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Doug & Dolores Roberts



Dolores Carrie was born on January 20th, 1949, the first of six children to Vincent and Rachel (Burke) Sampson of the Church Point. During her years growing up she loved the South Side and spent many a day there with her godparents Emily & Henry Fougere, cousins Artie, Isabelle & Lester and grandmother Philemon Burke. The best part was visits to her Uncle Victor & Aunt Evelyn's and of the treats from their general store. She has fond memories with Artie walking to Richard's Pond and visiting his grandparents Remi & Mary and his Uncle Joseph, also picking berries and roaming the back woods. For a year she took the school bus to keep her grandmother company during her later years. She recalls once when out driving that Henry hit a deer and she couldn't wait to tell her grandmother. Upon arrival Philemon was rocking in her chair looking very old. When told about the deer, she immediately arose from her chair like a thirty year old, got a big knife and headed for the shed where Henry was hanging the deer. She helped skin, gut and clean the

deer while the others watched in awe. At home Dolores relished her many trips with brothers Percy, Ronnie & Bruce and sister Beverley rowing to the island in her Mom's row boat to pick berries, play on the beach, swim and skate. She loved playing house with her best friend Susan Boudreau and ball & board games with cousins Margie and Gregory. In 1967 Dolores left for Halifax to Camp Hill Hospital for a nursing assistant's course. While at a dance at Olympic Gardens she met the handsome Doug Roberts.

Douglas Allan was born on Vancouver Island on October 6th 1949, the eldest of seven children to Wilma & Tom Roberts. The day Doug turned seventeen he quit school and joined the navy. He was immediately sent off to Cornwallis for basic training then to Halifax to await a place in radio school. This is where he met his true love Dolores. After four months of courtship, Doug was deployed to Esquimalt, BC. It took six months for Doug to be granted his request to return to Halifax. He continued his relationship with his sweetie. On May 31st. 1969, Dolores & Doug were married at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Halifax. They have two children, Sean who resides on Vancouver Island with wife Holly and children Linaya & Evan and Joan who lives in Winnipeg with her family of animals.

Their first two years were spent in Dartmouth and after five years of service, Doug was honourably released and the family moved to Nanaimo, Doug's home town. Doug worked on tug boats as a cook/deckhand while taking upgrading courses in his off time. After four years in BC, they returned to RB to help her dad with the younger children after the deaths of her mother and two brothers, Percy & Ronnie, all within a two year period. During that time they built a home next door where they lived for seven years while Doug continued to pursue his education and worked at sea. In 1983 Doug was skipper of a systemic ship on the Beaufort Sea being flown to and from work and since it didn't matter where the family lived, they took the children, now twelve & fifteen out west to get to know their father's

family and to be near her sister Beverley who had earlier moved there.

Doug earned his Master Mariners Certificate of Competency allowing him to sail any ship of any size anywhere around the world. His work took him to many places such as: Netherlands, Panama, Dubai, Singapore, China, Venezuela, Africa, United Kingdom, Siapan, Borneo, Indonesia, Brazil, Gibraltar, Mexico, Cuba, Bermuda, Alaska, etc. Dolores worked for friends in their greenhouse transplanting seedlings and as a deli cook in the farmers' market for twelve years before it was closed. She went to work for a privately owned nursing home as cook for twenty-one residents, all of whom became like family. When the home was replaced by a larger one she decided it was time to retire. Dolores & Doug did a lot of travelling over the years and have explored every province, territory and parts of the USA by car and have gone to such places as the Bahamas & Costa Rica. One of Dolores' favourite trips was with daughter Joan, when they motored to Alaska and the Yukon (where they attended friend & former neighbour Patricia Sampson's wedding).

Although life was good, Dolores always dreamed of the day she could return to her Cape Breton home and in 2005 (twenty-one years later) that became a reality. Now she is contented at the old homestead cooking meals for Doug & friends, spending time at Tim Horton's with her coffee buddies and playing darts. She loves to travel to Nanaimo to be with the kids, her mother-in-law Wilma and old friends. Doug loves to play in his blacksmith shop and work around the yard on his Kubota tractor while still working on boats part time. The people of River Bourgeois wish you both many more years of good health & happiness.

Beatrice Celebrates 100th Birthday



Beatrice Landry celebrated her 100th birthday with son Larry, his wife Denise, grandchildren: Kristin & Lyndsay and her many friends on December 4th.

Beatrice (wife of the late Pap) now resides at the Richmond Villa. Congratulations Beatrice!

Mariner Society's installs boat launch



Donnie & Gordie Fougere working on the boat launch pad located along side the Mariner's dock on the Lower Road.

Seniors' Christmas Party



President Anne Sampson showing off her festive sweater.

On December 13th fifty-four of our seniors enjoyed a nice potluck lunch and good company.



Pictured above are some of our seniors enjoying conversation during the Christmas festivities. Fore front are Theresa Landry & Mildred Burke, behind them are Stash Boudreau & Kim Henebry, followed by Art Digout and George J. Landry.

Community Christmas Celebration



Julia MacPhee (Rose & Noland) and Abigail Morris (granddaughter of Ian & Jill Lock) officially lit the Christmas tree.



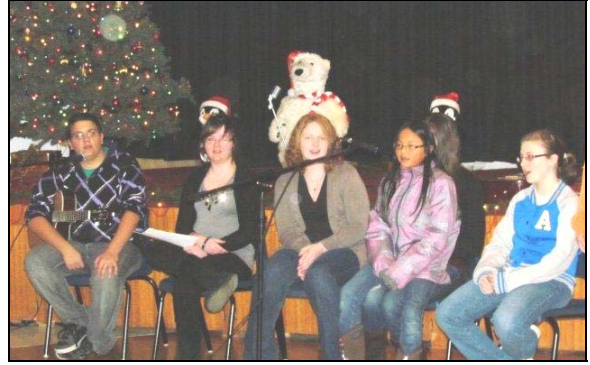
Emily Grimes (Sheri & John) giving Santa her list



Colton Burke (Mitchell & Mindy) was in awe of Santa Claus's beard.

On December 17th one hundred and four community residents celebrated our 8th Annual Christmas Celebration with friends & neighbors at the Tara Lynne Center sponsored by River Bourgeois Community Service Society. Following the tree lighting, the youth entertained everyone with some caroling before Mr. and Mrs. Santa and their elf appeared to the anticipating children. Everyone was

treated to some delicious refreshments prepared by Debbie & Rebecca Landry.



Entertainers: Brandon LaFantaise, Leanne Boudreau, Robyn Merrick, Brenna Cunningham & Jillian Burke.

RBCSS Recognizes Volunteers



Marie & Conrad Fougere are recognized for their unrelenting years of devotion as caretakers of the River Bourgeois Funeral Home. They also have been taking care of the cleaning of Saint John the Baptist Church for many years. Congratulations to both of you!



Tina Coleman is recognized for her unending commitment as secretary to both RBCSS and the Catholic Woman's League. She has spent the last eighteen months on policies and procedures & job descriptions for both organizations (the world's most

tedious job). She also does the weekly church bulletin and serves as a lector, greeter & gift bearer at church and volunteers at the Richmond Villa. Congratulations Tina!

Frances receives recognition award



Frances St. Louis received a recognition award from the East Mobility Disability Association. Frances was able to upgrade her education & is employed seasonally with Dundee Resort.

Community Events

January 18th: Mini Bingo @ RB Seniors Building @ 1:30.

January 21st: Pub & Trivia night will be held @ Tara Lynne Center @ 8 pm. \$20 for team of four. Come have some fun with friends. There is no need to pre register.

January 29th: Bridge Tournament 1-4 pm @ RB Seniors Bldg. Call Sharon Digout @ 535-3516 to register your team.

February 12th: Brunch from 10:30 to 1:00 @ Tara Lynne Center. Cost is \$8, children under ten is \$5.

February 14th: Valentine's Day Tea @ RB Seniors Building from 1:00 to 3:00.

February 20th: Cribbage Tournament @ RB Seniors Building at 7:00 pm.

February 25th: Celtic Kitchen Party @ Tara Lynne Center at 7:00. Cost is \$5.

Births

Touesnard: Sophia Isabella, 7lbs 12oz, was born October 31st to Mitchell & Jennifer. A sister for Josee. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents: Kevin Touesnard, Cathy Cotton, David & Gladys Bona, great grandparents Cletus & Mary Touesnard and Beatrice Bona.

Deaths

Campbell: Gerald MacLean, 82, passed away on December 3rd. Our condolences to his wife Leona, children: Sandra, Ian & Peter and their families.

Manning: Frank, 83, of Hamilton passed away on November 18th. Our condolences to his wife Lola & sister-in-law Jane Landry

Matthews: Arthur Joseph, 66, passed away on December 7th. Our condolences to his wife Pauline & son Gordon

Bits and Bites

... **Happy 97th birthday** to Victor Burke; 95th to Cecile Baccardax, Lawrence Burke and Marie Boucher; 94th to Mathilda Boudreau; 85th to Fabie Richard; 77th to Roderick Burke; 68th to Hubert Fougere & Audrey MacNeil; 65th to Eddie and George A Landry.

... **Seniors 45 Card** game every Sun. at 7:30pm.

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

... **Seniors Meeting:** Tues. January 10th at 1:30.

... **RBCSS Meeting** January 25th 7pm @ CAP Site.

... **RB CAP Site Meeting** Tue, January 17th 7 pm.

... **RB CAP Site's "new" hours** are: Tues. & Thurs. 2 to 8 pm until after the March break.

Please note that if schools are closed for storms, the site will be closed. If there is a real need for access outside of these hours, you can call Sharon Digout @535-3516 or Dorothy Bernard @ 535-3447. The RB CAP Site web address is http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm. The cost of photocopying was \$0.25 effective December 1st. Our email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Phone # is 535-3251 & fax 535-3638. There are RRUP CD's, cenotaph & some Mike McPhee t-shirts available at the CAP Site. For Mariner's t-shirts (large only), call Sherry @535-3182.

... 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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... Happy New Year From The Staff Of The River Round Up

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