

OBITUARIES**Reverend Lloyd Pulsifer Burrows**

1949-2009

Rev. Lloyd Burrows, 59, of Beaver Brook, Colchester Co., died on Wednesday, 28 January 2009, in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro, after living with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) since 2007. He was a graduate of Dalhousie University (B.A.), Atlantic School of Theology (M.Div., M.Th.- academic), and ordained to the ministry of the United Church of Canada in 1973. He was a candidate for ministry from the Old Barns United Church. As a student, he served in Grimshaw-Manning, Alta.; North River, Colchester Co.; Moose River-Caribou Gold Mines-Pleasant Valley and Kearney Lake in Halifax Co. As an ordained minister, he served New Carlisle, QC; Great Village; First United, Truro; Montague, PE and Harmony/Camden. He was an active member of Maritime Conference and presbyteries, serving as chair in the Truro and Prince Edward Island Presbyteries. Greatly interested in adult and youth Christian education, he wrote several programmes and held many workshops throughout the Maritimes. Lloyd's early learning experiences were on the family farm and wood lot which fueled a lifelong interest in forestry, lumber, and many types of woodworking. He designed and built his own house, and had his own sawmill and furniture shop. He is survived by his wife and soulmate, Mary Martin; son, Joel; daughter, Andrea (Chris Salter); grandson, Thomas, Ottawa, Ont.; mother, Mildred (Pulsifer) Burrows; his twin brother, Lorne (Beckie McCurdy), all of Beaver Brook; brother, Jim (Leslie), Green Oak; sister, Elaine (Rev. John A.C. Wilson), Alberton, PE; nieces, Hannah and Catherine; nephew, Alexander. He was predeceased by his father, Clifford Burrows.

The funeral service was held at Old Barns United Church, Old Barns, NS, on 1 February 2009.

Ms. Mary Elizabeth MacDougall

1914 - 2009

Ms. Mary Elizabeth MacDougall, Truro, passed away peacefully on 23 January 2009, in Meadowland Villa, Truro. Born in Truro, Mary was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Mable (Lawson) MacDougall. She graduated high school from Colchester County Academy. Mary began her working career in 1931 at Goodwins in Truro. In 1940 she entered nursing training in Saint John, NB, graduating in 1943. She, subsequently, went to the United Church Training School, and in 1945, she was commissioned by Maritime Conference of the United Church as a medical missionary. The call to work in Africa came in 1947 and thus began a 28-year career in Lobito, Angola. She served as a nurse practitioner, a trainer for mid-wives, trained nursing students and even designed a hospital, as well as participating in regular hospital nursing services. When the civil war in Angola necessitated, in 1975, the closing of the mission, Mary returned to Canada comfortable in the thought that many trained individuals would continue developing the services she had begun. From 1976-1981 she worked as a nurse practitioner in Baie Verte, NL. Her return to Truro allowed her to enjoy many interests such as bowling and photography. She was an ardent worker and supporter of the UCW of First United Church, as well as an Honorary Elder. Still serving her interests in Africa, she began a

“Penny Parade” which grew from a couple of hundred dollars annually to seventeen hundred dollars in the last year. She was the regional representative for the Angola Scholarship Fund. She is survived by nephews, Paul, John and Barry; numerous grand and great-grandnephews and nieces. She was predeceased by brother, Adams; sisters, Hazel Rawlinson and Ellen Cameron.

The funeral service was held at First United Church, Truro, NS, on 26 January 2009.

Reverend Donald James MacGuire

1922 - 2008

Rev. Donald James MacGuire of Old Route 5, Big Bras d’Or, passed away at home on Tuesday, 16 September 2008. Born in Boston, Mass. on 5 October 1922, he was a son of the late Rev. Donald and Kathleen (MacMillan) MacGuire. Knowing since he was just a boy that serving God was his calling, Rev. MacGuire went on to earn his arts degree at Memphis College in Tennessee and a Bachelor of Divinity degree at Princeton. He then went on to preach in many parts of Alabama and Ohio, as well as, Philadelphia. Eventually, he studied at McGill University in Montreal, as well as studying from such masters as James Stewart at New College in Edinburgh, Scotland. Rev. MacGuire was a clergyman with the United Church of Canada, serving at Boularderie United Church for 33 years. In 1996, he retired after serving over 50 years in ministry. Surviving are his sister, Flora (Arthur) Dukes, Alabama and many extended family members living throughout Canada and the United States. Rev. MacGuire was predeceased by his sister, Jessie Donalda Broyles and brothers, Colin Herbert and Hugh Cameron MacGuire.

The funeral service was held at St. John’s United Church, Big Bras d’Or, NS, on 21 September 2008.

Reverend Roy Herbert MacKenzie

1919 - 2008

Rev. Roy Herbert MacKenzie, B.A.,B.Th.,B.Ed.,M.Div.,Dip.Gerontology, age 89, of Saint Vincent’s Nursing Home, Halifax and formerly of Dartmouth, passed away, Sunday, 3 August 2008, in the Home. Born 1 June 1919 in Trenton, NS, he was a son of the late Alexander and Annie (Connors) MacKenzie. A graduate of New Glasgow High School, he attended Mount Allison University, Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Mount St. Vincent University and the Bangor Theological Seminary. Rev. MacKenzie was licensed to preach by the Pictou Presbytery and ordained by the Maritime Conference in August 1944 in St. Matthew’s United Church, Halifax. Roy served mission fields in Cape Breton and Saskatchewan, and pastoral charges in Bayfield-Cape Tormentine, NB; Scotsburn-Lyon’s Brook, Pictou County; and Grace United Church in Dartmouth, NS, where he served from 1957-1972. While serving part-time as a Hospital Chaplain at Camp Hill, he taught History, Geography and English Literature at a Junior High School in Dartmouth from 1972-1980. Rev. MacKenzie retired in 1984 and continued serving as one of the part-time chaplains at Camp Hill until September 1990. He was an Honorary Assistant Minister and member of the male Kilted Choir of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in

Dartmouth. He always actively served in both the church and community. Among offices he held were: Statistical Secretary of the former Moncton Presbytery; Past Chairman of Pictou and Halifax Presbyteries; Statistical Secretary of Halifax Presbytery; past member of the Conference Settlement Committee; Commissioner to the 1956 General Council in Windsor, ON; past member of the Halifax-Dartmouth Council of Churches; past President of the Dartmouth and area Ministerial Association; and as a member of various Presbytery committees. He served as a Reserve Naval Chaplain from 1960-1978, and as an officiating Clergyman attached to H.M.C.S. Stadacona. He was a past member of the Dartmouth branch of the C.M.H. Association; a past President of the Dartmouth branch of the C.A.R.S. Society; a District Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia A.F. & A.M.; a past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star; a past director of the Bluenose Credit Union; past Executive member of the Nova Scotia District of the Canadian Bible Society; and served for nine years as a hockey coach in the Dartmouth Minor Hockey Association. He was a past Director of the Dartmouth Homemakers Board and a member of both the Institute of Pastoral Training and the Canadian Association for Pastoral Education. He is survived by his wife, the former Lola S. Fraser; sons, Graeme, Dartmouth; Dr. Brian, Copenhagen, Denmark; granddaughter, Jessica; sister, June (Art) Eaton, Stellarton. He was predeceased by sister, Joyce MacNeil and brother, John.

The funeral service was held at First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, NS, on 7 August 2008.

Reverend Gordon David MacLean
1953 - 2008

Rev. Gordon David MacLean of Truro passed away 11 December 2008 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in London, Ontario he was a son of Hazel (Lockhart) MacLean and the late David MacLean. He began his studies at Mount St. Vincent/Dalhousie Universities where he obtained his BA in Theology, later taking his M. Div. at AST, Halifax followed by ordination in May 1981. He served two summer internships at Nipawin, Saskatchewan and at Baxter's Harbor and Fundy Mental Health Clinic. He served the following pastorates, Arcola, Saskatchewan; , Charlottetown, P.E.I.; and Nova Scotia churches at Waverley, Rawdon, LaHave, Kingston, Pictou, Margaree, Cape Breton and the First United Church in Truro for the past 6 ½ years. Gordon lived by a special credo: "My God, my family, my church". Gordon's name means "Keeper of the Eagles" appropriate for one who loved the outdoors. He had a unique sense of humour and a great presence. He was very much a "people-person". Gordie's love of music was a gift which he shared throughout his life both personally and professionally. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Heather (Hardman); daughter, Donna, Truro; sons, Shane and Mike (Brooke), both of Bedford; sisters, Lorraine (Don) Burch, Chester, Ondra (Phil) Theriault, Fall River; brothers, Paul (Wendy Perry), Dartmouth, Scott (Terri-Lee), Windsor Junction; grandchildren, Madison and Jessee; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Terry.

The funeral service was held at First United Church, Truro, NS, on 15 December 2008.

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Rev. Dr. Gordon Edward MacDermid
1939-2009

Although a member of the Conference of Manitoba and North Western Ontario at the time of his death, Gordon was heart and soul a maritimer.

Gordon was raised in Westmount, NS before venturing out to earn his B.A. at Mount Allison University and his M.Div. at Pine Hill Divinity Hall in Halifax. In 1961, he was ordained as a minister in the United Church of Canada. His first pastoral charge was West Bay, NS. After completing his Ph.D. in Church History at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, he returned to join the faculty at Pine Hill Divinity Hall in 1967. His association with the school, which became part of the Atlantic School of Theology, continued for 33 years and saw him take on a variety of roles and challenges there. During that time he also served for five years as minister for St. Andrew's United Church in Halifax. Too young to retire at 60, he moved west to occupy the office of the Dean of Theology at the University of Winnipeg until 2005. Throughout his career he was active at different levels in the United Church and was, for many years, on the board of the Association of Theological Schools, which afforded him many welcome opportunities for travel. After retiring, he continued to contribute to the community.

His passion for life manifested itself in his zeal for lively debate, his habit of staying in motion, his curiosity about people and his delight in their diversity. He enjoyed the feel of a fountain pen on paper, the taste of single malt scotch, the sound of Leonard Cohen's songs, and the sight of the highlands of Cape Breton. Gordon possessed a rare intellect, abundant compassion, extraordinary humour, and sesquipedalian vocabulary, gifts he readily shared with all who cared to receive them.

Gordon was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Katherine (Morrison) MacDermid of Wreck Cove, NS. He is survived by his children, Graeme, Heather (Barry Meston), and John (Meaghan Seagrave), their mother, Pam MacDermid, his brother, Allison (Jane), his sisters, Mary and Anne, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also remembered by the many close friends he cherished in his life.

Ms. Shirley Streach

Shirley Streach was a friend to many in Maritime Conference and a valued employee for 22 years serving as Office Coordinator for the Maritime Conference Office and Support Staff to Executive Secretaries and Treasurers until her retirement in July 2007.

Shirley Marie (Oulton) Streach was born and educated in Point de Bute, New Brunswick. Shirley spent five years teaching school. She then stayed home to raise her family and returned to work at the Maritime Conference Office.

Shirley enjoyed camping, reading, and dancing and was a member of the Maple Sugar Cloggers for many years.

She died 16 October 2008 at the Moncton City Hospital. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Robert and her children Robin; Christine (Jason) Sorensen; and Darren (Marion) and three grandchildren and one great grandchild. A memorial service was held at Sackville United Church. Burial was in the Point de Bute Cemetery.

