

## BIOGRAPHIES

### ORDINAND

#### JONATHAN WORRALL



I grew up all over small-town Saskatchewan. Each community had two things in common: there was a rink and a United Church. Sadly, I did not take to skating, but my family and I did attend the church. The church remained prevalent in my youth. Some of the smaller towns would only have a Catholic Public School, and as a result, my faith and interaction with the divine was affirmed. Indeed, as my mother reminds me, as a child I would tell her that I wanted to be a priest.

Service was always stressed in my family. As a teenager, I was passionate about history, literature, politics and international relations. Following high school, I enrolled in the University of Saskatchewan, in the Political Studies program, with the hopes that I would be able to serve in some capacity in a governmental organization. Upon graduating there were little opportunities for employment. As a result, I worked a series of odd jobs until I gained meaningful employment with the Saskatoon Public Library, where I worked for a number of years.

My call to ministry was entirely unexpected, but it was a wholly welcome surprise. I was invigorated; I felt like I had a newfound purpose. I enrolled in the MDiv Program at St. Andrew's College, where the amazing faculty provided me with the necessary knowledge and skills to prepare me for ministry. Words cannot convey what the students owe to the talented, passionate, and intelligent professors. My success in ministry is due, in large part, to their tutelage.

Though the journey towards ordination has been challenging, it has also been affirming. Throughout the entirety of my educational process and my student-ministry, I have discovered that ministry is truly my vocation. Ministry is a source of indescribable joy. As a colleague once remarked, "there is no better employer than God."

Praise be to God.

**ADMITTAND**

**EMILY CARR**



Growing up on a dairy farm in Eastern Ontario, I was the sort of child who used to play church with my stuffed animals and dolls. When I was around five years old, my family made a move from our United Church, to the Anglican Church, because that year the Anglican Church happened to have a fantastic Sunday School program on the go. My love for worship and the Church never seemed to leave me, and in my 20s, I began the journey towards ministry formation in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and began studying at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. I moved to Saskatoon in the spring of 2009 to work as a youth a family minister at what was then called St. James Anglican Church. Here in Saskatoon, I completed my MDiv. at the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, was ordained to the diaconate and later to the priesthood in the Anglican Church. In this beautiful province, I have had the honour of serving a variety of ministries including congregations, university chaplaincy, community outreach in gang prevention, and chaplaincy with incarcerated youth. Currently, I serve on the Board of Directors at The Micah Mission, and am the chaplain at Kilburn Hall Youth Centre. In October of 2020, I began working with the Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy of the Living Skies Region of the United Church and at Knox United Church in Langham. On this admissions journey, I have a sense that I am returning home to the church where I was baptized and first introduced to the faith, but even more meaningful to me, is the opportunity to work with a community of people who are so sincere in their commitment to serve the world that God loves.

## RETIREES' BIOGRAPHIES

### BRIAN MAITLAND



Growing up on an acreage in a farming community near Edmonton, Alberta, Brian learned early about making do with what was presented to him, and fixing whatever was broken. Those early learnings helped him throughout his several careers, first as Regional 4-H Specialist with the government of Alberta, then as Social Planning Director for the City of Airdrie. The call to ministry came mid-career, and he attended St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon, gaining his M.Div. in 2000.

Settled in Big River and Canwood in north central Saskatchewan, Brian spent ten years with two small town congregations, helping them navigate the parts of their history that saw them both define their vision, set priorities, sell their church buildings, one of them to close, and the other to find its way as a congregation on the move. Lovingly supported by these two communities of faith, Brian enjoyed a wonderful decade of ministry among those fine people.

In 2010 he was called to minister with the people of Knox United Church in downtown Saskatoon, a very different ministry environment. Still, he realized that many of the issues faced by this new congregation were fundamentally the same as his rural charges, and he brought small town sensibility to this congregation's situation. Brian focused on ministry in its community context, and helped the people of Knox look outside their walls to the community around, building connections with partner churches and community agencies. Engaging and progressive spirituality and worship was a dominant thrust for his ministry at Knox, and Brian has grown through a hugely enjoyable second decade of ministry there. His last two years have included an innovative ¾-time shared ministry partnership with another United Church colleague.

### RON McCONNELL



Born and raised in Winnipeg, MB, I have remained an unrepentant Blue Bomber football fan for all these many years. Thank you to the members of Rider Nation for their hospitality and *good-natured* ribbing of this stranger from a strange land who has sojourned among you this last while.

My home church was Fort Garry United, in Winnipeg. There, as a youth and young adult, I heard the gospel preached; experienced from others the gift of Christ-like acceptance even as I sometimes struggled with self-acceptance; was invited and given the opportunity to offer leadership in Sunday School, youth ministries, and the occasional worship service; and there I found friends, mentors and role models aplenty in Christian discipleship and service.

I am a graduate of Winnipeg's Vincent Massey Collegiate '74; received a BA from the University of Manitoba '85; and received a Certificate in Ecumenical Studies from the Graduate School of the World Council of Churches, Bossey, Switzerland, '83-'84; Then, returning to St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, where I had begun studies in '80, I graduated with an MDiv in '85.

I was fortunate to experience a year-long internship with the people of Knox UC, Roblin, and Tummel UC, in Manitoba. I had fought the call to ordained ministry, for many years. But, despite my resistance, these people were strong and insistent in their critiques and affirmations. Through them and by the grace of Christ, regarding this persistent call from God and the Church, I came to a place of peace within that I had not known before. I also met and married Michele Kines, of Roblin. This has been a lifelong blessing for me and, hopefully, not a total disaster for her.

Ordained by what was then the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario '85, I was settled on the Gilbert Plains-Ethelbert Pastoral Charge in Manitoba. There I served for four years '85-'89, and learned so much from these saints about church life and community dynamics. The joys and challenges, the ups and downs, both, were a life-changing and ministry-shaping gift. Fond memories remain of those in the youth group, at youth retreats, and in confirmation classes which I lead. Those senior saints also, in their life-long faithfulness, remain still an inspiration to me still.

St. Paul's UC, Souris, and Elgin UC, in Manitoba, then called me to ministry with them. There I served for nine years '89-98, and have never felt more at home. The love, support, faith and caring of the people in these congregations, in other churches of the community and people beyond, was gift and inspiration to both Michele and I. Fortunate, I think, are those who find such congregations and communities where personality and personhood, calling and vocation, needs and abilities meet and match so well.

Michele and I found our next church home with the people of McClure UC in Saskatoon, SK. For 19 years, 1998-2017, we experienced the warmth, nurture, challenges, commitment to outreach, and inspired vision of this Spirit-filled congregation. Also, the gift and challenge of being part of the larger community that includes McClure Church, McClure Place, and Amy McClure House. As a member of a ministry team that changed through the years, I had much to learn, appreciate and grow into. I remember with fondness offering leadership to the monthly Men's Gathering for spiritual nurture, and to the weekly Bible Study where nothing excited me more than light bulbs going on for people as they connected Scripture to their own lives and the life of the world today.

At St. Andrew's UC, Outlook, SK, good, kind and brave people allowed me to fulfill a decades-long dream and personal sense of call; that being to return once more to a rural, small town community and congregation on the prairies. For four years now '17-21, I have been in ministry with these faithful souls. We have experienced the gifts of worship, Sunday School, Messy Church, Bible Study, a Men's Group, pastoral care, and various other faithful initiatives. In these challenging times for the Christian Church, including The United Church of Canada, I'd encourage anyone who feels perhaps called by God to be like Jeremiah, to *buy the field at Anathoth*, to consider if that field for you might also be a rural, small town community and congregation on the prairies. Place your bet on hope foolishly and gladly, and help them to realize that they are of incredible worth to God and to you. Find the place and people that can use you, use your experience, gifts, love, affirmation, encouragement and challenge, and you just might find that it is you who needs them too.

I wish to honour three mentors and role models without whom I cannot conceive of what my life, and of who I as a person and minister would be:

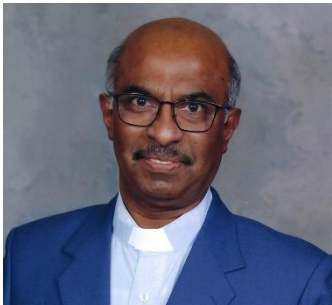
Don Frame, minister of my home church, who spent hours in conversations with me, whose preaching touched my heart and opened my mind, and the imprint of whose hand rested on my head at confirmation and remains with me still.

Ralph Donnelly, former President of St. Andrew's College and teacher of Worship and Preaching, whose friendship was precious, whose love of worship was inspiring, and whose commitment to and valuing of rural, small town communities and ministry was catching.

Glenna Beauchamp, minister of Knox UC, Roblin, and Tummel UC and Supervisor of my internship in '82-'83, who quietly, compassionately and strongly embodies pastoral presence in community, and who graciously made room in both the congregation and pulpit for one who had much to learn.

As has been said, it is a great gift to have our lives caught up in something larger than our lives. So it is that, as I retire officially, I thank God and the Church for this great gift that keeps on giving.

### **MATHIAS ROSS**



Looking back, whether 'moving' has been in my genes or whether 'choosing' played a more determinative role still remains unresolved! The early move from Malaysia, where I was born to parents of Indian origin, to India was just the start. The opening for ministerial training at The United Theological College, Bangalore -- which was thrice the distance away from a regional seminary -- happened because I was awarded a scholarship at UTC. A quick invitation from North India was the reason for transferring my membership in the Church of South India to become a minister of the Church of North India, and I

served St. Paul's Church, Pune for eight and a half years. The choice/decision-making part of me got activated at this point when my passion to do doctoral study in Theology re-surfaced. That took me to New College (University of Edinburgh), where I did my research in critically evaluating Paul Tillich's theological approach to Religious Pluralism. On completing my Ph.D., I was invited by my former teacher in UTC who had then become Principal of Bishop's College, Calcutta to join the faculty. Largely, these moves happened quite naturally.

Ecumenical relations and scholars (including from Canada) coming to give lectures in theological colleges in India, helped me come to St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon in the academic year 2006-7 on a sabbatical and teach a couple of courses. This possibility developed with efforts on my side, which was responded to with interest and generosity on the part of St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon. After the Sabbatical I returned to India and became the Director of Christian Studies at Madras Christian College (mainly an Arts and Sciences college). In addition to fulfilling the normal duties, I organised inter-disciplinary seminars particularly in the areas of inter-faith and peace, and laid the groundwork for the Centre for Peace Studies, which was inaugurated three years later.

Along with the 'move' force at work, my interfaith interest which gained prominence in my thinking since my doctoral study years, also became a forceful thread that connected me with Saskatchewan. In April 2007 at a Conference organised by Multifaith Saskatoon and the City of Saskatoon, I had the opportunity to present a short talk on "Sustainable Common Future and Faith" as a panelist. And in May 2007 I presented a paper titled "Community Praxis and

Inter-religious Dialogue in Contemporary Religious Formation”, at the Canadian Theological Society’s Annual Conference. My interest in theology and inter-faith also led me to express my interest and serve on The United Church of Canada’s “Theology, Inter-church and Inter-faith Committee” from 2012 to 2018.

Becoming part of The United Church of Canada involved a deliberate choice. And I am so grateful that my special last years of ministry serving the pastoral charges of Grasslands, Davidson and Carlyle and being part of wider church Annual Meeting gatherings, conferences and workshops had a renewing effect on me. The people, the events, and opportunities for working together resulted in immense learning experiences and personal and professional growth. The last decade of my career was not a winding down, but one where I was forced to experience and articulate transformational change that is meaningful to our given contexts.

To continue to be part of the United Church’s mission in congregational settings and in community in the years ahead is my desire. For now, I am happy to serve on the Western Intercultural Ministry Network’s Executive, which meets online almost every month.

### YVONNE TERRY



My ministry journey began very innocently one Sunday morning at Forest Lawn United Church, (my home congregation in Calgary). We were having a Congregational meeting and Rev. Catherine Pace was the Presbytery Rep. After the meeting, she came up to me with the question; “How much longer are you going to run?”. We engaged into a brief conversation and left it there. The circumstances and situations that followed were nothing short of miracles, and before you knew it, Rev. Catherine Pace wound up becoming my Educational Supervisor.

I cannot say enough about Catherine’s tutoring. She took me under her wings; educated me, pruned me, challenged me, pushed and prodded me in so many ways. Sometimes I wanted to give up, but what she saw in me made her work even harder. Her work paid off, which led to the seventeen wonderful years I celebrated in ministry; in three different Pastoral Charges, and two Provinces; and on the committees I have served (and are still serving) at the Local, Regional and National levels.

This has been a fantastic and sometimes challenging Spiritual journey, one I would repeat in a heartbeat. On this journey I have met some wonderful people, who have challenged me spiritually and personally, resulting in both my faith in God, and confidence in myself being strengthened. A big THANK YOU for your confidence in me; for believing in me, and supporting me on this journey! I will be forever grateful to you ALL, for the part you have played in making me who I am today.

My decision to retire came when the last Pastoral Charge I served made the decisions to close and sell the buildings, and COVID 19 was also a factor. As I write a new chapter in my life, I do so in faith, and I take all the wonderful memories I have cherished with me. Galatians 6:9 is one of the most encouraging and comforting bible passages for me: *“And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not”*.

**GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!**

**IN MEMORIAM****Ronald Murray Evans****March 30, 1926 – October 1, 2020**

Ronald Murray Evans passed away quietly on October 1, 2020 at City Hospital, Saskatoon, SK, in the company of his son Aaron.

Dad was born in Kenaston, SK on March 30, 1936. He grew up on a farm, in “the hill country” of the Chatham District, 14 miles east of town. The son of Alex and Gladys (Paxman) Evans, dad attended Chatham’s one-room school before finishing high school in Kenaston. He graduated from the U of S with a B.A. and from St. Andrew’s College with a Bachelor of Divinity. Dad met mom, Norma (Poole), at a church summer camp. Mom later attended the U of S where their courtship continued. They were married in 1962, “his good fortune beyond measure”. Dad was ordained in the United Church in 1961 and served four years as the United Church Minister in Rocanville, SK. They moved to Berkeley, California, where dad graduated with a Master of Divinity from the Pacific School of Religion in 1968. Later certified as a supervisor in clinical pastoral education, he worked for 5 years as the chaplain at Kings View Mental Health Center in Reedley, California and 19 years as the Director of Pastoral Services at RUH in Saskatoon. With the exception of four years in the Rocanville parish, dad’s working life was spent as a chaplain and teacher in psychiatric and general hospitals in Houston, Reedley, and Saskatoon. In another life, “he would ask to have the courage to be an actor or join the circus; as it was, he got only as far as the church”.

Dad never displayed the three university degrees he earned. Rather, what decorated his offices were his diploma in sausage making, a plaque for fire eating and a certificate for graduating from clown school. Dad’s alter-ego, Yitzak the Clown, was born after a week at clown school. Yitzak would later appear at RUH, making balloon animals for patients on various wards. In keeping with this spirit, dad left gainful employment at 55 so he could “learn to write”. Dad felt tremendous satisfaction for creating a newsletter The Sourdough Bagel, writing three books Coming Home: Saskatchewan Remembered, Letters from the Sourdough Bagel: Confessions of a loner who like company, and When the Bartender Dim the Lights: Storytelling after 80. Dad also produced one CD, You Can See for Miles, a collection of his storytelling accompanied by Barry Luft on banjo. In the last few years, dad learned how to draw and paint, producing many images of hills, barns and barbed wire fences.

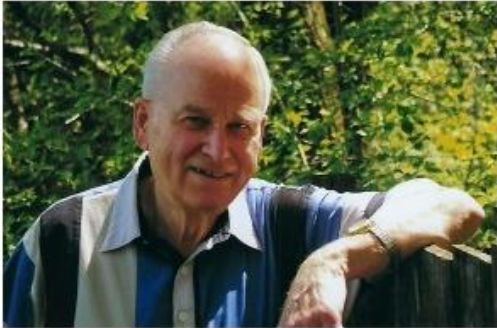
A few years after he retired from RUH, mom and dad moved to the Village of Shields at Blackstrap Lake. Mom and dad developed and fostered many new friendships during their 20 years at Shields, most of which endure to this day. During their time at Shields, mom and dad were part of a number of committees aimed at beautifying the Village of Shields. Dad later received a Volunteer of the Year award from the Province of Saskatchewan for the time and effort he spent improving the community of Shields.

Ron was predeceased by his parents, his brother Ross (Elizabeth) Evans in 2012 and sister Norma (Fred) Fulton in 2020.

A loving father, devoted spouse and loyal friend, dad will be missed. Ron is survived by his wife Norma, daughter, Suzanne and son, Aaron, daughter-in-law Melissa, and grandchildren Jackson, Harrison, and Madeleine. “To them all I owe a great debt, having been loved by them and learning to love in turn.”

## Eric Pullam

**October 16, 1933 – October 9, 2020**

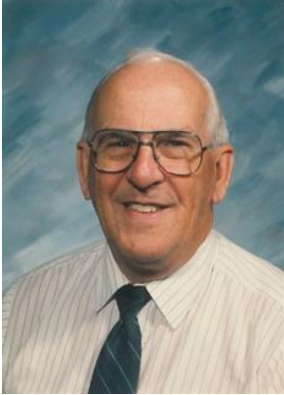


It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Eric Gregory Pullam after a full life of love and service. He died at home surrounded by loved ones. Eric was born in Toronto Ontario to his parents Helen Pullam (nee Gregory) and Eric Pullam. Eric grew up in Toronto. Eric's family had a cottage just outside of Toronto, where Eric fondly remembered the freedom of exploring nature with his sister, Joan. These childhood summers created a life's passion for all things in nature. This passion encompassed gardening, birding, hiking, camping, canoeing, and fishing. Upon completion of high school, Eric entered the University of Toronto and completed his BA. During his summer breaks from university Eric worked at the Dominion Bank (TD Bank) as a runner for them. Eric then studied theology at Emmanuel College in Toronto. During his theological studies Eric was a summer student with the United Church on a pastoral charge in northern Saskatchewan. It was this opportunity that created Eric's love of the prairies. Eric was ordained into ministry with the United Church of Canada in the spring of 1961. While attending the University of Toronto he met Erna Mamie Leach. Erna and Eric were married June 24, 1961 in New Brunswick and following their honeymoon drove to their first pastoral charge - Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan. While in Hudson Bay, Ruth, Jennifer and Greg were all born in quick succession. Eric subsequently served in Prince Albert Saskatchewan, Estevan Saskatchewan, Glenboro Manitoba, and Swan River Manitoba. In each pastoral charge Eric was called to, he and Erna worked in partnership in ministry. Eric was an active participant in all of the communities he lived in. He participated in Interdenominational Ministerial committees, Food Bank Drives, Christmas Hampers, Arts Councils, Stars for Saskatchewan, and Chairperson of the initial committee for the Estevan Regional nursing home to name but a few. Rotary International was a very important part of Eric's life. He joined Rotary in Estevan and had 35 years of perfect attendance!! The four pillars of Rotary were a match for Eric in terms of service and connected with Eric's strong faith in God. Eric was passionately involved in Rotary Foundation work, exchange students, and travelled to Rotary events. In retirement Eric didn't hesitate to drive hours to visit his grandchildren and participate in activities they were involved in. In most recent years Eric and Erna enjoyed living in Mulberry Estates, a retirement community, making friends and participating in activities. Eric is survived by wife Erna Mamie Pullam (nee Leach), his three children: daughter Ruth Pullam (Sony Ahluwalia) and their child Raj Ahluwalia Pullam, daughter Jennifer Marcotte (Warren Marcotte), and their children Bryce Marcotte (Emma Maelde), Sarah Marcotte (Lucas Graham), son Gregory Pullam, (Sintra Lewis), and their daughter Aden Pullam. Eric is also survived by his younger sister Joan Sneddon of Toronto and her four children, Bruce, Anne, Scott and Elizabeth. We are very grateful for the special care provided by Eric's private caregivers, Christy, Connie, and Judy.



**Allan Shaw**

**June 28, 1931 - February 2, 2021**



With Allan was born June 28, 1931 on a farm in Holland Township Grey County Ontario. Allan famously recounts the story that it was a Sunday afternoon and his dad said he found him in the cornfield beside the house!

He grew up in and around Holland Centre, attending school at Holland Centre public school and Markdale High School. After completing Grade 13 he was accepted for a teaching position at Mono Township near Orangeville, Ontario. In the 1950s he commuted between his father's farm and Moggie School where he taught while attending summer courses at Toronto Normal school to obtain a first class teaching certificate.

As a young man, Allan would work the summers away from the farm to raise extra money. Allan also had other interesting jobs, including working the rail lines for CPR as a section hand and as a milkman with Scenic City Dairy, Owen Sound. Allan also drove taxis, and had many funny stories to tell of those adventures.

In the fall of 1952 Allan began studies for his B.A. at Victoria University Toronto. During his three years of study he was a weekend supply minister at the Temple Hill Pastoral Charge in Grey County, Ontario. It was during this time he met and fell for a young woman who would be his future wife, Joan Patricia Smith. Allan graduated in 1955 from Emmanuel College with a Bachelor of Divinity, and was ordained to the United Church ministry on June 1, 1958.

Allan's first assignment brought him to the Saskatchewan prairies where he took on the Pastoral Charge in Landis. Three years later he relocated to the Pastoral Charge in Unity. He and Joan were married in 1961 and began their married life in Unity, spending nine happy years, and where their three children, Judy, Jeff and Sandi were born.

Allan had an interest in flying and during his years in Unity he obtained a private pilot's license. He volunteered and was accepted for the Alert Bay Marine Mission in British Columbia. The young family moved to Alert Bay and Allan flew float planes. This ministry was fundamental to the culturally diverse remote communities.

In 1972 the family returned to Saskatchewan and he accepted a call to the Nipawin and Codette Pastoral charge where he remained active for twenty-five + years. Allan was appointed to the rank of Captain in Chaplain Services of the Canadian Armed Forces where he received training for two Citabria gliders. In 1983 Allan turned his energies into counseling and registered in a clinical pastoral education course at North Dakota State Mental Hospital in Jamestown and included three months of training at University Hospital, Saskatoon. Allan returned to Nipawin as the School community counsellor and began private counseling out of his home as well as being a supply minister for Ridgedale, Alysham and surrounding communities.

Allan loved music. He mentions that highlights of his career included directing the Intermediate Choir in Unity for seven years. They sang in a number of music festivals for several churches and communities. Allan wouldn't hesitate to stop and play a few tunes every time he passed a piano. After he retired, he played keyboards for the famous 'No Name' band.

Allan also enjoyed coaching a young lady's hockey team in Nipawin which he said was a genuine reward for him. Allan had many other interests and anything he pursued he did with a passion. He loved photography and formed the Photography Club of Nipawin. He was involved with the Boy Scouts and told many stories of his adventures. He also was involved with and led many youth groups. He loved watching sports, including skating, curling, and of course the Saskatchewan Roughriders. In the later years he relished traveling to Manitoba to watch his grandson play a variety of sports and attend every Christmas concert.

Allan drew much pleasure from his volunteering – it was an integral part of his sense of community and his desire to help others. Some of the groups he was involved with include the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, and the Legion. Allan was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club, and was bestowed the Nipawin's Citizen of the Year in 1984.

Allan has spent a lifetime in the service of his ministry and his community. In recognition of his achievements, in 2020 Allan was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from St. Andrew's College at the University of Saskatchewan.

Allan's family was the most important thing in his life. He showed great interest in the pursuits and endeavors of his children and grandson. He was always there to support, give guidance, extol his wisdom and share his love.

Allan will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife, Joan, his daughters Judy (Tim), Sandi (Dean), his son Jeff; his grandson Blair, his sister Noreen (Ken) as well as generations of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is pre-deceased by his parents Thomas Farley Shaw and Mary Ann McMullen, his brother Stewart and his niece Lynn, Alonzo and Hawthorne Smith, Gordon and Eveline Lennox, Ted Smith, Barb Lennox, and Bill Lennox. Allan touched the hearts of everyone he met, and will be sadly missed.

### **Alma Pockrandt**

**February 3, 2021**



With heavy hearts, we regret to announce the passing of Alma Pockrandt on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

Alma was predeceased by her devoted and steadfast husband Don; parents Anne Margaret and James Mann and brothers George and Wesley.

Alma is survived by her brother Lloyd (Janice); sisters-in-law Fran and Debbie; her loving children Cynthia, Kenneth (Nicolle) and Roanne; her beloved grandchildren Chantell (Ernest), Samantha, Jessica (Cody), Kyle, Kallie, Kosty and Chloe; her treasured great-grandchildren Nyxon, Abby, Stetson, and Thalia; as well as numerous friends and relatives who will all miss her faithful kindness and generosity.

Alma was very active over her lifetime, whether working or upon retirement. She always made an effort to be present for sporting events and special occasions in the lives of family members, attended and volunteered at church, enjoyed square dancing, playing bridge, curling, knitting, sewing and cross-stitching memorable gifts for all those she loved.

Alma was very active in the churches of Broadway, Zion and joined Eastside after Zion closed. She was a member of Wascana Presbytery and Saskatchewan Conference for many years as well.

*I am at peace, my soul's at rest, there is no need for tears. For with your love, I was so blessed, for all so many years.*



**Marylynn Florence Dumont**  
**(Morning Woman / Wapan isk wew)**  
**April 3, 1975 - February 8, 2021**

It is with great sadness that the family of Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt announce the passing of her daughter, Marylynn Florence Dumont on Monday February 8, 2021 at the age of 45.

**Betty Powell**

**February 7, 2021**



It is with great sadness that the family of Betty Powell announces her passing on February 7, 2021 with her family by her side, at the home of her daughter Catherine. She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 53 years, Tom, daughters Catherine Powell (Brian Pozniak) and Jennifer Brookman (Aaron), grandchildren Alysha and Matthew Forester and Adam Brookman, sisters-in-law Marilyn Marven and Evelyn Powell, brother-in-law Douglas Powell, nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, William in 1988 and Winnifred in 2000, father-in-law Dwight Powell in 2005, mother-in-law Mary Powell in 2009, and brother-in-law David Marven in 2019.

Betty was born in 1943 in Arborfield, Saskatchewan. She attended high school in Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan, and obtained a Bachelor of Education from the University of Saskatchewan. She made life-long friends and memories at her first teaching position at the rural high school in Prince Albert where she taught English, French, and Drama. She and Tom married in 1967, and made their first home in Edmonton, Alberta where she taught junior high school while he finished his university degrees. In 1969, they moved to Leader where Tom was settled by The United Church of Canada. In 1970, daughter Cathy was born, and in 1972 after moving to Outlook, daughter Jennifer was added to the family. Betty was kept busy raising the girls, being active in the church and running the family's business, Powell's Male Shop, with Tom until the family moved to Regina in 1975. In Regina, Betty worked teaching

preschool and later as school secretary and librarian at Coronation Park School. In 1986, the family moved again, this time to North Battleford. With the girls being older, Betty resumed teaching, and worked at two schools across the river in Battleford. Tom and Betty's final move was in 1990 to Saskatoon. At the time of her retirement in 1999, Betty worked for the Saskatchewan Federation of Home and School Associations. Through all these moves, she demonstrated her incredible inner strength, resilience, and ability to make the best of any situation.

Betty's main purpose in life was always to provide a loving home for her family, and she succeeded! There were many wonderful family dinners, birthday parties, holidays, family reunions, weddings, and baptisms that she organized and often catered. Cathy and Jennifer always knew she would be there to lend an ear, a hand, a spare bedroom for as long as they wanted, or anything else they might need. She was present at the births of two of her three grandchildren and loved rocking all of them as babies, reading stories, playing house, and having them sleep over. She provided grandma day care and took them to preschool. Betty attended as many of her grandchildren's activities as she could, from music festival and football, soccer, and hockey games, to piano and dance recitals, high school drama productions and band concerts. The family cabin at Candle Lake, originally purchased by her parents in 1972, was a special place for Betty, and many fond memories were made there.

Betty was a talented pianist and organist; those abilities played a big part in how she and Tom met each other. She was skilled with a needle, avidly pursuing sewing, quilting, stitchery, knitting and crocheting, and she shared her handmade gifts with many. Her terrific cooking was appreciated by family, friends, and even complete strangers throughout her years. Betty and Tom loved to travel, and explored many interesting places, both near and far. She inherited a love of gardening from her parents, and created beautiful yards wherever the family lived. She was kind, compassionate, wise, patient, and showed grace under pressure.

In 2016, Betty and family received the devastating diagnosis that she had Alzheimer's Disease. In 2019, she moved to Oliver Lodge where she lived until the final days of her life.

### **Earl Grigg**

**February 15, 1926 - February 17, 2021**



Earl Grigg passed away peacefully on February 17, 2021 at Providence Place in Moose Jaw, SK at the age of 95. Earl was predeceased by his parents, his wife Anne (2005), and his grandson Andy Johnson (2020). Left to cherish his memory is his son Glen Grigg and his daughter Darilyn Grigg; grandchildren Barry, Heather, Ryan, and Heidi; 5 great-grandchildren; his brother Lloyd and his sister Mildred as well as numerous other family and friends. Earl also considered the congregation of St. Andrew's United Church his bothers and sisters. Earl was born in Moose Jaw, SK on February 15, 1926. He received his formal education at the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Montana, and the University of BC. He was a life-long learner. Earl was ordained in 1954 and spent most of his life ministering to the people of Moose Jaw. He was at St.

Andrew's United Church for five years and then went on to work at the Moose Jaw Public School Board, returning to ministry in Mortlach before retiring.

**Patricia Joan (Casswell) Farquharson**

**July 5, 1936 - February 24, 2021**



Patricia Joan was born in Moosomin, Saskatchewan July 5, 1936 to RCMP Constable Henry (Harry) Sellers Casswell and educator Phyllis Aileen Brown. Harry and Phyllis, with daughters Joan and Beverly, would subsequently live in a variety of communities that included Kipling and Craik, and then Estevan where Joan and Beverly would receive their high school education.

In 1954 Joan enrolled in the City Hospital School of Nursing in Saskatoon. She graduated in 1957 and became a Registered Nurse. On September 16, 1958, at Grace United Church, Saskatoon, she married Walter Farquharson, a theological student at St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon. From September 1960 until June 1961 they lived in Edinburgh, Scotland, where Walter attended New College at the University of Edinburgh and served as an assistant minister at Morningside Parish Church. Their firstborn child, Scott, was born October 10. Joan's primary focus for that year was learning the skills of parenting.

In July 1961 Joan and Walter moved to Saltcoats, Saskatchewan where Walter had been "settled" as a minister of The Saltcoats-Bredenbury Pastoral Charge of The United Church of Canada. Saltcoats would become home and here Joan and Walter raised their family of four - Scott, Michael, Catherine and Stephen. Life revolved around parenting and active involvement in church and community.

Joan's parents lived with an emphasis upon service and Joan had been attracted to nursing as an avenue of service to community and to individual members of the human family. Her attraction to nursing was inspired in part by the example of family members.

As a nurse, Joan was quick to recognize a patient's needs and changes in their symptoms and their responses to treatments given. She was a compassionate and astute listener. As a nursing manager, Joan functioned as a team-builder, professional and capable, and always as a champion and advocate for care-givers and for those receiving care.

Her career as a nurse covered many aspects of nursing. Upon graduating she became an operating room nurse at City Hospital working especially with Dr. Idris Hamdi, neurosurgeon. She worked for a time in Saltcoats Hospital but most of her nursing career was lived out at the Yorkton Hospital where she worked medical, surgical and geriatric wards, then as Night Supervisor and finally as Assistant Director of Nursing, retiring in 1990.

Joan was a deeply spiritual woman, committed to a lived and lively faith - seeing God in nature and in the women, men and children of the human family.

In 1990, Joan became a member of the ministry team of the Four Town Pastoral Charge of the United Church as a Staff Associate teaming with her friend, Margaret Hulston. In this role, she led services of worship, offered pastoral care including officiating at funeral and memorial services. During this time (1990-1992) Joan joined Walter, who was serving as Moderator of the United Church, in extensive travels to congregations and church gatherings across Canada and to partner churches in Zambia, South Africa,

Cuba and Jamaica. This, often meant requests from local groups to meet specifically with her or to apprise her of some special projects or concerns. Her ability to meet others with compassion and empathy was quickly recognized.

Over many years Joan partnered with Walter to offer workshops in a variety of areas that included: Celebrating and Honouring Your Relationship as a Couple; Dealing with Grief and Helping Grievers; Spiritual Practices; The Enneagram - Tool for Understanding Self and Relationships. In the local church, she was involved at different times in CGIT, Youth Groups, Music Ministry, Bible Studies, Prayer Groups, and Explorations of Faith. Most recently that local involvement saw the initiation of a Prayer Shawl ministry - and in knitting and crocheting shawls, scarves and lap rugs for that ministry.

In the 1990's, Joan participated in a Spiritual Direction/Ignatian Pathway program at the John Paul II Centre in Regina and, on the completion of a two-year program, was recognized as a Spiritual Director within the Archdiocese of Regina.

For several years she and Walter operated Blue Heron House, Bed and Breakfast and Retreat, hosting group retreats and programs and providing opportunity for individual retreats.

Community involvements were many, and included the Agricultural Society; Community Beautification Group; Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Association (especially the Summer Student Program); fund-raising for the Community Hall Refurbishing Project. As part of the Hall Project, Joan designed the unique Saltcoats Community Tartan, officially recognized by the Scottish Tartan Registry.

Throughout her life, Joan was a lover of the natural world, especially the world of trees, prairie landscapes, birding, seeking out native wildflowers. From her days in high school Joan was recognized as having a love for learning, a questioning mind, and a passionate commitment to core values that included justice-seeking, practicing compassion, living with a profound gratitude for gifts, opportunities and connections experienced in each day given us as children of God, part of creation and as part of a diverse and rich family of humankind.

Joan always enjoyed travel - whether that was through the countryside or on longer tours to explore our province and country. Visits to the UK, to Japan, and Joan and Walter's one major holiday tour - a Pacific Rim Tour, were special times.

Joan's interests included knitting, spinning, weaving and a wide variety of needlework activities. She was an avid reader and a lover of music. She enjoyed baking. A great joy was found in the company of family and friends.

As a sister, she is remembered as a protector, and a loving, loyal friend.

As a Mother, Joan is remembered as a fiercely loving, care-giver, nurturer and for the humour and laughs they shared.

As a Grandmother, she is remembered for her warm welcoming embraces, her baking and knitting, her shared enthusiasm for all of her grandchildren's passions, and her unwavering love.

As a life partner, she is remembered - lover, soul-mate and friend. A rare and treasured gem.

Joan was predeceased by her parents, Harry and Phyllis Casswell and by an honoured company of aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, fellow workers and journey-makers.

Death came peacefully on February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Centennial Care Home in Langenburg after a battle with Leukemia. During her illness, the care she received from Home Care, hospitals and care home, was always professional and compassionate.

Remembering Joan with love and admiration are her husband, Walter; daughter Catherine Daniels of Regina; sons - Scott (Shelley) of Saskatoon, Michael (Hanna) of Saltcoats, Stephen (Crystal) of Saltcoats; treasured grandchildren - Brendan (Hannah) of Saskatoon, Davis Daniels (Chantel) of Regina, Kaito and Gregor of Mayville, N. Dakota, Kyla and Dougal of Saltcoats, Jessica and Katelyn of Saltcoats; sister Beverly of Surrey, B.C.; sister-in-law Lynn Farquharson of Zealandia; special cousins, nephews and nieces; many friends, mentors and co-workers who have shared and enriched life's journey.

**Ivan Glen Fulford**  
**October 26, 1913 – March 14, 2021 (age 107)**



Ivan Fulford died peacefully, early Sunday morning on March 14, 2021 with family by his side, at the age of 107. He will be missed by special friend, Olga Rock, sons: Doug (Velda) and Ken (Lynda), daughters: Pat Chimney, Lois (Jim) Aitken, Betty (Murray) McClure and Dawne Fulford (Al), brother Keith (Alfreda) and sister Norma, along with 24 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren and 22 great-great grandchildren.

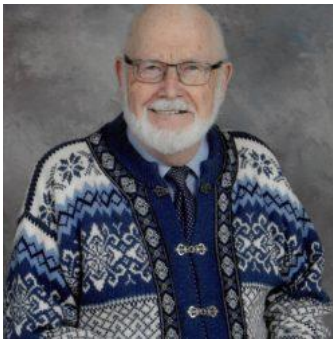
He was predeceased by wife Bernice (nee Godin), father Alfred (Doc), mother Tina (nee McLeod), son Gordon, granddaughter Holly, son-in-law Don, and great great grandson Kale, brothers Hugh, Jim and Dal, sisters Freda, Alda and Jean, and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Ivan was born in Mather, Manitoba and in 1934 moved with his parents to Minitonas, MB. Dad loved to farm and in the early years worked in the bush cutting and hauling logs to the mill. He married Bernice Godin in 1937 and they farmed until 1954 when with a family of six moved to Oakland, MB. There he served as a student minister in the Oakland Church while attending college. Their seventh child arrived while ministering there. When he got his degree in 1958, he accepted a call to the United Church at Grandview, MB. He also ministered at Wiseton and Pelly, SK. Dad was known for his ability to reach people in a special way – he assisted his parishioners when help was needed, and especially loved, in the midst of his ministerial work to help farmers with the harvest. He was the leader in planning and building a new church in Grandview. Each year during summer holidays the car was loaded down with tenting supplies and family travelled across Canada and into the States. When Dad retired in 1976 he returned to farming at Pelly, where he and mom bought a homestead and built it into a ranch called Revs Rolling Ranch. Family and grandkids loved to visit the Ranch. Dad was a hard-working man and visiting grandkids were taught to ride a horse, lasso a cow, drive a tractor, ride a baler and

much more. They learned hard work in cutting trees down for firewood and pulling the logs out of the bush with a horse. Grandkids loved him dearly but found out he was not a man to be reckoned with, especially in a game of crib. Dad taught us the value of family, and oh, how he loved a family sing song. He also enjoyed a good debate with whoever would argue. In his mid-seventies he and mom took up downhill skiing and joined in family ski trips in the Rockies. Dad loved riding his horse and he was able to ride into his nineties. He loved to dance and was able to until he was 103.

We will remember him sitting in the rocking chair in the big kitchen window looking out down into the valley ... the dances at weekend family get-togethers at Wellman Lake church camp ... the beautiful rendition of "Be present at our table Lord" sang before every meal. And we will remember the crumpled farm hat, the worn coveralls, his chuckles and his humming a tune while working away. Dad/Grandpa, your chuckles will be echoed in our hearts forever. You instilled values and morals and have left us with memories and love to cherish for a lifetime - thank you for the wonderful legacy. Your work is done now – Rest In Peace.

**John (Jack) Millar**  
**June 6, 1929 – April 5, 2021**



John B. (Jack) Millar died Monday April 5, 2021 at the age of 91. He is survived by his four children, Kathleen (Barry) Sawatsky of Calgary, Virginia Millar of Vernon, B.C., Fred Millar of Saskatoon and John (Lee) Millar of Regina; six grandchildren, Andrew Sawatsky, Krista (Justin) Fenech, Lisa and Sarah Millette and Carter and McKenzie Millar and five great grandchildren, Dennis, Nora and Lucy Spencer and Elliot and Finley Fenech. Jack was married twice; to the children's mother, Anne Halliday and then to Jean Nahachewsky.

Jack was born on June 6, 1929 in Empress, AB, the only child of John and Beatrice Millar. In his youth Jack lived in a number of small communities where his father worked for the C.P.R.. Jack graduated from high school in Rosemary, AB. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Alberta and his Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in 1960.

Jack worked for the Canadian Wildlife Service for thirty-two years as a wildlife biologist and, even after retirement, continued to do contract work based on his years of experience. He was a collector of many artifacts, which he accumulated in his 40 years of travel around the world. He was a keen photographer and for many years entertained audiences in local nursing homes, libraries, seniors groups and churches with his travel slides.

The United Church was a major focus in Jack's life. He was the first lay-person to be President of the United Church Conference in Saskatchewan. He also served on many committees in the various courts of the church and was an active member of McClure United Church.



**Charles (Chuck) Robert Alton**  
**1939 – 2021**



Our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Charles (Chuck) Robert Alton, passed away peacefully into the arms of the Lord with family by his side on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at the age of 81 years. Chuck is survived by his loving wife Rhaya, his three daughters Nanette (Patrick) Estabrooks and their daughters Caitlin (Cole) English, Lauren Estabrooks and Nicole Estabrooks, Heather (Russell) Ohlmann and Naomi (Kerry) Degenhardt and their children Josephine, Claire and Gilbert. He is also survived by his siblings Joe (Esther) Alton, Karen (Hans) Specht and Tim (Wonda) Alton, his sisters-in-law Ellie Donahue, Betti Gallpen, Marj (Jim) Kope and Carol Davis (George Owen) and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Chuck was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Marion Alton, Rhaya's parents, Charles and Isabel Nix, his brothers-in-law Peter Gallpen and Joe Donahue and two infant great-grandchildren Camille and Connor English. Chuck was born in Weyburn, SK on August 14, 1939, the oldest of four children. He grew up in the Griffin area and worked alongside his family on the farm and in their hardware store. He went to Teachers College in Moose Jaw in the fall of 1957 and taught school for 5 years in Goodwater, Wood Mountain and Beechy, SK and in Topley, BC. Chuck answered the Lord's call into ministry and attended St. Andrew's College from 1967-1970 when he was ordained. Over his 34-year career in The United Church of Canada, he served the pastoral charges of Climax (1970-1975), Avonlea-Briercrest (1975-1982), Consort, AB (1982-1984), Cadillac-Neville-Vanguard (1984-1991) and Lafleche (1991-2004). Upon his retirement, they moved to Briercrest, SK where he lived until his passing. Chuck had a real passion for serving his church and community and made many friendships throughout his life. Chuck met his loving wife Rhaya in 1965 at Naramata, BC while attending Christian Leadership Training School. They were married on June 24, 1967 and enjoyed almost 54 years together. He was a real family man and had a very active role in raising his children. Chuck was delighted to become a grandpa and enjoyed each of his grandchildren, attending many school concerts and gymnastic recitals. He had the privilege of baptizing 2 of his 3 children and all 6 of his grandchildren and performing the marriage ceremony of his oldest granddaughter Caitlin.

**Congregations/Pastoral Charges that have ceased worshipping**

Brithdir Congregation of the Humboldt Pastoral Charge

Borden Pastoral Charge

Fillmore: Grace United Church Congregation of the Prairie Points Pastoral Charge

Gravelbourg: St. Stephen's Congregation of the Gravelbourg Pastoral Charge

Manor: Knox United Pastoral Charge (SM)

Nokomis Congregation of the Lanigan, Nokomis Pastoral Charge

Redvers: Knox United/Lutheran Pastoral Charge (SM)