

The River Round Up

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Judy & Melvin Carter



Julia (Judy) Elaine was born August 26th, 1946 the 5th of eleven children to Obeline (Boudreau) & Tony Burke of Seaview. Judy attended the one room school in Seaview which was located a few hundred yards from her home. Neither their home nor the school had electricity or indoor plumbing. When Judy was eleven, her mom moved the family to RB. At age fourteen Judy left school and moved to Halifax to seek employment and worked at the Halifax Infirmary for two years. She would come home on weekends to visit her family and it was on one of these visits to her sister Claire who was married and living in Sampsonville that she met the love of her life, Melvin Carter.

Melvin Philip was born Sept. 29th, 1942 the 3rd of ten children to Lila (Sampson) & Charlie Carter of Sampsonville. His parents celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 9th. They married at age sixteen and eighteen years of age and now are able to celebrate with their family into the fifth generation. Following his schooling Melvin worked installing the water line in St. Peters, building of the Police Station and for Tuckers Construction installing the power lines. In 1963 Melvin heard rumours of a beautiful young lady visiting Claire & Wilfred Bouchard and while shopping at Mark Sampson's store one day, in

she walks. His first comment was "You must be the one everyone is talking about". Melvin then promptly moved to Halifax in pursuit of his new found love. However after six months he could no longer take city life and convinced Judy to return home.

On January 27th, 1964 Judy & Melvin were married by Fr. Flavian Samson at St. John the Baptist Church. They have five children: Paula now in Amherst, Maxine in RB, Wade in Enfield, Lorin in Sackville & Dennis in Fredericton. They also have ten grandchildren. When they were first wed, they lived in Sampsonville and following the birth of their first child they moved to RB with her mom. When their third child was born they purchased the gift shop owned by Stewart O'Connell and made it into a miniature two bedroom house. In 1980 they built their current home on the Lower Northside Road. The biggest problem in their new residence, Judy chuckles, is they kept losing the children with so much space.

Following their marriage Melvin went to work at the pulp mill loading boats before going to St. Peter's Co-op where he remained for twenty years until they closed their doors. He was then employed in construction with Leo Fougere, Terry Boudreau as well as Burke's Contracting before retiring in 1999 for health reasons. Meanwhile after the children were in school Judy returned to the workforce. First in RB with J&C's for five years, followed by Joyce's Cabins, Inn on the Canal in St. Peters, and Bug Jackets in Louisdale before her current employment at the Richmond Villa for the last twelve years.

Melvin loves all sports and has played plenty of hockey, baseball and golf both as a young man and with his children. Both he & Judy were avid bowlers for many years. She hopes to retire next year and spend more time with the children and grandchildren.

Melvin & Judy the people of River Bourgeois wish you a long and happy marriage (at least seventy years like Melvin's parents) and good health.

Sharon Chilvers

Mary & Emile Touesnard



Emile Joseph was born in San Malo, France in 1880 and was forced to join the French Navy at age fourteen. When docked off the coastline in Sydney, Emile jumped ship and walked until he reached Arichat where he met some French speaking residents. Emile owned a schooner called the Fleur De Lis that he used for fishing and while on an excursion in RB, he met and married Mary Anne Sampson (born in 1887) of RB. They had ten children. Mary passed away in 1957 and Emile remarried in 1960 at age eighty to Janet Allen of Halifax. Emile passed away in 1966 and to date there are three hundred and twenty-one direct descendents in the family tree.



Emile & Mary's children: Gerald, Joe, Davy, Allan, Ernest, Richard, Roderick, Catherine, Mary Ellen and Regina.

Allan: (RB) 1904-1975 was married to Annie Burke of D'Escousse. They had six children: Alfred who died in 2005, Cletus, Edward and Mary in RB, Helen in Halifax and Anne in Ontario; twenty six grandchildren; twenty six great grand children & seven great great grandchildren.

David: (RB) 1908-1995 married Gladys Thibeau of Thibeauville and they had three children: Janine in Halifax, Nicole & Paul in Ontario, and five grandchildren.

Ernest: (PEI) 1911-1996 married Eleanor Prefit of PEI. They had one son Bernard and one grandchild.

Mary Ellen: (Massachuetts) 1912- 1984 married Benny Poirier of Arichat. They had five children: Theresa, Anita, Peter, Allen & Charlie (deceased) all residing in Mass.; nineteen grandchildren; twenty seven great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Roderick: (RB) 1915-1998 married Viola Sampson of RB and they had five children: Emile in Halifax, Clifford, Ervin & Melvin in RB and Yvonne who passed away in 2007; twenty grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Richard: (Halifax) 1914-1984 married Theresa Sampson of RB and they had eight children: Dennis, Michael, Mary (deceased), Lorna, Carmel, Russell & Johnny. They also had twenty five grand children and fourteen great grand children.

Joseph: (RB) 1918-1990 married Elizabeth Stone of Lynches River and they had thirteen children: David who died in 1973, Johnny, Anthony & Albert in RB, Wayne in French Cove, Mathilda, Ivan & Ernest in Ontario, Marilyn in Alberta, Betty in Petit De Grat, Lorraine in Evanston, Martin in Roberta, Phyllis in PEI as well as thirty-one grandchildren and fifteen great grand children. Joseph was remarried in 1971 to Anne Hayter of St. Peters and they had three daughters; Laura Lee in Alberta, Leslie in Ontario & Mary Ellen in St. Peters as well as four grandchildren.

Gerald: (RB) 1920-2006 married Cecile Sampson of RB and they had four children: Adrian in RB, Darlene, Mary Agnes & Vivian all living in Louisdale area; ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Regina: (ON) 1927-2007 married Edgar Thibeau of Thibeauville and they had four children: Madeline, Wilfred, Albert & Roy; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Catherine: (RB) 1928-2009 never married. Catherine lived in the homestead.

Thanks- Melvin, Lorraine, Edward, & Mary Agnes for the dates.

Olympic Quilt



Madeline Cook above is holding the Winter Olympic quilt she created which has each square representing one of various winter events. The quilt was featured on ATV news. She hopes that the quilt will be demonstrated in Vancouver at the Olympic site. Madeline is famous for her handmade quilts,

including her summer Olympic creation. Great Job Madeline and we miss you in RB.

High School Graduates



Father/daughter graduate: Darren Stone (Ethel & George) returned to school at NSCC to complete his grade twelve and did so with honours. Darren is proud of the fact that he finally made Nanny Bona's wall with the other graduates. His daughter Tiffany (Colleen & Darren) will be attending NSCC for a diploma in Business Administration.



Christine Pottie (Cynthia & Leonard) will be attending the University of PEI to get a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She received the \$500 Myra Fillion Bursary. Ross Rankin (Connie & Clair) will be attending NSCC for Licensed Practical Nursing. Ross received the Sharon Gouthro-Colleen MacDonald bursary (\$500) and the Air Cadets of Canada bursary (\$500).



Robyn Merrick (Rose & Mark) will be attending NSCC Strait Campus to study Human Services. She received a \$200 bursary from St. John the Baptist CWL and \$250 from St. John the Baptist Parish Council. Sandi Burke (Joan & Kelly) will be attending NBCC to study Lab Assistant. Sandi

received \$200 from the Ruth Morrison St. Peters Lions Award and \$500 from Estwood Davidson Memorial Bursary.



Ashlev Benoit (Delores Boudreau) plans to return to Richmond Academy for further studies. Ellen Stone (Joan & Joey) will be attending NSCC Strait Campus to study Power Engineering. Ellen received \$1000 from NS Power.



Shandelle Pottie daughter of Sheila Pottie is working for a year before attending NSCC in 2010.

River Round Up-Moving Up in the World



Freelance writer Sandra Phinney of Yarmouth and photographers Bruce Cramer & Kate Bardon of Pennsylvania spent several days in RB doing a story on the history of the River Round Up from 1941 to present for the magazine "Saltscapes". Many residents of RB were interviewed and photographed. The RRU gang: Sharon Digout. Sharon Chilvers, Sherry Baccardax & Therese Pottie were put in George Digout's little row boat (no the boat did not sink but why does it look as if Sandra is holding us

up?) for a two hour photo shoot. Stay tuned to the RRU for the date of our debut in "Saltscapes".

Happy Birthday Charlie



Charlie shown with daughter Judy and granddaughter Jada. Charlie Digout celebrated his 90th birthday on July 7th with family and friends at his brother's home.

Walk for Life



Photo by Gerry Fougere

Shown above are the participants in the Walk for Life held on July 7th. A total of \$1,050 was raised.

Births

Stone/Sampson: Carlie Renee, 7lbs 12oz. was born July 19th to Chris & Cheryl. A sister for Connor. Congratulations to the parents & grandparents; Charlie Stone and Arthur & Sissy Sampson of L'Ardoise and great grand mom Susan Stone.

Nicholson: Landon Lawrence, 7lbs 12 oz. was born July 23rd to Shelly & Daniel. Congratulation to the parents & grandparents George & Barbara Boudreau and Beverley & Roy Nicholson and great grand moms Susan Stone and Mathilda Boudreau.

Weddings

Touesnard/MacIntosh: Congratulations to Corey Michael, son of Anne Louise & Clifford Touesnard, and Kaitlyn Elizabeth, daughter of Ross and Sally MacIntosh of New Glasgow, on their wedding July 4th. The couple will reside in New Glasgow.

Deaths

Doyle: Christopher Daniel ,22 ,of D'Escousse passed away on July. 28th. Our condolences to his parents Jo-Anne and Wayne, brothers Matthew & Corey, sister Mandy and grandparents Joe and Anne Sampson.

Slaunwhite: Diane, 60, of Halifax passed away on July 23rd. Our condolences to her husband Cecil, son Trevor and to her brother Donnie Pottie and his family.

Bits & Bites:

- Attached is preview of festival events for our annual celebration later this month.
- The Cenotaph Dedication Ceremonies are coming up fast. Work is ongoing with much still to be completed, but with our committed crew, we will be ready. Last month, we explained how you could sponsor components in memory of a loved one. We are pleased to report that we have had a very positive response. Presently we have 2 benches, 1 oak tree, 2 burning bushes and 1 holly spoken for. There are still components available and they will be reserved on a first come-first served basis. Thank you.
- Last year several people offered to donate food or make a financial contribution towards expenses incurred at the Festival Men's Breakfast. Anyone wishing to contribute is asked to contact: George Digout at 535-3516 or Donnie Pottie at 2740. George J. Landry, Chair of community days Men's Breakfast.
- **Happy 40th anniversary** to Linda & Frederick Richard (12th) and Gilbert & Colleen Boucher on (21st) and 26th anniversary to Albert & Linda Richard of Quispamsis, N.B. Jul. 16th.
- 45 card games every Sun. Seniors Bldg 7:30pm.
- Cribbage games every Mon Seniors Bldg 7:00.
- **Seniors mini bingo** Aug. 19th 1:30pm.
- CAP site will be open from 10am-7pm Mon-Thurs and 9:30 to 5 pm on Fri. for July & August. Phone no. is 535-3251. Fax is 535-3638. We provide high-speed & wireless internet access –photocopying, scanning, faxing etc.We also have used books for sale. Information for Church bulletin can be emailed to rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Access on weekends call Sharon 536-3516 or Ann @ 535-2944
- 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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