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Debbie & David Digout



David Alexander was born December 30th, 1952, the second of four children to Fred & Therese (Baccardax) Digout. As a young lad David loved to swim in the river with his friends and play tennis on Cameron Boyd's clay courts. He played in the Richmond Baseball Association from age 17 to 21 and for another three years as an adult. David played high school hockey and briefly with the Strait Pirates hockey team. As a youngster he helped dad at his sawmill and cutting wood. Following his graduation from St. Peter's High in 1970 David went to St. FX University. In 1974 he graduated with a Bachelor of Science and in 1975 with a Bachelor of Education. During his second year at university David began dating the beautiful Debbie Cosman who was also from River Bourgeois.

Deborah Anne was born October 18th, 1953, the oldest of four children to Ken (formerly of Mabou) & Mary (Cholock) Cosman of Sydney Mines. When Debbie was five, her parents moved the family to River Bourgeois. Dad had been assigned the position of St. Peter's Branch Manager for the Liquor Commission. Debbie graduated from St. Peter's High in 1972 and she also headed to St. FX. Shortly after she arrived she began dating the handsome David Digout. Debbie discovered university was not her

forte so she left to go to work at the Bank of Montreal in Port Hawkesbury.

David & Debbie were wed on September 1st, 1973 by David's uncle, Fr. Peter Baccardax, at St. John the Baptist Church. They have three children: Tanya, who along with husband Chris Boudreau (son of Lucille & Buddy) live in Halifax with their children Ella, Addison & Reid; Christian, who lives in Edmonton with his wife Pamela and daughter Kate; and Shauna, who plans to wed Tommy MacNeil from Sydney in July and lives in Halifax.

Following their marriage Debbie went to work in Antigonish for the Royal Bank while David completed his studies. David's first teaching job was in Wainwright, Alberta where he taught math and science for four years. Debbie continued to work for the Royal Bank in Wainwright. David joined the Knights of Columbus and he and the other young Knights would have sports events with the students, with each class taking turns to decide the sport they would like to play.

In 1979-1980 David served as principal of Framboise School and for the next twelve years he taught school in St. Peter's, with the exception of one year in Petit De Grat and one in Arichat. His last eleven and a half years were spent teaching at SAERC in Port Hawkesbury where he retired in December 2008. In 1986, when Shauna began school, Debbie decided to return to work at the Royal Bank, this time in St. Peter's. Debbie is now manager of the bank and recently celebrated thirty years of service. She enjoys the benefits of David being retired and having home cooked meals when she gets home. She plans to retire next year.

David, being an avid sportsman, has long volunteered with children: In Alberta, he coached 4 years of basketball & mosquito boy's baseball; at St. Peter's High coached 2 years of hockey & basketball and 5 years of running; in River Bourgeois & Richmond County he coached 10 years of minor league baseball and served as president of minor ball in Richmond County for 5 years; and at SAERC he

coached cross county running, track & field, and 2years of junior high hockey. David in his retirement now enjoys hockey, golf, running, swimming and cross country skiing. Debbie, though focused slightly less on athletics than her husband, did coach a boy's bantam, baseball team, and was a team leader in 4H, where she taught cooking for four years.

Debbie& David are also very dedicated to their community. Debbie was treasurer of RBCSS for several years, served four years on Parish Council & 4H and is a ten year member of the CWL. David serves as treasurer for Parish Council, has put on tennis tournaments for the RBCSS festival and did the church bulletin for thirteen years.

David is notorious for being a prankster, especially on April Fools. He once emptied Debbie's underwear drawer in a plastic bag, which he deposited in the freezer and promptly left for school. Debbie awoke and searched the house and called the school, where the secretary announced on the PA system in David's class that Mrs. Digout was looking for her underwear. The few students who had arrived early had a great chuckle. The children were also the recipients of his many pranks including staging a call from Howard's groceries that the freezer was broken and all ice cream was now free. Their children ages 5, 6 & 8 speedily headed to the store looking for free ice cream which dad paid for later in the day.

These days Debbie & David like to travel to visit family, and the last few years vacationed south with their long-time friends Danny & Ann Landry, Brian & Cheryl Burke and Albert & Marlaine Landry. David loves to challenge mom to a scrabble game and both he and Debbie love cards, dances, walking and spending time with their children and grandchildren. David & Debbie, the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health & happiness and a few more grandchildren.

Christmas Eve Mass



Brenna Cunningham (Tim & Valerie) and Christen MacDonald (Kenzie & Lisette) played **Mary** and **Joseph** during the Christmas Eve Children's Mass at St. John the Baptist Church. Many children took part in the festivities including: **Angels**--Mila Zinck (Paul

& Laurie), Erin Cunningham (Tim & Valerie), Erin MacLellan (Leon & Kendra), Emily Carter (Corey & Amanda), Cailin Carter (Corey & Amanda), Sarah Gibson Lameman (Jordan & Jennifer), Abby Bona (Darren & Courtney), Yasmine Sampson (Louis & Kim); **Sheep**--Carson MacDonald (Kenzie & Lisette), Conner Stone (Chris & Cheryl), Josh Grimes (John & Shari); **Shepherds**--Jeffrey Martin (Joey & Donna), Mason MacDougall (Kevin & Trudy), Ethan Bona (Darren & Courtney); **Kings**--Mylan Touesnard (Mark & Charlene), Dawson Lameman (Jordan & Jennifer), Cameron MacDougall (Kevin & Trudy); **Gifts**--Julia Burke (Basil & Linda), Meghan Merrick (Mark & Rose); **Altar servers**--Adam Sampson (John & Joyce), Dale Burke (John & Wanda); **Choir**--Meghan Merrick (Mark & Rose), Haley Sampson (Gerard & Pamela), Donna Dewolfe (Wayne & Maria), Bethany King (Kevin & Bonita), Chelsey Dakai (Kevin & Jodi), Grant Sampson (Gerard & Pamela), Brandon LaFantasie (Paula), Melanie Poaps (Robert & Ida) Alex Poaps (Robert & Ida), Emily Poaps (Robert & Ida).

Thanks to Father MacDow and Linda Burke.

Celeste Anne & Peter Landry



Peter was born October 14th, 1892, the youngest of five children to Lamand & Sarah (Richard) Landry of the Southside. Peter was a fisherman and sailor with his uncle, Captain Abraham Burke. He later worked as a carpenter in Boston before returning home to do some more fishing and to marry his young sweetheart - sixteen year old Celeste Anne - on January 15th, 1917.

Celeste Anne was born on February 3rd, 1900 to Damien & Eugenie (Landry) Burke of the Southside. She worked at the lobster factory. Peter & Celeste Ann had nine children:

Clarence: 1918, Alberta. Married Nora McCaughey of New Brunswick and they had two children: Noreen & Peter, both in Alberta; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arthur: 1919-1920.

Cecilia: 1920-1975, Halifax. Married Leo Woods of Halifax and they had three sons: Lynn, Bobby &

Michael, all in Halifax; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Leo: 1921-2010, RB. Married Theresa Burke and they had five children: Danny in RB, Vincent in Dartmouth, Leonard & Anne in Halifax and Rose in New York; twelve grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

Helen: 1923, Ottawa. Married George Stone of Lynches River. They had six children: Sharon, Ronnie, Elaine, Kevin, Brian & Mary-Beth; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Eugenie (Jean) 1926-2008. Married Don Eisenhower of Hammonds Plains and they had four children: Judy & Diane in Alberta, David in Halifax and Morgan in PEI; six grandchildren.

Lorraine Francis: 1929, Hamilton. Married Morgan Miles of Newfoundland and they had two daughters: Marlene & Diane, both in Oakville; seven grandchildren.

Stephen: 1931, Burlington. Married Lorraine Muise of Yarmouth and they had three sons: Paul & Todd in Ottawa and Troy in Burlington; four grandchildren.

Earl 1933, Ottawa. Married Louise Deveau of Yarmouth.

Peter and Celeste Ann were married for sixty-three years and had ninety one direct descendants. Peter passed away at age eighty-eight. Celeste Anne passed away at age ninety-seven. *Theresa Landry*

Funeral Home



In 1987 the RBCSS Board of Directors, led by President Madeline Libbus (who also was the District Counsellor), decided it was time that River Bourgeois had a Funeral Home. A public meeting was held and a committee was formed, which included: Committee chairperson Ken Cosman Jr., George A Landry, Arthur Doary, Wayne Boudreau and Danny Landry. Following many visits to other funeral homes in the area, they looked at three possibilities from expanding the vestry, moving the now empty museum building or erecting a new building. All three options were brought to the public meeting and the decision was made to build. Many committee meetings were held, grant applications filed, land was donated by Blaise Boyd and decisions had to be made on how to raise funds. Labour was paid by a federal government grant and the community pledged

monies towards supplies. Monica & Stanley McPhee collected the pledges and money poured in. In 1989 all was completed and a grand opening was held. Over the years there were many caretakers of the funeral home including: Blaise & Gretchen Landry, Sylvia & Peter Pottie, Leona & Gerald Campbell, Adrian & Tina Touesnard and Marie & Conrad Fougere.

Now, twenty-two years later, the funeral home, which is used not only by RB residence but surrounding communities, is starting to need repairs. In the last couple of years a new roof was required, the main window was replaced (along with new drapes), the kitchen floor was replaced and a vacuum cleaner was purchased. It is now time to replace the carpet, additional windows, solve the drainage and humidity problems, purchase an air conditioning unit, conduct landscaping and keep up with regular repairs. Recently a new committee was formed under the umbrella of RBCSS to look at these issues. This new committee includes: Conrad & Marie Landry, Albert Burke, Donnie Pottie, Raymond Doary and Kenneth LeBlanc. There are now "Funeral Home" donations cards placed in the funeral home for anyone wishing to make donations on behalf of the deceased.



Memory tree placed at St. John the Baptist Church

At Christmas a memory tree of Angels and Doves was placed in the church, allowing people to donate money in memory of a loved one or as a gift in someone's name. This project raised a total of \$3177, all of which will go directly towards repairs, maintenance and expenses of the funeral home. Tax receipts will be issued every January for any contributions of \$10 or more.

Doves and Angels were given in memory of: Margaret Bayer, Edwin Bona, Margaret & Joseph Bouchard, Agnes & Alex Boucher, Millie & Charlie Boucher, Boudreau & MacLeod families, Darren Boudreau, George Boudreau, Gertie Boudreau, Sam Boudreau, Clara & Harry Bourque, John Boyd, Marie Boyd, Nellie Boyd, Willie Boyd, Alex Burke, Amilda Burke, Betty & Sam Burke, Clara & Joe P. Burke, Delore Burke, Hilda Burke, Louis Burke, Mark

Burke, Muriel Burns, Irene Chilvers, Patricia Coleman, Kenneth Cosman Sr., Marlene DeVinceutis, Lucille Dewolfe, Fred Digout, Everett Doary, Fred & Geline Doary, Joseph Henry & Isabel (Smith-MacDonald) England, Wallace England, Jason Forbrigger, Cecilia & Walter Fougere, Scott Fougere, Sam & Evelyn Fougere, Fougere & White families, Art Gardner, Gordon Howley, Benny Konning, Robert Kyte, Family of Alvina & Joe Landry, Parents of George J. Landry, Celeste & Peter Landry, Charles "George" Landry, Delphis Landry, Sandra Landry, Dorothy Landry, Elizabeth Landry, Bernard Landry, Beatrice & Charlie Landry, Bertha Landry, Elizabeth Landry, Gervase Landry, Leo Landry, Lloyd Landry, Margaret & Cletus Landry, Rita & John Landry, Sandra Landry, Fred LeBlanc, Alexander MacDonald, Amilene MacDonald, Donald John MacDonald, Eugene MacDonald, Hugh Allen MacDonald, John J. MacDonald, Ethel & Everett MacDow, MacNeil Family, Gertrude & Arthur Mahon, Bertha Martell, Nicholas Martell, Marguerite McKenna, Mary & Alex McPhee, May & Leo McPhee, Arthur Morrison, Herman Morrison, Jordan Owens, Bob Pettigrew, Esther & Arthur Pottie, Leo & Margaret M. Pottie, River Bourgeois Catholic Women's League (deceased members), Casilda Richard, Jessica Romano, Elnora Sampson, Edward Sampson, James Sampson, Percy Sampson, Peter Paul (Augustine) Sampson, Peter Sampson, Rachel (Burke) Sampson, Ronnie Sampson, Theresa Sampson, Vincent Sampson, James Henry and Mary Sampson, Mary Margaret Savoie, Michael Shea, Patsy, Louise & Steve Smith, Rachael Thibeau, Alfred Touesnard, Catherine Touesnard, Gladys Touesnard, Renee Touesnard, Kitty Wincey, and "For Everyone" who lost someone.

Gifts were given in the names of:

Dr. Dorothy Barnard, Charlie Digout, Debra & David Digout, Karin & Art Digout, Marj & Stan Digout, Sharon & George Digout, Therese Digout, Anna Leaney, Joseph White.

Deaths

Carter: John, 77, of Sampsonville passed away on January 15th. Our condolences his wife Sarah, his brother Simon Carter and their families.

Digout: Vincent, 87 of Brantford, Ontario passed away on January 25th. Our condolences to his wife Marie, daughter Joanne, brothers: George, Stan, Charlie, Ferdinand and Marshall, sister Germaine and sister in-law Therese Digout and their families.

Trueman: Carrie, 93, passed away January 15th. Our condolences to her children Yvonne, Sharon, Joan & Ronald and their families.

Wincey: Catherine (Kitty), 68, of Sampsonville passed away on December 29th. Our condolences to her husband Daniel, children Daniel, David, Dana,

Darren and sister, Emily Morrison of River Tillard and their families.

Bits and Bites:

- ... Our apology to Mary Bona for erroneously making her ninety years of age six months early. We didn't want to forget your birthday Mary.
- ... Happy 96th birthday to Margaret Bouchard, 88th to Viola Touesnard, the BIG 60 to Peter LeBlanc and the BIG 50 to Linda Burke.
- ... **Merchandise Bingo:** February 6th 2pm, TLC.
- ... **Bridge Tournament:** Feb 13th 1-4pm at Seniors Bldg.
- ... **Valentine's Day Tea:** Feb. 14th from 1-3pm Seniors Bldg.
- ... **45 Card game** every Sun. 7:30pm, Seniors Bldg.
- ... **Cribbage:** every Monday 7pm, Seniors Bldg.
- ... **Exercise Program** at Seniors Bldg Mon., Wed., & Fri. 11am-12pm.
- ... **Seniors Mini Bingo:** Wed., Feb. 16th, 1:30 pm.
- ... **RBCSS meeting:** Wed., February 23rd, 7pm.
- ... **Seniors meeting:** Tues., February 8th, 1:30 pm.
- ... **CAP Site meeting:** Wed., February 9th, at 7 pm.
- ... **Knights of Columbus** mtg. Feb. 9th, 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. 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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