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## **Pastor Obituaries 2016**

### **REV. ROLAND K. MCCORMICK**

McCormick, Roland K. – Age 86, of Barrington, left this life on January 9, 2016. Much loved and admired by his four children and five grandchildren, “Rollie” was a 20th century force of nature. Born in Bear River, February 16, 1929, one of five children of a disabled First World War veteran, he, like his older brother, was sent off to make something of himself. Roland studied at Gordon College, Boston, Toronto Bible College, Acadia and Dalhousie Universities, earning his BA, BD, BEd and MEd. Roland served for more than 20 years as a Baptist church pastor in Country Harbour, NS, Grand Falls, NB, Arcadia, Billtown and Barrington Passage, NS, followed by 20 years as a teacher and guidance counselor. He was a member of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union executive for six years, during which time he fought tirelessly for the economic and employment rights of teachers. He also served as president of the Shelburne County Local.

Forced into retirement by ill health—he was profoundly deaf from the age of 11—he applied himself to historical research, serving as a member of the Atlantic Baptist Convention historical committee and the Barrington Historical Society. He published several learned papers and a seminal history of Baptists in Atlantic Canada. He also served as a regional vice-president for the Canadian Red Cross.

He was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Laura Burpee; also predeceased by his parents Ross and Pearl; his half sister, Marion Dunn, sister Evelyn and brother Arthur. He is survived by his brother Howard (Jean) and his children, Paul (Linda), Halifax; Rev. Marilyn, Fredericton, NB; Patricia, Mulgrave; and Peter (Patricia), Antigonish. He also deeply influenced the lives of his grandchildren, Paige Hoveling (Dan), Kelsey, Bob, Sam and Tim. His family wishes to thank Nancy Quinlan, his caregiver for more than a decade, for the selfless devotion and companionship she provided.

Rollie would be thrilled at any memorial donations his many friends might choose to make to Temple United Baptist Church in Barrington Passage, a community within a community that he loved and supported for almost six decades. He’d be even happier if you took an hour one Sunday and attended a service. Final care has been entrusted to Huskison’s Funeral Home, Barrington. Obituary available [here](#).

### **REV. DOUGLAS DANE TAYLOR**

Age 89, Chaswood, NS. On March 6th, 2016 Doug went home to be with his Lord who he served faithfully for many years. His death occurred in Arborstone Enhanced Care in Halifax. He was a son of the late Ira and Loretta (Hawboldt) Taylor. Doug graduated from Gordon Divinity School with a Bachelor of Divinity, and his first pastoral service was in Yarmouth County and then in the Miramichi region of New Brunswick. Later, he became a missionary in Northern Ontario with Northern Canada Evangelical Mission, where he established the Cree Gospel Chapel in Moose Factory. He finished up his



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preaching career in Wittenburg. While busy with his ministry, he also had an electrical business and operated a portable sawmill as well. Following in his father's footsteps, he was an accomplished pianist and piano tuner and could play just about any instrument he picked up.

Surviving are his wife Mary; son, Dave (Rosemary); daughters, Susan (Ron Cooper), Judy (Bob Parent); seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Jean Taylor. He was predeceased by his first wife and mother of his children, the late Anne Brittain; brother, Donald.

<http://www.arimatheafuneral.ca/obituaries/2016/6/6/taylor-rev-douglas-dane>

### **REV. PETER DOWNIE**

Downie, Peter – Age 89. Saint John Regional Hospital, Saint John NB on June 19, 2016, Rev. Peter Downie, husband of the late Isabella S. (McDonald) Downie of Saint John NB. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, on August 17, 1926, he was a son of the late Peter and Mary (Paterson) Downie. A loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he is survived by his children: Margaret (Gordon) Warren of Hazelbrook PE, Elizabeth Kneabone of Blacks Harbour NB, Gavin (Lynn) Downie of Admore AB and Catriona (Stephen) Lee of Cold Lake AB; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Isabella.

Rev. Downie had once served in the British Army and recently celebrated over 50 years as a Baptist Minister. Having been relocated several times, he was active in churches in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. He truly loved people and enjoyed talking to whomever he met and lately Rev. Downie was often found enjoying the fellowship at Tim Hortons in the mall. In his quiet time, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

<http://www.stgeorgefh.ca/obituaries/107819>

### **REV. DARRELL CHASE**

Chase, Darrell – Age 86 (1930-2016)

Rev. Darrell Chase was born in Marysville on May 26, 1930. He was the son of the late J. Miles and Lulu Chase. Their house was a typical country home of that era with no electricity and no indoor plumbing. Instead, they had kerosene lamps and a small 2-hole facility behind the house. Miles worked at what jobs he could get and felt fortunate if he could bring home twenty dollars a week. They got most of their eggs, milk and meat from the next-door neighbor. The other grocery needs were delivered to the door by Manzer's delivery wagon in the summer and sleigh in the winter months. Darrell earned a little extra money by picking strawberries at 5 cents a box, fiddleheads at 25-30 cents a peck and peddled vegetables to the homes in Marysville.



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As a boy, Darrell's job was to keep the wood box full and to carry the drinking water from a spring. They also peddled fresh vegetables by horse and wagon and made a bit of spending money. Most Sunday mornings they walked nearly four miles to and from church and Sunday school without complaint. Darrell's schooling began in a one room school house. He continued his education in Fredericton and decided to work for a year at the Cotton Mill in Marysville before going to college. Darrell bought a small used James motorcycle and drove it to and from work. In the fall, he sold it and applied to Gordon College in Boston.

In September, he started his new life away from home living in a college dorm. Darrell had his first part time position in his home church in Marysville during summer holidays. He took morning and evening services at Marysville and afternoon services at Nashwaak and Penniac. In his second year, Darrell became involved with the Canadian Club and Foreign Missions Fellowship. In 1951, Darrell met Betty Crossman and they were wed in Central Baptist Church, Saint John, on December 31, 1952. After Graduating from Gordon College, Darrell began his pastorate career in Advocate Harbour, NS and attended Acadia Divinity College for the post-grad program, in Digby Neck, NS.

Later he accepted an appointment with the Canadian Baptist Mission Board to serve in India where the family moved to Srikakulam and remained for 5 and a half years. After returning to Canada and doing deputation, a position opened up in Temperance Vale, NB and plans were made to move back to Canada. Over the next several years the Chase family moved to North River, PEI, Forest City, Codys, Zealand-Springfield, Staples Settlement, NB, Woods Harbour- Shag Harbour NS.

As his retirement was drawing near, the Chases bought a house in Shelburne, NS where Darrell retired in June, 1995, but became interim pastor. In 1999, the Chases moved to White's Mountain, NB and decided to make Corn Hill Baptist Church their home church. In 2002, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Betty passed away August 25, 2007.

In 2008, Darrell married Aida (Candelas) Decker and over the next years they traveled to Cape Coral, Florida, Puerto Rico, New York State and took several tours with Nancy's Tours. Aida and Darrell moved to Sussex and Faith Bible Baptist Church welcomed them with open arms.

He is survived by his wife Aida, two daughters: Diane and her husband Aubrey Trail and Charis and her husband Jeff Boone; two sons: Mark and his wife Karen Chase and Philip and his wife Daniela Chase; two step-sons: Ivan Decker and Daniel Decker and their families; three sisters: Viola Blair, Lola Donovan and Jeanette Miller; 12 grandchildren: Andrew and his wife Krista, Stephen and his wife Catherine, Heather and her husband Michael, Noel, Nathan and his wife Sandra, Joel, Krista, Sacha and Nathaniel, Tanya and her husband Clemens, Jonathan and his wife Serena, Hilary and Isaac; 17 great grandchildren: Annika, Kalli, Benjamin, Megan, Dean, Samuel, Stephen, Joshua, Caleb,



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Sophie, Wynter, Elizabeth, Hannah, Eleana, Rebekka and Ezra; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Rev. Darrell Frederick Chase of Sussex passed away at the Sussex Health Centre on July 10, 2016 at the age of 86. He is predeceased by his first wife Elizabeth (Crossman) and by his sister, Althea Peterson.

<http://wallace.wallacefuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1813/Darrell-Chase/obituary.html>

### **REV. GERALD B. MATTHEWS**

Matthews, Rev. Gerald Byron (1932-2016)

On July 19th, 2016 with family members gathered by his side at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, Rev. Gerald Matthews was received up into the presence of his Savior. Born on September 2nd, 1932 at Matthews Settlement, NB. He was the son of the late Cecil and Josephine (Dunnett) Matthews and the husband of the late Lucille (Hopper) Matthews.

Rev. Matthews shared a life full of love and service to his Lord. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to all who had the pleasure of meeting him, his ready smile and grace made you want to stop and chat awhile with him. Rev. Matthews was very compassionate about teaching and spreading the word of God in his everyday life, as well as in the churches he served in Cherryfield, Bradford Maine, Jay, Maine, Plaster Rock, Rusagonis, Nasonworth, Geary and Hillsborough. Well done thou good and faithful servant.

Survived by his sons, Pastor Larry Matthews (Cheryl) of New Maryland and Rev. Andrew Matthews (Sue) of Parksley, Virginia; five grandchildren, Josiah, Jared, Seth, Katie and Amy; three great granddaughters, Hannah, Emily and Lucy; his siblings, Wilbur (Leona) of Matthews Settlement and John Matthews of Matthews Settlement.

He was predeceased by his parents; wife, Lucille; one sister, Nita; sister in law, Carolyn.

<http://www.mcadamsfh.com/obituaries/108550/>

**REV. DR. ANDREW DONALD MACRAE**



Rev. Dr. Andrew Donald MacRae (1933-2016) – 83, of Wolfville, passed away Sunday, October 30, 2016 in the Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville. Born in Lasswade, Scotland, he was a son of the late James and Harriet (Munro) MacRae.

Born into a Christian home he was nurtured in Charlotte Baptist Chapel, Edinburgh where he led the youth ministry for some years. He received his MA and BD degrees from Edinburgh University and also graduated from the Baptist Theological College of Scotland in Glasgow. During his time in Canada, Andrew earned his PhD from Saint

Andrews University in 1984. He also received a Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) from the Campbellsville University, Kentucky, in 1979 and a Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) from Acadia in 2004.

Ordained in 1957 Andrew led an urban ministry in the industrial community of Larbert, moving in 1960 to an inner city ministry at Ward Road, Dundee. In 1966 Andrew was appointed General Secretary and Superintendent of the Baptist Union of Scotland, providing Denominational leadership and pastoral care to pastors and churches.

Andrew was an accomplished scholar, pastor and teacher. He served extensively in Europe and the Soviet Bloc, working with the Baptist World Alliance and also preaching, teaching and leading conferences in more than 50 countries on every continent. He served as President of the European Baptist Federation, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism and Education for Europe, and also of the Commission on Christian Teaching



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and Training in the Baptist World Alliance. His leadership led to the introduction of the Evangelism and Education Division of the Baptist World Alliance. He also served as Chairman of the Theological Assistance Group, which assisted in the formation and faculty development of new Seminaries in Eastern Europe. From 1973-80 he also served as Chairman of the Committee on Mission, Development and Unity of the Scottish Churches Council.

Andrew was also a broadcaster and religious advisor, first to BBC Scotland and then for 12 years to Scottish Television. He has written many articles and several books.

The MacRaes moved to Canada in 1980 when Andrew began his service at Acadia Divinity College, establishing the first Chair of Evangelism and Mission in Canada and in 1983 he became the first occupant of the Sheldon and Marjorie Fountain Chair of Evangelism and Mission. In 1985 he added the tasks of Principal of the College and Acadia University Dean of Theology. After retiring from those positions in 1998, he continued to serve as Professor–Emeritus of Evangelism and Mission, directed the Doctor of Ministry program (a program he introduced in the 1980s) and, until 2014, served as Senior Consultant to the Doctor of Ministry Program, as a Life and Ministry Coach, and as Liaison to Hong Kong Ministries.

Following retirement Andrew and Jean were involved in pastoral ministry at Grace Chapel, Halifax from 1999-2003.

In honour of his valuable leadership and lifelong commitment to evangelism and mission, The Andrew D. MacRae Centre for Christian Faith and Culture was established at the Acadia Divinity College in February 2016.

Despite his many accomplishments Andrew will be remembered as a deeply caring and humble Christian man with a great sense of humor who touched many lives positively, and as a kind, loving and encouraging brother, uncle, husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jean (Findlay); a son, Findlay (Julie), Coldbrook; a daughter, Fiona (Greg) Webb, Pasadena, NL; a brother, Hamish, Milnathort, Scotland; six grandchildren, Andrew, Calum, and Jane MacRae, Bruce, Jana and Joy Webb; many nieces and nephews.

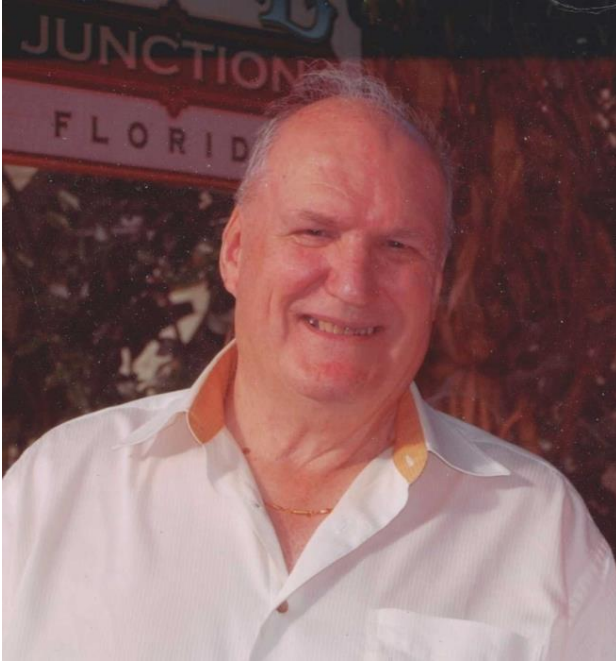
In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Jack and Ian; four sisters-in-law, Gwen, Frances, Margot and Cath MacRae; a niece, Catriona MacRae, and a nephew, Roderick MacRae.

<http://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/111116>



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**REV. DONALD E. HERSEY**



It is with great sadness the family announces the passing of Donald Ersel Hersey which occurred at the Saint John Regional Hospital on Friday, November 11th, 2016. Born in 1933, in Fredericton, N.B., he was the son of the late Ersel M. Hersey and Frances C (Robichaud) Hersey. In his earlier years, Don worked as a Civil Engineer for Kimberley Clark, Terrace Bay Pulp and Paper, Georgia Pacific Woodland Maine, Mead Escanaba Michigan, retiring from Irving Pulp and Paper in Saint John. He was a Baptist Minister in Gaspereau Valley and the South Shore of Nova Scotia. He was also a fine cabinet maker. Don loved playing and watching sports. He was an avid Patriots football fan and a Montreal hockey fan. He enjoyed helping people build things, working with his hands. Don is survived by his loving and devoted wife Sandra (Shillington) of nine years; daughter Jennifer Covington (Les Foldi) of Saint John, Beth Tirrell (Randy) of Denver, Colorado; sisters Helen Douthwright of Saint John, Sue Mesheau (George) of Quispamsis; grandchildren Brandon, Natassia, Graeme, Sheena, and Spencer; 3 great grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews, and friends. Besides his parents' Don was predeceased by his sister Joyce Wade, and first wife Shirley (Waugh) Hersey, mother of his two children.

<http://www.fundyfuneralhome.com/notices/Donald-Hersey>