs & drinks for sale from 11-30-1pm.Bounce-a-ram and face painting on deck. Call Shanna @-535-2927 to book a table.

... **The North American Migratory Bird Count** is on May 9th .Anyone willing to report from feeders or out in the field, please call George Digout,County co-ordinator, @535-3516.

... **Seniors meeting** May 12th at 1:30.

... **Seniors mini bingo** May 13th @1:30.

... **Capsite meeting** May 13th @7 pm.

... **CWL meeting** May 14th @7pm in vestry.

... **Merchandise Bingo** May 24th 2pm. Sponsored by RB Seniors Club.

... **RBCSS meeting** May 27th at 7pm .

... **The 5th Annual Richmond County Seniors Expo** will take place on May 30th at the Tara Lynne Center. Strait Area Transit is offering a free ride for the event. Plenty of card games, softball, music and great food. Cost is \$15 and tickets are available until May 14th from Sharon @ 535-2512 or Anne 535-2803

... **RBCSS Bingo** every Friday at 7:45. Rising jackpot with a consolation of \$1000.00 to go.

... **Exercise** at seniors Mon./Wed./Fri. 11-12. Certified trainer available .

... **Bursaries** are available to graduating students going on to post secondary education. **Tara Lynne Bursary** applicants must apply in writing to RBCSS Box 56, River Bourgeois, B0E 2X0. **CWL** applicants must apply in writing to Linda Burke 535-2319 & **Parish Council** applicants must apply in writing to Louis Digout @535-2287.

... 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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