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Norman & Genevieve Warner



Genevieve Agnes was born October 6th, 1947 the third of six children to Roderick & Viola (Sampson) Touesnard of Grand Gully. Her parents were dairy farmers and Genevieve learned everything about farming & gardening, including mastering cow milking by the age of nine. She spent a year at the Lower End School before attending Stella Maris. Upon completion of her schooling, Genevieve did some babysitting locally and remained at home. In 1968 George McNamara, her sister Yvonne's boyfriend, invited his cousin, Norman Warner, to visit the Touesnard family. Genevieve fell in love.

Norman Joseph was born June 2nd, 1943 to Norman & Georgina (Kelly) Warner in Halifax. Dad was serving in the war at that time and the following year the family returned to their roots in Port Hawkesbury. When Norman was nine years of age his parents adopted a one-year-old girl. The following year Dr. Guzdziol of Port Hawkesbury called the Warner family to see if they wanted to adopt a newborn baby. They said yes and the baby was turned over to them. When Norman was twenty-two the same doctor called and said he had twin boys just born in his office and asked if they would be interested in adopting them. The Warner's once again became parents.

Norman's parents were musically talented. Both step-danced and his father played the fiddle for dances in the area. Following his schooling at St. Therese School in Port Hawkesbury, Norman moved to Stellarton to take a course in welding. He worked two years at Maritime Steel in New Glasgow before returning home and taking a job at Stora. In 1968 he visited RB in search of a lady friend and met the love of his life, Genevieve Touesnard.

Genevieve & Norman were wed on April 19th, 1969. Following their marriage they purchased the home of Lillian Morrow in Grand Gully. They have four children. Melody, along with husband Derrick Cameron, resides in West Mabou. They are both talented musicians who play regularly for dances in the area. As for the other Warner children, Christopher lives at home; Kelly, along with husband Donovan McLellan and their five children Mikayle, Sachelle, Keigan, Stephen & Lewis live in Brook Village; and Molly, the youngest of the Warner children, arrived eighteen years after Kelly. A pleasant surprise she was. The children followed in dad's footsteps and all became talented step-dancers.

Norman continued working for Stora for the next thirty-two years retiring in 2002 at age fifty-nine. Genevieve was a stay at home mom who took care of the farm animals and doing what she enjoyed the most - planting her garden. She is also famous for her skills in baking (especially her delicious rolls). In 2000 they purchased a mini home and bulldozed the old homestead and buried it in the front lawn. These days Norman spends his time chauffeuring daughter Molly to and from work while Genevieve still loves her garden and canning. They love their music and along with mom Viola, motor to Mabou each weekend to listen to Melody & Derrick play. Both are members of the RB seniors club and Genevieve enjoys playing forty-five's with mom every Sunday night. Genevieve & Norman the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health and happiness. *Sharon Chilvers*

Philomene & Dominique Burke



Dominique was born in 1867, the son of Desire Burke & Philomene (Sampson) of the Southside. In 1899, he married Philomene, daughter of Peter Burke & Marine (Landry), of the Southside. Life was quite different back then. The bans announcing their impending marriage had been announced at Mass and with only a week or so until the wedding, Philomene was returning home from a visit with her friend Mary along the Richard Pond Road when she spotted her future husband, Dominique, walking along the road from the direction of Fred LeBlanc's. Afraid that people would talk if they were seen together alone, Philomene hid until Dominique had passed and it was safe to go home. After the wedding, Dominique and Philomene lived with his parents while they built their house. Philomene was known to have played a big part in helping in the construction and was seen perched on the roof shingling and doing many other projects to help make their house a home. Dominique along with his father and two brothers, Michel and Amos owned a fishing boat. During the summer months, Dominique would go fishing pogie in the states and during the slow fishing season he would do carpentry work.

Between 1901 and 1921, Philomene & Dominique had 12 children. Along with raising her children, Philomene kept chickens, cows, sheep, and pigs. She planted and grew most of the vegetables needed to feed the family. Philomene was a great knitter and made all their mitts, socks and scarfs. She made her own blankets on a loom and hooked rugs. In later years, her blankets and rugs were displayed in Mabou for tourists to see.

In 1931, Dominique passed away leaving Philomene to raise the five children still at home. The older children helped by sending money home when they could and in 1932 she got the contract for the Southside Post Office. In 1933 she took a trip by train to the States and took her three granddaughters, Doris, Shirley and Marie back home to spent seventeen months with her. They learned French and she learned English. She passed away in February 1972 at age 91. Philomene & Domique's children were:

Minnie (RB), 1901-1998 - married Henry Laneville of the USA.

Elizabeth (New Jersey), 1902-1994 - married Murdock Martell of L'Ardoise and had three children: Marie and Shirley, now deceased, and Doris of New Jersey; 17 grandchildren, 20 great-grand children and one great-great grandson.

Michael RB & USA (Mickey), 1905-1988.

Emily Anne (RB), 1907-2003 - married Henry Fougere of the Southside. They had three children: Arthur, RB; Isabelle, Halifax; and Lester, Sampsonville; six grandchildren.

Lena (US) - married Lawrence Gagnon of the US. They had two children, Rita & Larry, both deceased.

John (RB) - 1911-1971.

Caroline (RB) - 1913-1913.

Victor (Richmond Villa), b.1915 - married Evelyn Fougere. They have two daughters: Linda in Halifax and Debbie in Manitoba; seven grandchildren and 2 great grand children.

Lawrence (RB), b.1916 - married Hilda Pottie of False Bay. They had one son, Larry (RB) and three grandchildren.

Carrie (Hfx) - 1918-1939.

Rachael (RB), 1920-1972 - married Vincent Sampson of the Church Point. They had six children: Delores, RB; Percy, deceased in 1971; Ronnie, deceased in 1973; Bruce, London; Beverly, Red Deer; Augustine deceased in infancy 1964, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Peter (RB), 1921-1921

Thanks to Dolores Roberts for the data.

RB Celebrates Christmas

On December 4th the St. John the Baptist Catholic Woman's League held a Christmas Dinner at the TLC with forty-four members attending. They were treated to a delicious meal with deserts to die for, catered by Debbie Landry. On December 10th seventy-eight of the one hundred forty members of the River Bourgeois Seniors 50+ Club enjoyed a pot-luck luncheon and good friendship at the TLC.



Maggie Eden giving Santa her request for Christmas

On December 19th, RBCSS held their annual community Christmas celebration. Everyone was entertained by the children singing carols, Donna Marie Dewolfe on the fiddle, Hailey Sampson on the guitar and vocals, and Brenna Cunningham singing a solo. A visit from Mr. & Mrs. Claus was welcomed by the children while everyone enjoyed good food prepared by Debbie & Rebecca Landry.



RBCSS President Ed Pottie thanked the many volunteers for their services throughout the year. These volunteer hours enable the community to have such wonderful facilities. Donnie Pottie, Therese Pottie, Glyn Chilvers and Raymond Doary were honored for the exceptional work and many hours of labor in the restoration of the Cenotaph this past year.

On November 22nd, couples celebrating special anniversaries in 2009 were treated to a lovely dinner sponsored by the Saint John the Baptist Catholic Woman's League following Mass celebrated by Father MacDow. Celebrating couples were: **25 years:** Basil & Linda Burke, James & Beatrix Howell; **30 years:** Neil & Maureen Burke, Albert & Janice Touesnard, George Landry & Marguerite MacDonald; **40 years:** Gilbert & Colleen Boucher, David & Lorraine Gates, Robert & Theadora Rensen, Frederick & Linda Richard, Douglas & Dolores Roberts, Clifford & Anne Louise Touesnard, Norman & Genevieve Warner; **50 years:** Harold & Georgie Landry, Bernard & Catherine Landry, Peter & Sylvia Pottie, Joseph & Anne Sampson; **55 years:** Bernard & Lenova Sampson; **56 years:** John & Alma Burke; **57 years:** Anselm & Vera Sampson, Joseph & Monica Stone; **58 years:** Cletus & Mary Touesnard; **59 years:** Leo & Theresa Landry; **60 years:** Raymond & Mildred Burke, Raymond & Bridget Robertson; **69 years:** Evelyn & Victor Burke. Congratulations to all.

Veronica carries Olympic Torch



A second person from River Bourgeois has had the privilege of carrying the Olympic Torch. Veronica Landry (wife of Raymond) and daughter of Stanley & Monique McPhee carried the torch in Truro.

Grant Gets Published



The following short story was written by Grant Sampson (Pamela & Gerard) while in the ninth grade. It was chosen by his school and published in an anthology of short stories book called Dreamscape. *Last Will and Testament of Grant Sampson:* "The year is 2524. Technology is at its height. Teleporters are the new source of transportation for those who can afford it. It's a new age in space technology. We can now go anywhere we want in the galaxy, in the space of a few minutes. It's also a new age in war. I am not a soldier, but the deaths of thousands rest on my shoulders. My most recent weapon, a gas that I discovered, makes our soldiers faster, stronger and smarter. But there is a catch. The gas would only last a week or two at the most, so the soldiers would have to get a second dose. This dose tripled the effects. The soldiers became best in the world. Then they got hungry, they would start by eating normal food, then animals...then human blood. The first one we caught in the cannibalistic act was Jim. He had been one of the first to get the second

Special Anniversary Couples



dose. He was attacking his brother, Jake. My two friends and I shot at Jim with our side arms. Jim was dead. When we got closer we could see that Jake was also dead. One of my friends knelt down and wiped the blood from Jim's face. He screamed. His teeth grew longer, his eyes turned blood-red and his ears turned into a point. At that point I turned and ran. I am now writing the accounts of how the world became a nightmare. I can hear them pounding at my door as I write. I am out of ammo and out of hope.” - The last will and testament of Grant Sampson.

We are very proud and think it is quite an accomplishment to be a published author at 15 years old. Although Grant doesn't receive any financial benefit from the sale of the book, he does get some great bragging rights! Mom, Dad & sister Hailey, grandparents Joan & Michael Owens and Ellen & Theodore Sampson

Congratulations



Congratulations to Kevin Fougere (Conrad & Marie) on his many achievements. The following are some of the publications that he has been acknowledged by: *The Canadian Legal Expert Directory*, as one of Canada's leading banking lawyers (2009); *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, as a leading lawyer in banking and finance in Canada (2008 & 2009); *The Best Lawyers in Canada*, as a leading lawyer in the specialty of banking law (2009 & 2010); *IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms*, as a leading lawyer in Canada in banking and project finance (2009 & 2010); *Legal Media Group's Guide to the World's Leading Project Finance Lawyers* (2009). Kevin is a partner at Blake Cassels & Graydon at the Calgary, AB office. Kevin and wife Tammy have two children, Ava & Rowen. *Janice Pottie*

Deaths

Daly: Casilda (Boyd), 84, of Vero Beach, Florida passed away on December 8th. Our condolences to her children, brothers Blaise, Peter & George and her sisters Lucille, Peggy & Betty.

Martell: Linda, 54, of Lennox Passage passed away on December 18th. Our condolences to her husband, children and sister-in-law Lucille Boudreau.

Stone: John Henry, 85, of St. Peters passed away on December 1st. Our condolences to wife Elizabeth and sister-in-law Eva Robertson of RB.

Sampson: Virginia Monica, 88, passed away on December 20th. Our condolences to her children: Shelia, Lois, Karen, Bill, Gary, Wayne & Arnold.

Bits & Bites:

- ... Last month, we omitted the name of Emma Martell (Vicki & David) from the Graduates of 2022. Our apologies for this error.
- ... Our apology to Monica Stone for erroneously putting her birth date as 1923. The date should read 1932. Sorry Aunt Monica.
- ... **Happy Birthday** to Roderick Burke # 75 and Mathilda Boudreau # 92.
- ... **Cribbage** every Mon. night 7pm, Seniors Bldg.
- ... **45 Card** game every Sunday 7pm, Seniors Bldg.
- ... **Seniors Exercise** Mon/Wed/Fri 11-12 Seniors Bldg. Personal trainer available.
- ... **RBCSS** will be selling tickets on **Spring Cleaning** your home-Up to 40 hours maximum. Ceilings, walls, dishes, cupboards etc. Tickets are \$10 or 3 for \$25. Call Sharon @ 535-2512, Sherry @ 535-3182, Valerie @ 535-3308.
- ... **Bingo** every Friday 7:45pm. Rising jackpot with \$500 consolation to go.
- ... **Seniors Mini Bingo** Wed., Jan 13th @ 1:30pm.
- ... **Seniors Mtg.** Tuesday, January 12th @ 1:30pm.
- ... **CWL** meetings will resume in March.
- ... **CAP Site Mtg.** Wednesday, Jan. 13 @ 7pm.
- ... **RBCSS Mtg.** Wednesday, January 27th @ 7pm.
- ... **The RB CAP Site new web address is** <http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup archives.html>
- ... 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.
- ... **Happy New Year Everyone**

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