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Lucille & Paul Martell



Lucille Marion was born on August 16th, 1955 the fourth of six children to Rita (Richard) & John (a Susie) Landry of Cannes. Lucille attended Stella Maris School and St. Peter's High School, graduating in 1973. In 1971 while studying for her grade ten, Lucille attended a high school dance at the "Old Fire Hall" and met the dark handsome eighteen year old Paul Martell. It was love at first sight and they became high school sweethearts. Upon completion of her schooling, Lucille worked for Unemployment Insurance in Port Hawkesbury until Dec. 1974.

Charles Paul (always known to everyone as Paul) was born on January 25th, 1953 the fourth of seven children to Nan (Sampson) & Ron Martell of St. Peter's. Paul attended St. Peter's School, leaving during his tenth grade and returning two years later. Lucille's version of the story is that Paul kept returning to grade ten in order to meet the lady of his dreams and that was fulfilled when he met cute little Lucille at sixteen years of age, at the dance and graduated with her in 1973. Upon completion of his schooling Paul joined the Armed Forces and went to basic training in Cornwallis.

Lucille & Paul were married at St. John the Baptist on December 28th, 1974. They borrowed a car to go on their honeymoon. The problem was its summer tires were bald so in the middle of a snow storm they only managed to make it across the causeway to Auld's Cove. It was a stormy start but all is well as they recently celebrated thirty-seven years of wedded bliss. Lucille & Paul are blessed with three beautiful daughters: Danette, along with husband Mike Doucette & daughter Breanna, reside in Oromocto, NB; Tannis (whose first husband Trevor Gilles passed away in 2008) has found love again with James Boudreau and they have recently built a home by her late grandparents (Rita & John Landry's) house, have two young boys Keighan & Karson; and Kyla & her husband David Mulford reside in Riverview, NB with son Jacob.

When Paul completed his basic training in 1974 as a Supply Technician, he was posted to Calgary for a year before being moved to Greenwood for the next five years. In 1981 Paul left the forces and he, Lucille and two young daughters moved to RB where they lived with Lucille's aunt Valerie Boyd. Daughter Kyla arrived shortly afterwards.

Paul recalls a time deer hunting during the fall of 1981 or 82 when he was hauling a deer from the woods around 4:30 in the afternoon. Just as he was breaking the tree line with his prize, his father-in-law was coming home from work. John stopped to lend a hand and as they were loading the deer onto the vehicle, John (being an enforcement officer with Lands & Forests) says in his easy going manner, "Paul, it would be a good idea if you put the tag on it." Paul wasn't going to get a chance to bag another deer that season!!

In 1983 Paul realized the grass was not greener on the outside and re-enlisted with the Forces. First he was sent to Moose Jaw, Sask. before being transferred to Halifax where he did a stint with the Submarine Squadron. He was, afterwards posted within CFB Halifax back to base where he helped lay the foundation for the first Military Support Centre, working as a Crisis Intervention Specialist. In this

capacity these specialists helped military wives and children who had trouble coping with daily life when the military members were deployed at sea for extended periods.

In 1988 Paul was posted in Lahr, Germany for five years. Lucille was a stay at home mom until they were in Lahr and she became a military police dispatcher and gate guard. As a gate guard she had her own gun! Her girls often referred to her as their “pistol packing mama”. Germany was a “chance of a lifetime” posting for them. They did a fair amount of travelling throughout Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France absorbing the history of these beautiful old countries. Their girls spent their school trips on Rhine cruises, skiing in the Alps and exploring old castle ruins. Learning the language was a challenge but they mastered ordering food and beer in German so never needed to worry about hunger or thirst. Upon returning to Canada in 1993 Paul’s posting was at the Supply Depot in Moncton, NB where he remained until his retirement in 1994 following twenty years of service. Paul & Lucille remained in Moncton for the next 14 years as their two youngest girls were in high school, got married and the grandchildren were close by. Paul worked for the Board of Education as a teacher’s assistant to an autistic child while Lucille worked for Fundy Cable (which went under but through no fault of hers), Blue Cross and Atlantic Lottery.

In 2005, Paul & Lucille decided to move back home for good. They purchased a home in St. Peter’s where they lived for five years before moving to their present “lovely old home with a view”, the former home of Dorothy Bernard, Milton Pottie, etc. Paul is employed part time with Home Hardware and Lucille is employed with the MacDonald Country Inn.

These days Paul & Lucille enjoy beachcombing, making jewellery from their treasures and buying & selling it online. Paul also dabbles with acrylic painting while Lucille enjoys cross stitching, playing cards and bingo. Lucille & Paul the people of River Bourgeois are glad you have returned home and we wish you many years of good health and happiness.

Lobster Factory



The lobster factory and dock were located on the south side shore near the present home of Gerald &

Janet LeBlanc. It was owned and operated by Isaac LeVesconte and an unknown partner. They would purchase the lobsters for five cents each from the local fisherman during the spring & summer and they were canned at the factory and mostly shipped to the US. The bodies were not canned and the locals would help themselves to the free food. There were six to eight people working there during those months and they were paid \$1 a day for wages. Among those who worked there were John Burke (brother of Lawrence), Fred LeBlanc, and Amos & Angus Thibeau. The factory was closed in 1929 and sold to Peter Landry who dismantled the building and used the wood to build hen coops. Thanks to Lawrence Burke (River Bourgeois’s encyclopaedia) for the information and to Anne Louise for the photo.

School Photos of the 1930’s

Most of the following photos were taken by Sarah Digout at the Cannes School in the 1930’s. In the next several months we will feature more of these photos and also some from the East End School.



Cecilia Boyd married Walter Fougere and had four children: Russell, Mimi, Eddie & Gerry. Loretta Sampson became a nun and was known as Sister Josephine.



Elizabeth (Zabeth) LeBlanc married Sam Burke. Ethel Landry married George Bowser and they had seven children: Marie, Rita, Leo, Joan, Ann, Yvonne & Blair



Evalina Burke lived in Cannes. Eileen Landry ran the Cannes Post Office. Neither one married.

Science Fair Winners



Brett Dakai displaying his project on how to clean a penny



Selinda Touesnard (Laurie Sutor) displaying her project on "All washed up". Photos by Dana MacPhail

Births

Allen: Maeryn M, 5lbs 4oz, was born on Mar 17th to Martha & Troy of Sampsonville. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Margie Allen, Diane &

Conrad Landry, great grandmom Marjorie Mackenzie-McKay.

Ricalton: Hallie, 5 lbs 11 oz, and Breton, 6lbs 5oz, were born on February 13th to Rhonda & Daniel of Saskatchewan. A brother & sister for Gabriel & Annabelle. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents: Leonard & Cynthia Pottie, Dave & Sue Ricalton and great grand mom Jean Pottie.

Deaths

Burke: Victor Desire, 97, passed away on March 20th. Our condolences to his wife Evelyn, children: Linda & Debbie, brother Lawrence & their families.

Digout: Charlie, 92, passed away on March 23rd. Our condolences to his children: Judy, Charles Jr, his brothers: Ferdinand, Marshall, Stan, George and sister, Germaine Carter and their families.

LeBlanc: John, 73, (husband of the late Patsy Smith) of Halifax passed away on March 20th. Our condolences to his in-laws: Bobby Smith & Gail Brooks.

Wawzonek: Clayton James, 17, of Calgary passed away on March 24th. Our condolences to his parents, brothers and grandmother Catherine Wawzonek and step-grandfather Tony Touesnard.

RB Technology & Training Centre

Mission: To provide non-profit organizations, businesses, seniors, children, students, educators, youth, the community at large and tourists with high quality, affordable access to technology, the internet and training opportunities. Officially opened October 14th, 2000, after a summer of planning, the centre provides services for the RB region as well as East Richmond. Initial members of the Oversight Committee were Glenda Sampson and Sherry Baccardax (Co-Chairs), Alison Boudreau (Secretary). Sherry also acted as Treasurer! Others involved were Sharon Digout, Pamela Sampson, Florence Sampson, Debbie Burke, Lynn Boudreau (largely responsible for the website), Michelle Sampson, Marlaine Burke, Holly Stone, Heidi Stone, Joe MacPhee and Bob Pettigrew. Later members included Ann MacNeil-Landry, Wanda Burke, Therese Pottie, Ann Clow, George Landry, Tim Cunningham, Tanya Stone and Marguerite MacDonald. Sharon & Holly remain members 12 years later! We still have a strong base of dedicated volunteers who carry out the activities of the centre during the fall, winter and spring. The centre is depended on for its wireless & internet access, photocopying, scanning & fax equipment. The centre also has used books and jigsaw puzzles for sale. Many use the centre to search our genealogical and statistical records.

Resources include: Available for Community Groups to access for meetings, etc, Wireless High speed Internet Access, Color and Black & White printing,

Fax machine, Information Backup hardware including CD Burner, DVD Player, Scanner, Photocopier, 2 Rotary Paper Trimmers, Paper Shredder, Computers with Win XP, Windows 7 and Internet Access, Headsets for quiet listening, Port USB 2.0 High Speed Hubs, Microsoft Office 2007 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Corel WordPerfect Suite 2002 - WordPerfect 10, Quattro Pro, Lotus Smart Suite 9.0 and 9.8 - Lotus 123, Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing Version 15, Paint Shop Pro 7, AVG Antivirus, Microsoft Front Page 2002, Microsoft Publisher 2002, Scrabble, Adobe Acrobat Reader 9 Premium, Internet Explorer 8, Firefox and Family Tree Maker.

A major activity of the centre is the publication of the River Round Up. It was reinstated at the same time as the CAP site was initially established under the editorial guidance of Sharon Digout and Joe MacPhee. Approximately 250-300 copies of the newsletter are sold over the summer months and 200-250 copies during the winter months (all available at the website [HTTP://NS4.SEASIDE.NS.CA/~RBCAP/](http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/)). It was featured in the September/October 2010 issue of *Saltscapes* magazine. The centre has produced a CD of the past ten years of the River Round Up, CDs/DVDs of the history of our community veterans and the installation ceremony of the local cenotaph, digitalized copies of River Round Ups first published between 1941 and 1970, and a CD of the brochures originally produced for the Heritage Walks (historical tours of each section of RB and surrounding communities). These CDs/DVDs and brochures are used as fund raisers at the annual RB Festival and throughout the year. During the summer months, the St. John the Baptist and St. Peter's church bulletins are formatted & printed by the centre (@250 copies). During the summer of 2011, the summer student began to re-type and proofread old issues of the River Round Up updating 1941-1970 so they can be preserved on CD's.

During the summer months, the presence of a student allows for longer hours of access to the site as well as the undertaking of particular tasks designed to further the resources available to the communities we serve. The experience gained by previous students through the position of Coordinator has been beneficial for their ongoing education and career development.

As we re-evaluate how we can best continue to serve our communities, we are seeking input from users and potential users about resources that would be helpful to have at the CAP site. We are looking for wild, woolly, weird & wonderful wishes and suggestions! Please email (BARNDR@GMAIL.COM), phone (535-3447) or write suggestions to Dorothy Barnard at PO Box 42, River Bourgeois, B0E 2X0.

Submitted by Dorothy Barnard.

Bits and Bites

- ... **RB Mariners** would like to thank everyone who supported the Fish Chowder Lunch on March 25. Special thanks to Louis Boudreau for making the chowder, all those who baked & Marc Touesnard who won the 50/50 & generously donated his \$107 win back to the Mariners.
- ... **Happy 65th**. Birthday to our postmaster Carmen Fougere and 60th to Frederick Richard. Birthday wishes in March to; Claire MacPhee, Linda Richard, Lucille Landry, Marie Mombourquette, Gerry Fougere, Whitney Boudreau & Clifford Touesnard.
- ... **Merchandise Bingo** Apr. 29th 1:45 sponsored by the CWL.
- ... **Merchandise Bingo** May 20th 1:45 sponsored by RB Seniors Club.
- ... **Dinner Theatre** to be held in May. Stay tune to next month's River Round Up for more details.
- ... **Seniors 45 Card** game every Sunday at 7:30pm.
- ... **Cribbage** every Monday at 7 pm, Seniors Bldg.
- ... **Seniors mini bingo** Wed., April 18th 1:30pm.
- ... **RBCSS Meeting** April 25th, 7pm.
- ... **Seniors Annual Meeting** April 17th 12:00 cold potluck luncheon.
- ... **RB CAP Site Annual & General Meetings** Tue, April 18th 7 pm.
- ... **CWL meeting** April 13th, 7pm in vestry.
- ... **CAP site.** The spring hours are weekdays from 1-3 pm; and from 6-8 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday only. If there is a real need for access outside of these hours, you can call Sharon Digout @535-3516 or Dorothy Bernard @ 535-3447. Our email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. Our web site is http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm. Phone # is 535-3251 & fax 535-3638.
- ... 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.
- ... The Round Up is available at Bucky's Garage, RB Post Office or East Coast Credit Union. Subscriptions are available for \$20.00 delivered in RB, \$30.00 within Canada and \$40.00 internationally per year.

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