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Maxine & Vincent Kendall



Neil (Vincent) was born on December 13th, 1962 the first of three children to Walter & Emily (Fougere) Kendall of Cannes. The family lived on the Lower Road in a house that was 13 by 22 feet (Vincent's living room today is four feet longer). In that house there were Vincent's brother William, his sister Louise, his parents, and Walter's grandmother. Needless to say, playing hide and seek in the house was not an option. Dad is a colourful gentleman and a jack of all trades and was famous for building a cement boat that didn't float for too long. Following his schooling, Vincent attended Canso Regional Vocational in Port Hawkesbury to study welding. Not a great career choice, as there were no jobs available. So after graduating, he started mowing lawns for Eddie Harris. Eddie was an electrician and offered to apprentice Vincent in that trade. Vincent took his offer and was indentured on April 1st 1983 (no joke). He studied for four years with Eddie and in each of those years he would spend five weeks in Halifax taking courses before becoming a licensed electrician in 1983. He continued to work with Eddie until 1990.

Maxine Ann was born December 19th, 1965 the second of five children to Melvin & Judy (Burke) Carter of Cannes. Her parents were living with

Grandma Obeline until Maxine was two years old and then her parents purchased the gift shop owned by Stewart O'Connell and made it into a tiny two-bedroom house for seven people. Hide and seek was not practical in that house either. When in the fourth grade, Maxine disembarked from the school bus in the pouring rain and as she turned around a young gentleman by the name of Vincent Kendall took her hand and walked her home in the rain. Many years later they would take many more walks in the rain. Following her schooling, Maxine adventured to North Bay, ON to live with her sister Paula and her hubby Terry Stone (Ethel & George's boy). She worked for Cortina's Pizza along side Paula. In 1987 Maxine returned home and went to work at the Richmond Villa. During this time she began walking on the Lower Road and it just seemed coincidental that each time she walked so did Vincent. During a dance at MacBouch he finally asked her to dance and two years of courting later, they wed.

Maxine & Vincent were married on August 17th, 1991. They have three children: James who resides in Halifax, Alisha who is in her second year of studies at NSCC & Mark who is in his last year of high school and plans to follow dad's footsteps and become an electrician. Following their marriage Maxine & Vincent lived in his grandparents' (Loretta & Ephrem Fougere) homestead that he had inherited. In August 1995 they moved to their newly built home on the Lower Road.

In 1990 Vincent went to Toronto to work until 1991 before returning home. He then went to work at the Port Aconi power plant for the next two years. In June of 1993, he started an electrical business known as V & L Electric with his brother-in-law Lorin Carter. In 2004 Lorin & his family moved to Sackville and Vincent ventured out on his own. In 2008 the work became too much for his ailing back so he left the business and became an Electrical Inspector for Nova Scotia Power. No, he is not responsible for those power hikes. Meanwhile Maxine left the Richmond Villa to tend to her growing family. She was V & L's secretary from

1993 to 2008. Since 2005 she has worked part time as her Aunt Claire's replacement delivering mail and since 2011 is working part time at MacDonnell's Pharmacy.

In 2003 Maxine, Vincent and the children spent seven weeks on an adventure across Canada, ending up on Vancouver Island. They visited many friends and relatives along the way. Maxine & Vincent the people of River Bourgeois wish you many more years of good health and wedded bliss.

Triple Celebration at Mass July 28th



Sister Helen Burke (daughter of Clara & Harry) celebrated fifty years as a nun with Les Filles de Jesus order. She renewed her vows at St. John the Baptist Church in French, the language she originally took her vows in. Sister Helen is now lives at the convent in Arichat. Sr. Helen's first forty-five years as a nun were depicted in the February, 2008 RRU. She continues to spend countless hours doing her good deeds. She still visits the sick and gives them communion. She continues to collect bottles by the roadside and with these funds she assists the needy, family members in universities and purchases little gifts for the many patrons she visits. Sister Helen, you have served and continue to serve your profession to the maximum. We thank you and wish you all the best in the future. Congratulations on your milestone!



Father Hughie D. MacDonald celebrated his 60th anniversary as a Parish Priest. Father Hughie was

ordained in 1952 and was Parish Priest in River Bourgeois from 1988 to 1991. Father Hughie D. co-celebrated the Mass with Father Dennis Lamey, Parish Priest and Father John Yake, nephew of the late Xavier Burke.

Evelyn Burke celebrated her 96th birthday on the same day as Sister Helen and Fr, Hughie D. celebrated their milestones. She has the honour of being Sister Helen's godmother.

Monica & Joe Stone celebrate 60th



Monica (Richard) & Joe Stone were married on August 21st, 1952. They have two sons, Joey & Jimmy, and have two grandchildren, Ellen & Daniel.

Wendy Aiken Sampson



I graduated from SPDH in 1992, third in my class and a Canada Scholar. Having already decided on a career in the military, I enrolled days later in the Canadian Forces as an officer and began a new chapter of my life that spanned 20 years. In that time, I attended the Royal Military College (RMC) in Kingston and received a Civil Engineering degree. After graduation, I transferred from the army to the navy and began training in my new occupation as a Marine Systems Engineering Officer. I trained in Halifax, Victoria & England. I sailed on *HMCS PROTECTEUR* & *PRESERVER*, our fleet tankers and only remaining steam ships, for about three

years. I was an instructor at the Naval Engineering School in Halifax and did a one year tour in Egypt. I was then posted to Ottawa where I spent the last nine years doing various desk jobs in project & training management and foreign liaison. After 20 years, I retired as a Naval Lieutenant in order to be a full time mom.

I've had a full & satisfying career, but what really stands out in my mind from those twenty years are the incredible experiences I've had, things I've done, and opportunities I got that I never would have had otherwise. For instance, I recall rappelling off a cliff during basic training while enjoying a view of the Rocky Mountains. At military college I learned to play the snare drum and performed with the pipes & drums band at mess dinners, parades & ceremonies all over Ontario and the US. I vaulted with the gymnastics display team as part of the half time show at Sky Dome for Vanier Cup. I hiked through ice caves during a summer in Alert. I visited Stonehenge, Loch Ness & Edinburgh Castle while on course in England.

I learned to scuba dive and became the ship's team diving officer while on the *PRESERVER*. I jumped out of helicopters into the open ocean and was hoisted back up again to help our aircrew practice search & rescue techniques. I lead our dive team to recover a training dummy from a sunken helicopter fuselage/wreckage off the coast of Curacao. I marvelled at the size of *USS TORTUGA* as we refuelled her at sea while simultaneously refuelling a frigate on the other side. I donned fire-retardant suits and breathing apparatus to fight shipboard fires and have stood waist deep in water while trying to stop a flood, all in the name of training. I swam in the Dead Sea, visited the pyramids, rode a camel and sailed the Nile while on deployment in Egypt. I got to fly a UH-1 helicopter along the Mediterranean coast. I climbed Mount Sinai and followed in the footsteps of Moses to catch the sunrise at the summit.

Back in Ottawa, I joined a shooting team and spent weekends honing my skills at putting holes in paper bad guys from 500 meters away. I also won awards in pistol shooting. I reunited with a piece of home when I ran into Leon Sampson, (Bernard & Lenova's son), and learned he too lived in Ottawa. We started a friendship and were married three years later. Then life got really interesting! I was posted to my final job in the world of foreign liaison and met some of the most amazing people, foreign military attachés and ambassadors from around the world. I toured through Ontario with a bus load of Chinese generals while seven months pregnant with our first child. I rode the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls with the Army Commander from Poland. I took a group of foreign attachés horseback riding in Banff. I witnessed a Top Gun moment while two F-18 fighter jets escorted our aircraft into an airbase. I've toured through the

Governor General's private residence. I rode in a tank with the Chief of Defence of New Zealand. I've dined with celebrities and dignitaries alike. And most importantly, I have had the good fortune to work with, for and alongside the highest calibre of people anyone could hope to meet and forged friendships that will last a lifetime.

In July 2012, I retired from the Canadian Forces as a Naval Lieutenant, satisfied that I'd accomplished all I'd set out to do and looking forward to the next 20 years as I embark upon the next chapter of my life as a full time mom to our two children, Kaitlyn(4) & Zachary(2).

Thanks Wendy for serving our country.

Obeline celebrates her 90th Birthday



Obeline Burke celebrated her 90th birthday a few months early but it was the only time that all of her children could come home. An open house was held and an array of friends spent the afternoon wishing her nothing but the best and many more years. Obeline now reside with her daughter Judy & husband Melvin Carter.

University Graduate



April Sampson (Glen & Annette) recently completed her Masters of Library and Information Science at the University of Western Ontario. She will begin a contract as Community Services Librarian with

Eastern Counties Regional Library at the end of August.

Mariner's Poker Run



The Mariners Society will be holding their 4th Annual Boat Poker Run on September 8th. The poker run will commence from the floating docks on the Lower Road at 10 am. Anyone wishing to join in who doesn't have a boat may come down to the docks and hitch a ride (if available). Anyone can play a hand (\$15)! Barbeque & canteen available. In case of bad weather, Sept. 9th is the rain date.

Births

Burke: Jack Neil, 8 lbs. 7 oz, was born on July 25th to Allan & Christie of Halifax. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents Marlaine & Albert Burke and Terry Mulcahy.

Landry: Kathryn (Katie) Elizabeth, 7lbs, born on July 27th to Nadia & Gordie. A sister for Sarah. Congratulations to the parents, grandparents Anne Marie Fougere, George A. Landry & Cathy Eagles, and great grandmother Genevieve Howley.

Wedding

Boudreau/Martell: Congratulations to Matthew Andrew, son of Margie & Terry Boudreau, and April Anne Marie, daughter of Pam & (Junior) Kenneth Martell, on their wedding on August 8th. Matthew & April will reside in River Tillard.

Deaths

Rent: Mary (Frances), 99, passed away on July 20th. Our condolences to her seven children and her nieces and nephews in RB (Patrick, Anne Marie & Donnie Fougere). Frances was the 2nd last living of Patrick Fougere's twenty-four children.

MacEachern: Robert, 51, of Sydney passed away on July 27th. Our condolences to his wife Marilyn (Tanner) and sons: Randy, Calvin & Aaron.

Tanner: Shirley, 75, of Halifax passed away on August 14th. Our condolences to her husband Doug,

her children: Doug Jr., William & Valerie and their families.

Richard: Murdock, 94, passed away on August 21st. Our condolences to his son Gary & stepson Earl, sisters in law Cecelia Baccardax & Margaret Pottie and brother in law Herman Fougere.

Bits and Bites

... Congratulations to Theresa & Edgar MacPhee who celebrated 60 years of marriage in August. They had five children: John, Margaret Rose, Linda, Verna & Maureen.

... Congratulations to Colton Burke for receiving the following awards: Medal from the University of Waterloo for a National Math Quiz, award from the Association of Professional Engineers of NS awarded annually to the student with the best combined Math & Science marks in grade eleven, and Medal from Student Council for his dedication as Vice president and will serve as President in September.

... **Seniors 45 Card** game every Sunday at 7pm.

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

... **Seniors meeting** on Tuesday, Sept, 11th, 1:30pm.

... **CWL meeting** on Sept. 13th in the vestry at 7pm.

... **Seniors mini bingo** on Wed., Sept. 19th 1:30pm.

... **RBCSS meeting** on Wed., Sept. 26th at 7:00pm.

... **RB C@P site meetings** October 10th at 7:00pm.

... **Happy 92nd Birthday** to Raymond Burke and **85th birthday** to Joe Boucher.

... **C@P site:** The C@P site will be closed permanently to the public after September 28. The September hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 1-3pm. If there is a real need for access outside of these hours, you can call Sharon Digout @ 535-3516 or Dorothy Barnard @ 535-3447. The RB CAP Site web address is http://ns4.seaside.ns.ca/~rbcap/roundup/roundup_archives.htm. Our email address is rbcap@stpeterscable.com. 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.

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