

MacDONALD, Margaret C  
Truro/Pictou

Margaret Carolyn (Archibald) MacDonald, 96, of Truro/Pictou, passed away peacefully at Colchester-East Hants Health Centre on August 6, 2017.

Born in Westville on Jan 11, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Matthew and Christena (MacMillan) Archibald. She was raised on a farm in Alma, spending winters in Westville where her father owned the community rink. She attended Pictou Academy by train.

Following her marriage in 1942 to Henry Burns MacDonald, the newly-weds moved to Bathurst, N.B., where they both worked at Gloucester Milk Products. They soon returned to Pictou County, to eventually settle in Sylvester, where they built a home and began a family. In 1959, the family moved to Sydney, and to Truro in 1964.

She was head cashier at Zellers in Truro when the store first reached a million dollars in annual sales. Later as manager of the bookstore at the Nova Scotia Teachers' College, she relished meeting students, many away from home for the first time.

Retiring to Pictou in 1977, Margaret and Henry took up the game of golf, and became active in the Pictou Community New Horizons 50 Plus Club. As treasurer, Margaret helped build a permanent facility. She was an accomplished rug hooker and quilt maker, her beautiful crafts cherished by her family. She was a member of the Liberal Party, and enjoyed watching curling and golf on TV. She was a loyal but often frustrated fan of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Margaret sang in church choirs where ever she lived, and was a Cub Leader in Salem and Sydney. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Pictou, and a life member and leader in the Atlantic Mission Society in various churches that she attended in the province.

She returned to Truro in 2013 to live at Parkland Estates, being active and, in recent weeks, learning chair yoga. She loved to play Auction 45s and cribbage, and introduced the board game RummiKub to Parkland.

Her love of life and positive attitude served her well, and will long inspire her family and friends. Her winning smile, sense of humor and comforting laugh will be missed.

Specials thanks to the caring staff and fellow residents at Parkland Truro, and to the doctors and nurses on the D3 wing and in the palliative care unit at CEHHC.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Henry, in 2008, sister, Roberta; brothers, Rev. Donald and Gordon.

She is survived by her son, Don, Halifax; Bob (Jenny), Bible Hill; grandsons Daniel (Jennifer Lilly), Lanark; Tim, Halifax and Sam, Bible Hill; great-grandsons, Luke, Alexander and William, Lanark; sister, Rev. Priscilla (Archibald) Anderson, Toronto/ Lower Economy; brother-in-law Rev. Robert K. Anderson, Toronto/Lower Economy; sister-in-law Elizabeth MacDonald, Kamloops, B.C.; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, and funeral service at 2 pm August 10, 2017 at McLaren Funeral Home, 246 Faulkland Street, Pictou. Interment in Alma Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alma Cemetery or a charity of choice.