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Pastor Obituaries 2015

REV. NORMAN W. MACKENZIE

Rev. Norman Wallace MacKenzie of Bath passed away on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at the age of 102. He was born in Nerepis and was the son of the late David and Amelia MacKenzie. He was predeceased by his two wives, Vivian and Winona; a sister, Pauline Bell; two brothers, Ralph and Harold; stepson-in-law, Richard Bell. Norman is survived by his daughter Ruth (Neil) Bell; Winona's children, Marion (Gerald) Roussie, David (Suzanne) Giberson, Joyce Bell; grandchildren, Rankin (Sonya) Lemckert, Michelle (Scott) McIsaac, James (Emily) Roussie, Kevin Giberson, Darren (Shannon) Bell, Lesley (Steve) Marshall; 10 great grandchildren; one great great grandson.

Norman faithfully served in several churches across Atlantic Canada including Wickham Baptist Pastorate (NB), Calvary Baptist Church (North Sydney, NS) and Grand Falls Baptist Church (NB). In the late 1950s into the 1960s, he served as a military chaplain at Camp Picton, ON.

<http://www.brittonfh.ca/obituaries/94808/>

REV. GORDON C. SIMONS

On Wednesday, February 11, Rev. Gordon Charles Simons passed away peacefully in the loving arms of his daughter Anne Shirley at his home in Roseway Manor, Shelburne. Gordon was born on October 23, 1940 in Sherbrooke, Québec to the late Mabel Kathleen (Baxter) and the late Merril Gordon Simons. Gordon grew up in LaTouque, Québec. At the age of 29 he joined the American Army and fought in the Vietnam War. He retired, as a Lieutenant Colonel, 9th. Infantry Division, US Army. He then attended McGill University and graduated with a Master's Degree in Theology. He then became an Ordained United Church Minister and preached for many years of his life in Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. He later became a Baptist Minister in his 60's and finished his career preaching in New Brunswick (Smithtown Baptist Church, now known as Hammond Valley Community Church) and Nova Scotia (First Ragged Islands and First Sable River United Baptist Churches).

One of dad's many hobbies was collecting and dealing in stamps, coins, postcards/postal history and paper money. Dad was the proprietor of his own company, Keltic Canada, and also helped to begin the Sou'Wester Coin Club. Dad was past president of both the Sou'Wester Coin Club and the Saint John Coin Club, whereas dad is a life-long member of both. Dad's greatest accomplishments were spreading God's word to all who wanted to learn of God's love. Also, dad had a great love of animals and his pride and joy was his calico cat "Rosie". Dad has had cats all his life and they were known always as his "furry"



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children. During the past two years he extremely enjoyed being a grampie to his precious granddaughter, Amelia. Just mentioning her name or seeing her face brought such a smile to dad's face and filled his heart with joy, pride and love. I will keep dad's memory alive in "Milly" each and every day.

Gordon is survived by his daughter, Anne Shirley Townsend, Clyde River; son-in-law, Raymond Butler, Sandy Point; granddaughter, Amelia Butler, Clyde River; ex-wife, Anne Simons, Fredericton, NB; son, Terry (Lynn Connors) Fredericton, NB; grandson, Ritchie; special "adopted" daughter, Loretta Morely (Kevin Billings), Woodstock, NB; his precious furry daughter, Rosie, Clyde River. He was predeceased by grandparents, George and Amelia Baxter; mother and step-father, Mabel and Paul Lindsay; father, Merrill Simons; ex-wife, Rev. Vera M. Sampson; first born daughter, Joy Simons.

There will be a Celebration of Life Ceremony on Saturday, May 23 at 2 p.m. in H. M. Huskilson's Funeral Home, Barrington. A reception will follow. Donations may be made to Pet Projects, Sandy Point, IWK or a local church of your choice. On-line condolences may be sent to: hmsuskilson@ns.aliantzinc.ca or you may sign the guest book at www.huskilson.net

A memorial page has been set up on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Memories-of-Dad-Rev-Gordon-C-Simons/382092878628893>

PASTOR ROBERT R. GUPTILL

It is with great sadness, but not as those without hope, that the family of Pastor Robert Ralph Guptill announces his passing on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at the age of 51. Rob is survived by his wife, Jocelyn (Pond) Guptill; his son, Jonathon and his finance Sarah; his daughters, Jacqueline, Rachel, and Ashley; granddaughters, Avery, Kathryn, and Rebekah Jolee; brother, Rev. Tim Guptill and his wife, Gayla, and their children, Hope and Autumn; sister, Andrea (Guptill) Brownlee and her husband, Randy, and their children, Mathew and Jacob, and his loving mum, Judy (Avery) Guptill. Rob was predeceased by his father and friend, Captain Clinton Guptill and his grandparents. As

well, Rob is survived by his loving in-laws, Buddy and Wilda Pond, as well as numerous sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and a loving, generous church family at Lakeville Corner Baptist Church where he was privileged to serve as Pastor for the last five years.

He was a proud member and enthusiastic supporter of the Douglas Harbour Volunteer Fire Department. Rob was also a former officer with the Toronto Metro Police Service and the Fredericton City Police.



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Rob's family and friends will remember him for his well-tuned wit, his encyclopedia-like knowledge of useless information, and his drive for knowledge and learning of all kind especially anything to do with the Bible.

http://www.yorkfh.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=1522160

REV. MACPHERSON "Mac" EATON

Rev. McPherson Eaton passed away February 26, 2015 at the Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville. Born on August 11, 1925. He was the youngest child of the late Cyrus and Margaret Eaton, Ohio. "Mac" is survived by son Peter (Sheri) New Minas, NS; daughter Mary Eaton, Echo Bay, ON; grandchildren: Richard, Joshua, Angus, and Benjamin; great grandchildren Kaitlyn, Chelsie, Nicholas and Geneva. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Predeceased by wife of 65 years (Cynthia) Langille; son James; brother Cyrus Jr.; sisters Lee, Mary, Betty, Anna and Farley. Reverend Macpherson Eaton was a kind and gentle soul. He was born in the United States and spent many summers in Blandford, Nova Scotia. He came to love Nova Scotia, and chose to settle here. He met the love of his life, Cynthia, while staying with friends in Blandford. He would often say that the day he married Cynthia, was the best day of his life. They were married in the spring of 1949 and settled in East River, NS. Mary, Peter and James were born while the family lived in East River. One of his most special achievements was that he was the first rural mail-delivery postman for the Aspotogan Peninsula. He bought and ran a gas station business in Chester for a few years. "Mac" always loved cars and this vocation had an interest for him. He eventually sold the business.

In 1956, "Mac" felt the calling for the ministry and the family moved to Wolfville, NS, so that "Mac" could attend the Acadia School of Divinity. As a student of the Divinity College, "Mac" was sent to minister the congregation of Forest Hill Church and Black River Church. Upon graduation, he chose to be the minister of the Windsor Plains Baptist Church. "Mac" was a quiet man and he had a loving appreciation towards rural life. He and his wife Cynthia moved from Wolfville to their new house on the Gasperau Mountain in the 1970's. This is where they remained for the rest of their lives. He greatly missed his wife Cynthia, after she passed away.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Serenity Lindsay Annapolis Valley Funeral Home (Wolfville Funeral Chapel) 568 Main Street, (902) 542-4656. View obituary here:

http://www.serenitylindsayfuneralhome.ca/memsol.cgi?user_id=1533065.

REV. WILLIAM (BILL) THOMPSON

Reverend William (Bill) Clifford Thompson went home to his Lord and Saviour on March 27th, 2015. He passed away at Bobby's Hospice, Saint John, NB, while surrounded by his



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family. Bill was born in Saint John in 1935, son of the late Robert and Alice (Toner) Thompson.

Bill is survived by his wife Patricia (Patty) nee Taylor; his son Herb (Michelle Richard); his daughter Melissa (Andrew Earle); his brothers Manford, Calvin, and Robert; and his nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Bill was predeceased by his eldest brother Norman, and his sister Jacqueline.

In his younger years he was an avid woodsman and respected hunting guide. After a brief time in the welding trade at the Saint John dry dock he served a term as a Shantymen missionary in Newfoundland. He then continued his education at the Atlantic Baptist College while at the same time serving as a fulltime pastor and being a husband and the father of two children. In 1972 he graduated and was ordained by the Atlantic Baptist Convention. Throughout the remainder of his ministry he served varyingly as a fulltime pastor, an interim pastor, and founder of the Bill Thompson Evangelistic Association until his retirement in 2012.

<http://www.fundyfuneralhome.com/notices/William-C-Thompson>

REV. TERRY BRIAN TINGLEY

Rev. Terry Brian Tingley passed away June 27, 2015 at his home in Bayside, at 81 years of age. Terry was the son of the late Borden and Winnie Tingley.

Terry is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lois, Bayside; son Paul, daughter Vicki Lee (Ron Brown) White's Lake; and grandchildren Jessica, Dylan (Stephanie), David and Isaac. Brothers Richard, Wilmot, and Darrell (Susan) Chester, and Ruth, Comox BC.

Terry earned his BA and BD (MDiv) degrees at Acadia University and Acadia Divinity College, and his B.Ed. through the NS Department of Education. He was ordained with the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches in 1958.

Terry was "Minister Emeritus" of the Bayside Baptist Church and a member of the "Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms." He was principal of the Atlantic Memorial Consolidated School in Shad Bay, Graham Creighton High School, and C.P. Allan High School. Following a Sabbatical leave, Terry became drug education and EAP Consultant in 1983 out of Cole Harbour High School retiring in 1994.

Terry had an abiding love of the natural world, and would regularly feed the wild animals outside his home in Bayside and summer camp in Margaree Valley CB.

<http://atlanticfuneralhomessackville.sharingmemories.ca/site/TerryBrianTingley.html?s=40>



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REV. FREDERICK HOWARD GAY

At Charlotte County Hospital, July 5, 2015 Rev. Fred Gay, husband of Brenda (Allen) Gay of St. Stephen NB passed from the arms of his loving family into the arms of his beloved Saviour. Born in Meriden, CT, in 1921, he was the son of the late Arthur and Carrie Gay. In addition to his wife Brenda he is survived by his son Christian (Robyn) of Utopia and daughter Doreen Rainville (Ray) of Palm Coast, Fl. Grandchildren Nick and Rachael Gay, Ryan (Theresa) and Renee Rainville (Adam Gill), Randy, Rusty, Brian and Adam, several great grandchildren, nieces and lifelong friend Mary Olmstead. He was predeceased by his parents, one daughter, Carol Dillon, brother Ray and sister Marguerite Dubord.

Fred lived his early life in Meriden CT in 1921, during the Great Depression. Those difficult days shaped much of his character. Following in his father's footsteps, he worked at International Silver Company of Wallingford Connecticut where he had the honour of once working on the Stanley Cup. At the age of 21 he was drafted into the US Air Force and was trained as a radio operator and ball-turret gunner on the B-17 "Flying Fortress". During his 30 mission tour he lost both of his parents back home in the US. Following his tour of duty, Fred returned to the US and married Martha, and began teaching radio operations for the military. Two daughters were born to them, Carol and Doreen. The family returned to Meriden and Fred resumed his career with International Silver.

Fred's love of music began at an early age and continued throughout his life. As with all, he was greatly influenced by the popular music of his younger years, namely Big Band & Swing music of the 30's & 40's. The love of this musical style has been passed on to his children and grandchildren.

Fred's singing ministry began early on as he sang in choirs and quartets at the Wallingford Advent Christian Church.

In 1964 after meeting and marrying Brenda, his second wife, Fred moved to Canada (the birthplace of his father Arthur) and took up training for full time ministry within the Baptist Churches. After his first year of training at UBBTS in 1966, with a new baby (Christian) at home and while still attending school full time, Fred started his pastoral ministry on a five church field in Dawson Settlement just outside Moncton. Graduation and ordination followed in 1967. Fred continued at Dawson Settlement until 1968.

Fred's ministry then lead him to Hazelbrook in PEI from 1968-1971. This was followed by service in Waterville, NB from 1971-1975 and finally to Pennfield NB from 1975-1986 where he "retired". After retirement he and Brenda continued in music and interim pastoral ministry at many churches including, Grand Manan NB, Deer Island NB, Second Falls NB, Andersonville NB, Fairfield NB, Sunnyville NS and Calais Advent Christian ME.

Partnering with Brenda in her camping ministry Fred was affectionately known as "Uncle Fred" to countless campers and staff at camps all over NB & PEI. And then there was the



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music. Fred was never so proud as he was to be singing with his wife, and doing what he loved best, sharing the gospel. The Lighthouse was without a doubt their most recognized song and fittingly Fred's life served as a beacon of light and hope to a world in need.

Fred's compassion for people and his deep desire to help the lost find Christ were his greatest personal traits and hallmark of his pastoral ministry. Fred's favourite verse was Ephesians 4:32 "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." This verse guided every aspect of Fred's life, he was a living testimony that exemplified the tenderhearted compassionate love God offers to all.

At Fred's request there will be no visitation. Following cremation Fred will be laid to rest in Presque Isle, Me at a private committal. A celebration of his home-going will be held at Pennfield Baptist Church Saturday July 18 at 2PM with reception to follow. Please take the time to leave your messages of condolences to the family here on the funeral home's website (<http://www.humphreysfh.com/Obituaries/99272/>) or by mailing cards to Christian Gay, 300 Route 780, Utopia NB E5C 2E9.

REV. GREGORY BRIAN DENTON

Rev. (Captain) Gregory Brian Denton B.Th., B.A., M.Div.

Gregory, son of Clayton Denton Sr. & Susan (Manzer) Denton went to his eternal peace to be with his Lord and Saviour on August 7, 2015.

After graduating from High School in Digby, Gregory was employed with Imperial Oil Ltd., in Halifax. When the company moved its office to Ontario, Gregory moved back to his home in Little River, Digby Co., where he joined the family fishing business.

In 1976 Gregory left the fishing business and enrolled in Acadia Divinity College where he obtained three degrees. He served churches at Falmouth, Yarmouth, Barss Corner, Liverpool, N.S. He also served at First Baptist, Campbellton, N.B.

Gregory served on many Baptist Association Boards and committees. He was a member of the Mission Board of the Convention of the Atlantic Baptist Churches as well as being an active member and later President of the Nova Scotia District of the Canadian Bible Society.

Gregory is survived by his wife, Lynda Jean (Churchill) Denton, son Christian (Kelly Anne) and daughter Jeanne Denton-Cosman (Stephen), Granddaughters Kathryn Cosman and Rachel Denton. Brothers Elwood, Stanley and Richard.

Gregory was predeceased by his parents, daughter Jill, and brothers, Clayton Denton Jr., Frederick Denton and sisters, Elsie Gidney and Marjorie Sherman.



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A private family committal service was held in Little River where Gregory was laid to rest beside daughter, Jill.

Gregory has left us a legacy of love, kindness, compassion, honesty, gentleness, determination and a strong enduring faith in God. We will cherish this legacy.

REV. OWEN DARRELL COCHRAN

Reverend Owen Darrell Cochran – 91, formerly of Canning, Kings County, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2015 in the QEII Veteran’s Memorial Building, Halifax. Born in Windsor, he was a son of the late Elmer and Pearl (Armstrong) Cochran.

He was a veteran of the Second World War, having served with the 48th Highlanders. He was a Chaplain and life-member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Habitant Branch No. 73, Canning.

Reverend Cochran taught at the former United Baptist Bible Training School (now Crandall University, Moncton) and recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination into Ministry, having served in many Baptist churches throughout the Maritime Provinces.

He is survived by three daughters, Ann (Robert) Taylor, Halifax; Reverend Barbara Cochran, Kentville; Janet Cochran (Richard Abbott), Lunenburg; two sons, Bruce (Laura), Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario; Karl (Rose), Halifax; eight grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Clara “Ruth” Layton; two sisters, Dorothy Montgomery and Geraldine “Deannie” King; a brother, Frank.

<http://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/102496>