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Faye & Alan Gibson



Alan Lloyd was born February 8th, 1956 the first child of six to Joy & Glen Gibson of Brandon, Manitoba. In 1961, Glen got a job with NS Forest Industries so he, Joy and the three children: Alan, Kathie & Donnie moved to the Church Point to the home once owned by Amable Boucher. Children Barbara, Douglas (deceased in 1964) and Jennifer were born in NS. Alan, an avid sportsperson, played both baseball and hockey. He played with the Strait Pirates but in 1973 he left St. Peter's High for Windsor, Ontario to play for the Windsor Spitfires and Belle River Bulldogs. Allan was not only pursuing his career in hockey but also his dream girl, as she was now living nearby in Ottawa.

Faye Marie was born November 6th, 1955 to Whiley & Bernice (Boucher) Sampson of Sampsonville. Her mom Bernice was from RB and passed away at age thirty-seven, when Faye was only eleven years old. She left behind five children Bobby (deceased in 2007), Leslie, Lana, Darrell & Faye. Her dad Whiley remarried in 1969 to Helen Sampson from L'Ardoise and three more children were added to the mix. At an early age Faye spent lots of

weekends and summers in RB with her favorite aunt and uncle Delore & Hilda Burke, and visiting her grandparents Alex & Agnes Boucher. It was the summer of 1961 when the Gibson family moved to the point, that she met her true love Alan. She was six years and he was four months younger. As children they swam together in her grandparent's back yard and in the wintertime they skated in the same area. Many fond memories were created during those years including days spent at Jim's Rink & Wharf. Faye went to school in St. Peter's and volunteered for two years at Camp Rankin as a Camp Councillor. She worked for three years at Jigg's Canteen before moving to Ottawa in 1973. Faye worked at the Red Barn Restaurant before moving on to Revenue Canada as a keypunch operator for the next two years. Alan had moved to Windsor to pursue a hockey career but decided to return home to complete his grade twelve in St. Peters. Many calls and letters later and following his graduation (which Faye returned home for) they both returned to Ottawa. In 1976 they both came back to live in RB and Alan returned to play hockey with the Strait Pirates once again.

Alan & Faye were married at St. Peter's Catholic Church on August 12th, 1978. They moved to St. Peter's to live. Alan began working on the pulp boats in Port Hawkesbury and soon worked his way to a position in the mill where he remains employed to this day. Faye decided to attend Canso Regional Vocational School where she received her grade twelve equivalent certificate. She worked at Hoban's Variety Store in St. Peters until she started babysitting - a job she continued for the next fourteen years. In 1980 Alan's father passed away and in 1984 Alan & Faye decided to move to the Church Point to be closer to his mom. They are very close to their twenty-two nieces and nephews. Faye has been employed at Bucky's Garage for the last six years. Allan enjoys fishing with Maynard (when they are not repairing the boat) and playing with his X-Box. Faye loves her crossword puzzles and enjoys the

beautiful view of the water, the lighthouse and the occasional bald eagle flying by from her front window. Alan & Faye the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health and happiness.

50th Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to Leo & Agnes Fougere who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 20th. A celebration was held with family and friends at the home of Conrad & Marie Fougere. Leo is the son of Evelyn & Sam Fougere of River Bourgeois and Agnes is the daughter of Eddie Dan & Mary Ann Rose Doyle of Whiteside. Leo & Agnes have two daughters, Sharon & Karen.

Mary Emma & Victor Digout



Victor was born on January 22nd, 1882, the son of Tranquil & Martine (Dugas) Digout of RB. Victor's grandfather Ferdinand was a native of France who was taken prisoner during the battle of Trafalgar (by Nelson's forces) and served time in Melville Cove jail in Halifax. Following the war, he was released and moved to RB - the first Digout to come to this area. Tranquil was the only survivor of an 1886 sea disaster where his wife's father, Martial Dugas, and his four sons drowned. On January 17th, 1916 Victor married Mary Emma (b. December 19, 1894), daughter of Amos & Anne (Burke) Landry. For most of their sixty years of marriage, Victor & Mary

Emma lived in the family homestead, which was built by Tranquil, raising their ten children there.

Victor spent many years working in factories in such places as London, ON; Gloucester & Worcester, Massachusetts; and Albany, New York. He also worked in Canso, at the W.F. Boyd store in RB, Urquhart's Store in Grand Anse, Marble Mountain Quarry and on a fishing vessel. For a while he taught basic reading and writing to mature students who had left school at an early age to go fishing. However, around Richmond County, he was probably best known for his work as the owner and sole operator of a shoe repair business. Mary Emma worked for a number of years as a maid in the LeVesconte and Inspector MacNeil residences. After her marriage, she was more than fully occupied with raising their children, four of whom fought for their country during WWII.

Victor died in August 1977, at the age of ninety-five and Mary Emma lived alone in their house for many years after his death. Later she moved to the Villa in St. Peter's where she passed away in 1995 at the tender age of one hundred. Their children were:

Margaret (RB), 1916-2004 - married Alfred Richard. They had five daughters: Elaine in RB; Veronica & Claire in Halifax; and Louise & Maxine in St. Peter's; thirteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Alfred (RB), 1918-1998 - Fred married Therese Baccardax of Poirierville. They had four children: Louis & David in RB, Albert in Toronto and Gloria in Sydney; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Charlie (St. Peter's), 1919 - married Frances Sutherland of Halifax. They had three children: David (deceased), Judy in Dartmouth and Charles (Junior) in Halifax; three grand children and two great-grandchildren.

Arthur (Halifax), 1920-1994 - "Tattoo" married Margaret Burke of RB. They had four children: Art in RB; Jeanette, Leon & Lucy in Halifax; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Ferdinand (Brantford), 1921 - married Norma Smith of ON. They had four children: Pat, Pam, & Glenn in Ontario, Chris in Alberta and seven grandchildren.

Vincent (Brantford), 1923 - married Marie Scott of Newfoundland. They had one daughter, Joanne in ON; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Marshall (Brantford), 1926 - married Eileen Pate of ON. They had seven children: Renee (deceased), Marsha, Janet, Peter, Colin & David in ON; Ann in Alberta; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

George (RB), 1936 - married Sharon MacNeil of Big Pond. They had three daughters: Shelia & Carol-Ann

in Dartmouth; Wendy in Antigonish; seven grandchildren.

Stan (RB), 1937 - married Marjorie Henderson of Alberta. They had six children: Allan in Edmonton; Gregory, Michael & Jackie in Saskatchewan; Gerry in NS & David in BC; fourteen grandchildren.

Germaine (RB), 1939 - married Anthony Burke of RB who died in 1977; Charlie Mombourquette of L'Ardoise who died in 1994; and is now married to Simon Carter of Sampsonville. Germaine & Anthony (Teenie) had four children: Paul in Bridgetown, Stephen & David in Halifax, Monica in Dartmouth; six grandchildren.

Dorothy's Pets in Need

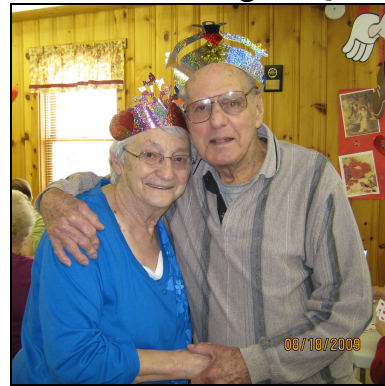


Erin holding Spencer, Cierra holding Carley, Brenna holding Zoe

In April of 2007, Georgie and Donna Landry rescued three little homeless kittens from Oban. This was the start of their tireless efforts to rescue cats in need. Many flea markets were held at Georgie's home on the Church Point to raise funds to have the kittens/cats spayed & neutered. Any extra funds were used to assist low income families with their animals. In the fall of 2007 Mike Sampson of French Cove perished in a house fire leaving behind some fifteen homeless cats. The cats were placed in the bungalow shelter until they were adopted out. The volunteers came from many neighboring communities to help out. Sheila and Mary Clarke were among the tireless workers who took care of things when Donna was working. In the spring of 2007 they became a registered society enabling them to raise funds to help more cats. Their official name was *Dorothy's Pets in Need* (after Donna's late mother who loved kittens). The bungalow now became an official shelter, however it still had to be winterized and heated. Students from NSCC and their instructor wired the building at cost, and many others helped raise funds to pay for a new roof, windows, doors and an enclosed pen enabling the kittens to run outside freely. Their biggest physical challenge was spreading a half ton of gravel with a five gallon bucket and a shovel. Doug Roberts came to the rescue with his Kubota and did the work in a couple of hours. The shelter allows the cats to walk freely in

the building exploring & playing and none are held in cages. Many volunteers have gotten involved not only with fundraising but with the day to day care of the animals. Each day someone comes in to clean the shelter, feed and entertain the kittens. Many of these volunteers are young children such as Cierra Wincey, Brenna & Erin Cunningham and Dale Burke, who spend hours with the kittens. Kittens/cats are sold to help recover some of the vet cost. Males are \$30 and females \$50. Donations in the form of cash to cover vet bills are graciously accepted. Donations can also be made in the form of scoopable cat litter, cat food, paper towels, clorex wipes, detergents, etc. Anyone who has items to donate for the two annual flea markets held each year in March & October may call Donna at 535-3171 or Shelia at 535-2081. The email address is dorothypetsinneed.com.

Valentine's King & Queen



Charlotte LeBlanc & Vince Dewolf were crowned Valentine's Day Queen & King during the Winterfest Tea Party at the RB Seniors 50+ club.

History



Roman Way Convalescent Hospital, Holland
March 25th, 1945

Dear Marie,

Just a few lines to let you know that I received the ninth copy of the R. B. Roundup last night and as usual was very glad to get them, and certainly enjoyed reading it and I want to thank you and your reporters for your trouble and kindness of sending them. Well, first I must say I went to see the MO this afternoon and he gave me a U. five category so I

guess that I am going out of here next week but I have a another stop, not far from here, but I don't know how long I will be there. I heard that Freeman Pate had been wounded for the third time. Poor Freeman he sure is having his share of hard luck, although in a way he is lucky he was only wounded as bad as it is and hope he gets home this time. I had a letter from Cletus four days ago and he's still in England and getting along fine, and I also had the pleasure to meet Bernie Coffey here last week but he's gone back to his holding unit a few days ago and from there he will be going to the same place as me. We had a good time the first night he was here as we went to a dance in town; they have one almost every night. Well it's about all the news I have to tell you, I will close for this time with the best of luck to all of you and once again, thanks very much for everything. Your friend, Gervase Landry.

River Bourgeois In Winter



Photo taken by Deborah Fougere of RB showing apples still on the trees on the 31st of January.

Births

Landry: Tristin Charles, 6 lbs 8oz, born on February 19th to Daisy & Craig of Port Hawkesbury. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Vera Landry-Bourque & Basil Bourque and Donna & Lawrence Jefferson.

Shaw: Tori Elizabeth, 8lbs 11 oz, born December 31st to Daniel & Ashley of West Bay. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Rodney & Karen Burke and Alex & Florence Shaw, great-grandparents Dorothy Burke, Eleanor & Delina Scanlon & Cassie MacRae.

Deaths

Buchanan: Elsie Mary, 81, of Kempt Road passed away on February 14th. Our condolences to her daughter Jocelyn Stone and family.

Gatto: Shirley Virginia, 86, of East Weymouth, Mass who passed away on February 15th. Our condolences to her daughter Claire Burke & family.

Mari: John, 69, of Lloydminster, AB who passed away on January 13th. Our condolences to his wife Janice and his in-laws Anselm & Vera Sampson.

Bits & Bites:

- Thanks to all who flipped those pancakes on Shrove Tuesday at the TLC. \$953 was raised.
 - A Sunday Brunch will be held at TLC on Mar. 7th - 10:30 to 1:00pm. Home made waffles, French toast, hash brown casserole, beans, quiches, etc. \$6 for adults, \$3 kids under five.
 - Paul Touesnard's website is back online again after a few months of downtime. He has been busy with numerous updates since March. <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ptouesnard/>
 - Happy 96th birthday to Louise (Sampson) O'Connor of Leicester.
 - **RBCSS** is 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. Draw March 19th.
 - **Cribbage** every Monday 7pm, Seniors Bldg.
 - **45 Card** game every Sunday 7pm, Seniors Bldg.
 - **Bingo** every Friday 7:45pm. Rising jackpot with \$500 consolation to go.
 - **Seniors Mini Bingo** Wed., Mar. 17th @ 1:30pm.
 - **Seniors Annual Mtg.** Tuesday, March. 9th at the Tara Lynne Center. Potluck lunch at Noon followed by meeting.
 - **CWL** meeting March 11th 7 pm in Vestry.
 - **Next CAP Site Mtg.** Wed., March 10th @ 7pm.
 - **RBCSS Annual Mtg.** Wed., Mar. 24th @ 7pm.
 - **The RB CAP Site new web address is** <http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/rounduparchives.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.
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