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Janice & Ervin Touesnard



Ervin Richard was born on August 28th, 1954 the fifth of six children to Viola (Sampson) & Roderick Touesnard of Grand Gully. Ervin attended Stella Maris School before graduating from St. Peter's High in 1973. He then attended Canso Regional Vocational School in Port Hawkesbury studying Stationary Engineering. Upon graduating, Ervin and his cousin Martin Touesnard opened an auto body shop in Grand Gully. During his senior year in St. Peter's, Ervin had fallen in love with his high school sweetheart the beautiful Janice Stone, and the two were still going strong.

Janice Mary was born February 18th, 1957 the fourth of eight children to Beatrice (Sampson) & Johnny Stone of St. Peter's. Upon graduating from St. Peter's High, Janice attended Cape Breton Vocational School to study for her Licensed Practical Nurse certificate. Following her graduation she moved to Halifax to seek employment in her field, however was unsuccessful in her search. She worked as a nanny for a brief time before her heart strings pulled her back to Cape Breton and ultimately Grand Gully to her awaiting beau.

Ervin & Janice married in St. Peter's on July 29th, 1977. On her wedding day, after her parents and the

rest of the family had left for the church, only Janice and her sister Maura remained. At the last second Maura decided that Janice's dress needed ironing and she accidentally burnt the dress. Maura panicked but Janice calmly told her sister to remove her dress and wore it as her wedding dress. Maura missed the wedding as she lived in Louisdale and didn't have time to get another dress. Janice & Ervin moved in with Ervin's parents for a year while their home was being built in Grand Gully. Janice & Ervin have three children: Marc, Andrea and Scott. All three have made their home in Grand Gully. Marc & wife Charlene have a son Mylan. They both work for Premium Seafood and Marc takes a break for two months each year to help dad during lobster season. Andrea & husband George Mombourquette have a daughter Kate and have been lobster fishing since 2004. Scott & his fiancée, Brandy Matheson are getting married on October 2nd. Scott purchased his lobster license at age seventeen and continues to fish twelve years later. Brandy, who does not like the ocean, is employed at Tri Mac Toyota.

In 1982 while still continuing to work at his auto body shop, Ervin purchased a lobster license from his cousin Adrian Touesnard. The first day he caught a total of eleven pounds of lobsters. Not the excellent start to his new career that he had anticipated. However as the years passed things got better and now some thirty years later fishing remains very much part a of his life. The fishing industry has had many peaks and valleys during the last years. Fishing is obviously in the Touesnard blood and will most likely continue for many years to come. Ervin, Scott, George and his dad are in the process of building a new dock in Grand Gully. Ervin was President of the Richmond County Inshore Fisherman's Association for ten years. Janice takes care of the paperwork and the grandchildren while the family fishes. She served several years on the Board of RBCSS. Janice was a stay at home mom until the children were grown and she purchased Lynn's Flower Shop in St. Peter's, a business she enjoyed for four years until an

opportunity to sell became available just at the time grandson Mylan arrived.

Ervin got his love for music from his parents and is a self taught guitar player. Kitchen parties have been a norm in the Touesnard household for all of their lives. Players included Joe MacNeil, Al & George Martin, Dr. Angus MacDonald, Donald MacRae, Bunter McEwen, Kevin LeVesconte, step dancers Melanie & Kelly Warner, Derrick Cameron, Donna Marie Dewolfe, Chelsey Dakai and many others. Janice & Ervin have traveled to many parts of Europe including France, Scotland, Corsica and Spain. These days Ervin has a hobby farm with a few cows and chickens and is awaiting the arrival of some pigs. He also plants a garden each year and his favourite pastimes are cards, music and his crossword puzzles (including the New York Times puzzle). Janice loves to read and play games on Facebook with her friends and relatives. She has a rummoli group that play during the winter months. Janice & Ervin the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of health, happiness and good catches.
Sharon Chilvers

Millie Ann & Charlie Boucher



Charles Bernard Boucher was born November 2, 1878 to Henrietta (Sampson) & Louis Boucher. Charlie did some fishing along the Nova Scotia coast and as far as Newfoundland. He also worked as watchman on a passenger boat travelling from New York to Boston. On February 5, 1917 he married Amelia Ann "Millie" Samson. Millie was born August 5, 1887, the daughter of Annie May (Bourque) & Leon Samson. Charlie & Millie moved in with his parents in a home built by Louis (which is the current home of son Joe & wife Emily). Millie took in boarders, usually teachers or men working on the road. Charlie and Millie had three children and a total of 139 direct descendants.

Leonard Joseph 1919-2002, (St. Peter's) married Agnes Downey in 1951. They had three children: Helen & Brent in Lower Sackville; Cindy, Halifax;

six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Leonard married Margaret (Joyce) in 1984. **Mary Rachel**, 1921 (River Bourgeois) married Edwin Bona in 1938. They had fifteen children: Lucille, Ethel, Joan, Wayne & Linda in River Bourgeois; Wally, Fairview; Louie, Lower Sackville; Betty, Evanston; Charles Felix, deceased in 1947; Len, Sudbury; Melvin, Spryfield; Brian, Creignish; Chris, Halifax; Lorna, Dartmouth; Rodney, Elmsdale, forty-two grandchildren, fifty-one great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. **Joseph Charles**: 1927 (River Bourgeois) married Emily Landry in 1958. They had four children: Debbie, River Bourgeois; Bradley, Head of Chezzetcook; Agatha, Stewiacke; Jason, Lakelands; and eight grandchildren. *Submitted by Debbie Landry*

Frances celebrates 97th birthday



Frances Digout recently celebrated her 97th birthday at the Richmond Villa with family and many friends.

Eagle Carvings



This eagle was carved from a tree stump by Tommy and Fraser Martell and painted by Debbie Martell. They have several more in production and they can be viewed at the home of Fraser & Debbie Martell on the North Side. *Photo by George Bourque.*

RB 32nd Annual Festival

The Festival Committee is busy putting together an array of activities for everyone to enjoy. Final schedule will appear in next month's River Round Up. The Festival will open on Saturday, Aug 28th with a Trivia Pub Night followed by a Merchandise Bingo on the 29th. Monday will be the Poker Walk and children's games; Tuesday is Comedy Night and official opening; Wednesday, September 1st "A Tribute to Mike McPhee" will take place. Anyone who has photos of themselves with Mike (so we can put a video together) can pass them on to Anne Louise at 535-3089, or call Sharon 535-2512 or Rose 535-2141. Thursday, there will be a 45-Card game. The band (Double Overhead) has been booked for September 4th. Tickets for the dance are now available at the CAP site 535-3251 or by emailing rbcap@stpeterscable.ca. This band usually packs the halls when playing, so tickets will be available on first come basis. Other events will include an Art Exhibition at the "Warehouse", softball tournament, men's breakfast, pot luck supper, concert and much more. Club 500 Tickets are now on sale. There will be five draws of \$1000 and the tickets are \$20. You may purchase at the CAP site or from Sherry 535-3182, Rose 535-2141, Tina 535-2762 or Sharon 535-2512.

University Graduates



Tiffany Elizabeth Stone, daughter of Colleen & Darren, granddaughter of George & Ethel Stone, and Fran & Dave Stone, great-granddaughter of Mary Bona, graduated from Office Administration at NSCC Strait Area Campus. Tiffany was fortunate to receive a job placement at New Page in Port Hawkesbury and is hoping for a permanent position with them someday. In the meantime she is also looking for a position in Halifax. **Tara Lynne Benoit**, daughter of Diana Breau & Terry Benoit, granddaughter of Annie Breau and Bernadette Benoit, graduated from Cape Breton Business College with her Pharmacy Technician Degree. In October Tara will be writing her Licensed Pharmacy

Technician exam and is presently seeking employment in her field.



Sarah Landry, daughter of Michael & Debbie, granddaughter of Joe & Emily Boucher and Alcantra Landry, graduated from NSCC Institute of Technology Campus, Halifax with a Medical Office Assistance Certificate. Sarah is seeking employment in her chosen field. **Shawn Boucher**, son of Tammy Boucher & Stephen Poirier and grandson of Anita Boucher and Helen & Bernie Poirier and great-grandson of Charlotte LeBlanc, graduated from NSCC Strait Area Campus as a carpenter. Shawn is employed with Richmond Enterprises.



Joseph Baccardax son of Sherry & Peter, grandson of Cecilia Baccardax and Eric & Sadie Weatherbie, graduated from Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University, Newfoundland with a Diploma of Technology in Marine Engineering Technology.

Walk for Life



On June 6th the St. John the Baptist CWL held its Annual Walk for Life. Pictured above are some of the

walkers and workers. To date a total of \$1508.00 was raised for Right for Life groups of the Antigonish Diocese.

Births

Boudreau: Maggie Mathilda, 7lbs 5 oz, was born on May 21st to Vanessa & Dennis. A sister for Kallie. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Joe & Louise MacNeil and Georgie & Barbara Boudreau, great-grandmothers: Susan Stone, Mathilda Boudreau, Margaret Sampson and Naomi MacNeil.

Sampson: Zachary Mathias, 8lbs 1 oz, born April 28th to Leon & Wendy of Ottawa. Brother for Kaitlyn. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Kathy & Brian Aitkin and Lenova & Bernard Sampson.

Wedding

Fougere/MacIntyre: Congratulations to Suzanne Marie, daughter of the late Rennie & Annette Fougere, & Thomas Frederick MacIntyre on their wedding June 26 at St. John the Baptist. Suzanne & Tom will reside in Dartmouth.

Deaths

Bourque: Dr. Joseph Daniel, 89, of Halifax passed away June 5th. Our condolences to his wife Margaret, his children, sisters Marie Boucher and Francis Digout and sister in-law Margaret Bourque.

Cholock: George, 71, passed away on May 27th in Sydney Mines. Our condolences to his wife Helen, his children and his sister Mary Cosman and their families.

Bits and Bites:

Congratulations to Dr. Dorothy Barnard (almost full-time RB resident) on winning the Leadership Excellence Award presented in Halifax on June 7th by Cancer Care Nova Scotia. "Dr. Barnard, a seasoned clinician with more than 30 years experience working with paediatric cancer patients and their families. She has made significant contributions to paediatric cancer through clinical practice, teaching, and research. Her vision and leadership in establishing the Atlantic Provinces Paediatric Haematology Oncology Network has had a lasting and positive impact on patient and family care. Because of the network, children and families who used to have to travel to and stay in Halifax for weeks of treatment, can now access care at their home hospital and be confident the standard and quality is consistent with that at the IWK". Congrats also from Milo & Bramble.

... Our sincere apology to Haley Sampson for incorrectly spelling her name in last months issue.

... Michael & Joan Owens are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary July 24th. The family is inviting friends, family & members of the community to drop in at the TLC any time after 6:00pm July 24th to join in their celebration.

... Happy 87th birthday to Charlotte LeBlanc, 88th birthday to Vince Dewolfe and 89th birthday to Mary Bona and Farley Mowat. Farley's latest book "Eastern Passage" is due out in October.

... Congratulations to Kenneth LeBlanc who retired from Sobeys following thirty-eight and a half years of employment (+ one year part time). Kenneth plans to just relax and enjoy life with wife Gloria, their children and grandchildren.

... Congratulations to Leon Carter of River Tillard who won the Nova Scotia Golf Association Amateur Championship on June 20th.

... **45Card** game every Sunday 7:30 pm, Seniors Bldg.

... **Cribbage** every Monday 7pm, Seniors Bldg.

... **Exercise Program:** at Seniors Bldg Mon., Wed., & Fri. 11-12 AM.

... **Merchandise Bingo** July 4th at TLC 2pm, Proceeds to the Seniors Club.

... **Seniors Mini Bingo** Wed., July 21st @ 1:30pm.

... **Seniors meetings** will resume in September.

... **CAP Site meetings** will resume in September.

... **Knights of Columbus** meetings resume in Sept.

... **CWL meetings** will resume in September.

... **RBCSS meetings** will resume in September.

... **RB CAP Site hours:** Mon to Thurs. 2-4, 6-8 and Fri. 2-4. The RB CAP Site web address is http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm

... 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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