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Rose & Mark Merrick



Rose Marie was born October 20th, 1961, the third of seven children to Lucille (Martell) & Buddy Boudreau. Rose graduated in 1980 from St. Peter's High and attended Port Hawkesbury Vocational School for the next two years to study cosmetology. Following completion of her studies in 1982, she worked with Louise MacNeil Hairstyling in St. Peter's for two years. In 1984 she moved to Halifax in pursuit of the city life and to expand her career. There she worked for Sears Hair Design. While in Halifax she attended the Natal Day parade and fireworks and it was here that she met a tall blond named Mark. Fireworks were everywhere that day.

Mark Anthony was born on December 21st, 1961, the oldest of four children to Mike & Joan Merrick. Mark was an army "brat" (his dad was in the forces). The family moved often including stays in Kapiskasing, ON; Shilo, MN; and Shearwater. Mark comes from a long line of military men which includes his grandfather Flight Lieutenant Peter Merrick who was a fighter pilot on the committee

that organized the invasion of Normandy. Mark joined the reserves and served several years, leaving in 1987. It was in August of 1987 that his life changed forever when he took in the festivities of Natal Day and met the beautiful Rose Boudreau.

Two years later, on June 24th, 1989, Rose & Mark were wed at St. John the Baptist Church. At a wedding shower prior to their big day, Rose received a gift from Mark's parents and with it was an attached note that read: "He is all yours now." Mark was twenty-eight and was finally leaving the nest for the last time. They have two daughters: Robyn who is currently working in Halifax, and who will be working at the upcoming Canada Winter Games; and Meghan, a Richmond Academy student.

In 1993 Rose, Mark & baby Robyn moved to River Bourgeois. Rose opened a hair salon in the basement of their home and is still in business seventeen years later. Mark had several jobs in the printing business and had a power pressure watering business. In 1999 he began lobster and crab fishing. During the off season he took a heavy machine equipment operator course and worked in British Columbia for two winters.

Rose & Mark have been very much involved in the community. Mark served for three years on the Board of Directors of RBCSS before Rose joined and she has been a member since 1998. Rose was a founding member of the Youth Development Group and is now serving as acting President of RBCSS. Together, they have organized several festivals and Rose has been an active participant in the comedy night. She also has been instrumental in the start-up of the brunches, the haunted house each Halloween, and is now busy organizing the Murder Mystery Night to take place on January 29th. She taught religious education for six years and has been a member of the Catholic Woman's League for two years. Mark & Rose you have both served our community well and the people of River Bourgeois wish to thank you both and may you have many years of health, happiness and volunteering. *Sharon Chilvers*

RBCSS Christmas Celebration



Three-year-old Aiden Burke (John & Kerry) officially lit the Christmas tree during the festivities at the Tara Lynne Center. More than one hundred residents of River Bourgeois enjoyed refreshments with their friends and neighbours at the RBCSS 7th Annual Christmas Celebration. They were entertained by Brandon LaFantaise singing Christmas Carols and a visit from Santa.



Santa's elves: Shania Boucher, Melanie Poaps & Haley Sampson help Mr. & Mrs. Claus keep track of what three year old Julia MacPhee wants from Santa on Christmas morning.



Mike Fougere and Debbie Landry

Congratulation goes to Mike Fougere and Debbie Landry in being recognized as River Bourgeois'

volunteers for 2010! Mike spent his entire summer at the Tara Lynne Center supervising our summer grant recipient. He rebuilt most of our ball field canteen, served as property service chairperson, bar committee chairperson and once again volunteered countless hours working during the festival. Debbie has been instrumental in organizing many fundraisers for RBCSS including three brunches, the haunted house for Halloween and the potluck during the festival. Debbie's cooking talent and organizational skills are greatly appreciated by the RBCSS Board of Directors. Mike and Debbie are both well deserved recipients.

Willie & Nellie Boyd



William Fraser was born in 1885, the son of Angus & Mary (Fraser) Boyd. He operated a general store in Cannes. Willie was notorious for having a nervous jitter and continually had to have something in his hands, such as a pen or coin. Once, on a visit to the Royal Bank in St. Peter's to do his banking, he had a long chat with the manager before returning home. When he arrived home there was an urgent message to return to the bank as he had inadvertently picked up the bank keys and put them in his pocket. They included keys to the vault and the front door.

In 1921 Willie married Mary Ellen (Nellie), the daughter of Isaac & Charlotte (Boucher) Bourque. Nellie had been working as a nurse at the Nova Scotia Hospital in Dartmouth until her marriage. They lived with Willie's dad (mom was deceased in 1921) and his two sisters Maria and Stella. In 1925 it became quite crowded in the home so Willie & Nellie built their own. In those days it seemed like it was a race as to who could have the most children in the shortest amount of time. Willie (although quite old before getting started) was going to get in on the race. He didn't have the most children in RB, but did manage to have eleven children in sixteen years. Willie passed away in 1955 and Nellie in 1993. Their children were:

Monica, 1922-1938.

Gerald, 1923-1948.

Casilda, 1925-2009. Florida; married John Daly and had five children: Joann, Avis, Carol, Peter & Alexia.

Fraser, 1926-1927.

Fraser, 1928-1985. River Bourgeois; married Catherine Ann Sampson and they had four children: Monica, Brenda, Vernon & Judy.

Blaise, 1930. River Bourgeois; married Deirdre Mahon and they have three daughters: Jennifer, Joanne & Allison.

Peter, 1931. River Bourgeois; married Claire Horne and they have four children: Carolyn, Leslie, Margo & Landon.

Lucille, 1933. British Columbia; married Ed Bradshaw and they have two children: Amy & Stacy.

Mary Margaret (Peggy), 1934. Mississauga.

Charlotte Elizabeth (Betty), 1936. California; married Wes Johnson. They have two children: Eric & Peggy Ann.

George, 1938. Sydney; married Norma Taylor. They have four children: Suzanne, Kerry, Heather & Gregory.

Total number of great grandchildren is thirty-one.

Submitted by Peter Boyd

Congratulations Mike



Mike Touesnard and Lieutenant-Governor Mayann Francis

Congratulations to River Bourgeois' Mike Touesnard in receiving the "2010 Lieutenant-Governor's Persons with Disabilities Employer Partnership Award". Mike is the owner of OK Tire in St. Peters and has participated in the Targeted Subsidy Wage Program which has allowed Frances Oram from Hay Cove who suffers from spondylolisthesis to work in the office. Frances spent twelve weeks employed with OK Tire doing office work before being hired full time. Mike was so impressed with her, that he had a special office built for privacy, purchased a chair to meet her special needs, and purchased computer programs that allow her to work from home when she is unable to work in the office. Mike is quick to point out that what Frances can't do physically she makes up for with her beaming personality, good attitude and her influence on the remainder of the staff. Congratulations to Frances and a well deserved award for the Touesnard family: Mike, Chantal & baby Cade.

Some Scattered Historical Notes From Our Parish Records

Please Note:

The following information may be of considerable interest to the families of this parish. In this time when many people are sensitized to the need to search out "family roots", I suggest that the list which I have found in the oldest of the Parish Registers (located on the inside page of the front cover). This document may indicate the "roots" of many of the present families of this parish. The list is that of Heads of Families of River Bourgeois Area which was made on the First of April, 1842:

Voici la liste:

Maurice Kelley, Mme. Patrick Jean, Boniface Sampson, James Moryson (Mirisson), Bernardin Boucher, Lucien Bourg, Charles Samson, Simon Landry, André Cordeau, Jean Béranger, Firmin Boucher, Joseph Samson, Louis Boucher, Gilbert Samson, Augustin Boucher, Basile Boucher, Joseph Cordeau, Fabien Boucher, Jean Bourg, Jean Sampson, Désiré Bourg, Abraham Samson, Veuve Bouchard, David Samson, Pierre LeBlanc, Pierre Landry, Simon LeBlanc, Benjamin LeBlanc, Maurice Bourg (LeBourg), Galetton Richard, Joseph Bourg, Elie Cordeau, Augustin Fougère, Urbain Cordeau, Abraham Fougère, Joseph Robichaud, Pierre Fougère, Pierre Devaux, Simon Fougère, Martin Breen, Fabien Fougère, Walter Walsh, Dosité Fougère, Pierre Clory, Martial Dugat, Hubert Clément, Célestin Dugat, Isaac Benoit, Michael Bourg, Jean Thibeault, Sebastien Boucher, John Madden, Jean Beaver, Nennie Hareng(?), Vincent Macfie, John Power, Placide Dugat, Patrick Cytt [Kyte?], Mathurin Dugat, Dick Cavanaugh, André Dugat -père, John Lawlus, André Dugat -fils, Ned/Ed Henies(?) Harriss, Pascal LeBlanc, W. Tool, Philistin Cordeau, Ed Bowger (?) [perhaps Bulger], Lewis Macfie, Elie/Alexandre Lindloff, Bill Cayho [Kehoe or Keough?], Nathaniel Cook, Jean Sheen, Maurice Hareng, Jean Cochron, Daniel Sheen, Simon Bourg, John Browan McNeil, Magloire Bourg, Matthew Fitzgerald, Basil Richard, Dennis Fitzgerald, Régis Richard, Michael Fitzgerald, Cyprien Landry, Cyprien Dugat, Ferdinand Digout, Jean Landry -père, Jean Landry -fils, Damien Bourg, Edouard Bourg: Sen(ator) [?], Pierre Bourg [women, Tranquille Landry and children not included].

The priest who inscribed this very old but incomplete census states, that at the time the parish was made up of 22 Irish families (?) and 70 French families

Speculation on family name spellings:

Mc or MacPhee – over the years have been spelled: Macfie, McPhy and McFie

Burke –Bourque- BOURG, Bourke, Bourke, Bourk Dugas, DUGAT, Dugass, Dugast.

Another interesting historical note:

(From the oldest parish register) An entry that the Parish Church Bell was "Baptizez" i.e. given a name according to the Church Ritual on the 20th November, 1843. The Bell's Godfather was Jean Bourg and Godmother was Marie Poirier who gave the bell its name: JEAN-BAPTISTE. [very interesting!]
Respectfully, Fr. MacDonald P.P. Sharon Digout

Sports Hall of Fame Inductees



Russell Fougere and Garvey Sampson are shown above with their awards following their induction into the Port Hawkesbury Sports Hall of Fame. Also inducted was Gerald Robertson who was unable to attend the ceremony due to illness. All were members of the 1954 Maritime Midget Baseball Champs.

Births

LeBlanc: London Kash, 6lbs 1oz, was born on December 3rd to CheriylN & Corey of Calgary. A brother for Riley. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Lloyd & Shelia LeBlanc, Diane LeBlanc and great-grandmom Charlotte LeBlanc.

Deaths

Landry: Bernard, 75, passed away on December 7th. Our condolences to his wife Catherine, his children Bernadine, Bernice & Brenda, brothers Harold, Louie & Stevie, sisters Eileen, Susan & Lorraine and their families.

Wilson: Margaret (Robertson), 97, of Quebec passed away on December 13th. Our condolences to her children and sisters Delta Babin & Angela Burke and their families.

Bits and Bites:

... Happy Birthday to Beatrice Landry, 99; Victor Burke, 96; Lawrence Burke, Cecilia Baccardax and Marie Boucher, who all turned 94; Murdock Richard and Mathilda Boudreau, 93; Mary Bona, 90; and the youngsters Donnie Pottie and Bobby Sampson, who turned 65.

- ... **Mystery Dinner** evening on January 29th at the TLC. Cost is \$25. Tickets must be purchased by Jan. 22nd. Call Rose 2141, Sharon 2512 or Rebecca 2696 for tickets.
- ... **Mariners Society** will hold their **Annual Fish Chowder** on January 30th from 11 am to 2 pm. Cost is \$8 (2nd bowl free) children under eight-\$4. Cost includes dessert tea/coffee. No shellfish or shellfish additives in the chowder.
- ... **45 Card** game every Sun. 7:30pm, Seniors Bldg.
- ... **Cribbage** every Monday 7pm, Seniors Bldg.
- ... **Merchandise Bingo** February 6th 2pm TLC.
- ... **Exercise Program:** at Seniors Bldg Mon., Wed., & Fri. 11-12 am.
- ... **Seniors Mini Bingo:** Wed., January 19th, 1:30.
- ... **RBCSS meeting** Wed., January 26th, 7pm.
- ... **Seniors meeting** Tues January 22nd, 1:30.
- ... **CAP Site meeting:** Wed., January 12th, at 7 pm.
- ... **Knights of Columbus** meeting Jan 12th, 6:30 pm.
- ... **RB CAP Site hours:** Mon to Thurs. 1-3, 6-8 and Fri. 1-3. The RB CAP Site web address is http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm We are still in need of a few volunteers or some that will act as spares. Call Sharon Digout @ 535-3516 if you can spare a couple of hours a week. There are a few Mike McPhee shirts available. We also have cenotaph shirts left over from last year for \$10. This summer we prepared CD's of the first 10 years of the River Round Up. They have a limited index and can be purchased for \$10 at the site or we will mail them for the extra cost of postage. Our email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Used books also for sale on site.
- ... 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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