

Beacon Community Services History: Volunteers – Thank you for all you do!

2024 marked Beacon Community Services' (BCS) 50th year of service - Helping People, Empowering Communities, Improving Lives. In this article we explore how volunteers have contributed over the years.

In 2024, over 500 volunteers, ranging in age from 12 to over 90, are engaged in supporting the many services delivered across the various departments in Beacon. Throughout its history, Beacon has encouraged people to volunteer, and many volunteers have heeded the call. Volunteers make their own communities stronger by providing services to thousands of people and raising money for local programs that help people and improve lives. Volunteering at Beacon not only provides an opportunity for people to stay busy and give back to their community, but it also provides the opportunity to help shape how the services are delivered and evolved.

As you read in the articles, *Welcome the Board* and *Who's the Boss*, Board members have always been volunteers, and the first Executive Director originally volunteered for the position which was expected to be just for a few months, and ended up being almost three years! In fact, the very first person to deliver a service for Beacon in 1974, was the volunteer youth recreation coordinator, Camille Martin.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Beacon, delivering programs that support children, youth, families and seniors. They assist in our long-term care sites, and power Beacon thrift shops and the thriving SHOAL Centre (making it possible to offer thousands of hours of activities, supports, and workshops for local seniors and caregivers). They help keep resources in the office up-to-date, and help at special events. Training is provided, if needed, and out-of-pocket expenses are covered. Volunteers can choose to work in the program or activity that best complements their skills and interests. "Amazingly, challenging requests are often met with someone contacting the office offering that exact skill!", said Marjorie Denroche, Volunteer Coordinator in 1989. This remains true today!

Volunteer appreciation is an important component of Beacon's volunteer program. The first volunteer appreciation event was held on April 21, 1983 at the Margaret Vaughan-Birch Hall which, in 2024, is the St. Andrew's Anglican Church parish hall located at 9697 Fourth Street Sidney. In 2024, volunteers are recognized at two events – one during National Volunteer Week in April and another in December just before Christmas.



Join me on the journey to discover how volunteers have been involved over the years. Read on and you'll also meet some very interesting and dedicated people.

Meet the Volunteer Management Team

In 1977, provincial grant money was received to enable Beacon to hire Sharon Wiegand to run Volunteer Services. Sharon was the first of just a handful of individuals who have lead Volunteer Services over the years.

Sharon Wiegand

Coordinator Volunteer Services
1977-1981



Jean Jones

Coordinator Volunteer Services
1981



Marjorie Denroche

Coordinator Volunteer Services
1982-c1993



Donna Godwin

Coordinator Volunteer Services
c1993-1998



Kathryn Mason

Volunteer Services Coordinator, including
Services for Seniors & Youth Employment
Program (YEP)
June 1998-December 2013



Debra Greenaway

Acting Volunteer Services Coordinator,
including Services for Seniors
November 2013-February 2014



Sara Lawton

Volunteer Services & YEP Coordinator
March 2014-March 2022



Yasmin Rampuri

Manager Volunteer Engagement
February 2022-Current



Evolution of the Volunteer Program

In 1974, Camille Martin was the volunteer youth recreation coordinator responsible for the Sidney Teen Activity Group (STAG). In 1977, funding was received to hire her and she remained responsible for STAG until 1988. To find out more about the youth recreation programs offered over the years, refer to the article, *Helping Teens Succeed*.

In 1976, two services were initiated, both of which continue to be provided in 2024 - an information and referral service, which includes maintaining resource databases and helping in the office, and a volunteer drivers service, providing drivers who take clients to medical and other appointments. These services were led by Sharon Wiegand, the Volunteer Services Coordinator¹. Then, as in 2024, volunteers provide the services.

The annual reports of the associations committees indicated a busy year with programs for youth, aged, handicapped and an information service.

In 1979, a volunteer visitor service was added for people who were disabled and confined to their homes. Visits, which continue to be offered in 2024, can either be in person or a reassurance phone call, and are a benefit to anyone in need of companionship.² To find out more about the programs for seniors that have been offered over the years, refer to the article, *Helping Seniors Stay Independent*.

Sharon Wiegand, a staff member will be co-ordinating a volunteer service which will recruit helpers for three functions. One will be for volunteer drivers, a second for volunteer visitors for people who are disabled and confined to their homes and a third for volunteers to staff and an information and referral service.

In July 1982, the first Peninsula Old & New (PON) Shop opened, completely managed by volunteers. It was called the PON Shop because it sold "a wide selection of old or used items, but also a variety of new artwork and crafts produced by senior citizens and handicapped people on the peninsula"³. The shops weren't referred to as Thrift Shops until January 1988, and it wasn't until 2001 that the Thrift shops management team was put in place and they became a department separate from Volunteer Services. In 2024, there are 7 Thrift Shops located in the capital region, with over 200 volunteers helping to sort, repair or sell items. To find out more about the history and evolution of Thrift Shops, refer to the article, *Thrift Shops – What a success story*.

¹ The Sidney Review November 23, 1977

² The Sidney Review July 11, 1979

³ The Sidney Review July 14, 1982



1985 was a busy year of expansion for Volunteer Services.

- Office volunteers were recruited to provide assistance to office staff who run the day-to-day operations of the Society, and to help maintain the information and referral database.
- Tom Irwin and Wynn Lewis from the law firm, Henley and Waldon, started providing free legal information every Thursday afternoon. This service was offered until 2003. After 2003, legal services were included in information and referral activities.
- Beacon began providing free tax preparation and filing for simple tax returns for individuals with a taxable income less than \$35,000 a year. This is a federal program funded by Canada Volunteer Tax Preparers (CVTP). CVTP provides a free workshop at the beginning of each tax season to acquaint tax preparers with the current CRA policies. Beacon is paid \$5.00 for each tax return completed and e-filed.

In 2024, tax clinics are provided at the SHOAL Centre, the Brentwood Bay satellite office, and for each of the First Nations on the Peninsula. Tax service support for Esquimalt, Songhees and Sooke First Nations is handled by other agencies.

This program started with just 2 volunteers, Mark Gotto and Ted Hibberson, who completed 31 returns that first year. In March and April 2024, a team of 20 volunteers filed over 1,388 tax returns, with more completed throughout the rest of the year.

In 1989, Beacon began offering a handyperson service. This service for seniors, still active in 2024, provides help with minor repairs and odd jobs around the home or garden.

In 1995, Beacon recognized the value of including youth in the volunteer culture. The Community Youth Employment Program (CYEP) was started that September in partnership with Parkland School to provide young people, aged 14-17, with their first employment experience. Beacon volunteer job coaches accompanied the youth to the work site to provide guidance and training. Parkland provided a mini-life skills workshop for CYEP participants and credited the hours to the Career and Personal Planning (CAPP) component of the students' curriculum. In 2022, it was renamed to Youth Engagement Program to focus on outreach and engagement. The program ended in 2024.



In 1998, Beacon merged with the Seniors Hotline who provided services for seniors. With this change, Volunteer Services, managed by Kathy Mason, became the overarching program, responsible for recruiting and managing volunteers, and managing the Seniors Hotline and the Community Youth Employment Program. The program operated out of an office in Beacon Plaza.

At the time of the merger, the Seniors' Hotline was already processing disability parking permit requests as a result of an agreement with the Victoria Disability Resource Centre. In 2024, over 700 requests for permits were processed.

2321 Beacon Ave., Beacon Plaza, Sidney April 2024

Entrance to the original hallway is the main entrance Shoppers used in 2024



December 4, 2000: The main entrance led to this hallway and several offices



In 2003, the Sidney Single Seniors (SSS) Group was launched with support from Kathy Mason and her team. “We are not a dating group, but rather a SOCIAL CLUB for people 55+ who are single or whose partner is housebound or in long term care.” In 2024, regular SSS activities include monthly meetings, 5-pin bowling, drop-in coffee sessions and morning walks. The Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the SHOAL Centre.

On July 28, 2007, the Volunteer Centre, Seniors’ Hotline and the Youth Employment Program moved to the SHOAL Centre on Resthaven Drive. Kathy, Joanne and their loyal office volunteers, continued to provide all the same programs and services.

In 2013, Senior Services and Volunteer Services became two separate departments to allow the teams to better focus on their respective clients, services and activities.



Meet the Youth Employment Team

The YEP Coordinators, shown in the table below, dealt directly with the youth who participated in the program.

<p>Bonnie McCullough</p>  <p>YEP Coordinator September 1995-2000</p>	<p>Maria Kirley</p>  <p>YEP Coordinator 2000-June 2007</p>
<p>Joanne Reuben</p>  <p>YEP Coordinator July 2007-September 2009</p>	<p>Sarah Cameron</p>  <p>YEP Coordinator November 2009-April 2012</p>
<p>Sarah Gray</p> <p>YEP Coordinator May 2012-August 2012</p>	<p>Debra Greenaway</p>  <p>YEP Coordinator October 2012-October 2013</p>



Sara Lawton



Volunteer Services & YEP Coordinator
March 2014-March 2022

Yasmin Rampuri



Manager Volunteer Engagement,
including YEP February 2022-2024

October 31, 2023 YEP Volunteers help at Treat Street, Sidney
L-R Fernanda Perez Bolde and Josefine Oehlmann



Beacon Avenue is blocked off from Fifth Street to First Street,
different booths set up along the street, Candy given out at stores & booths



Volunteer Recognition

Each year, in April during Volunteer week, a volunteer appreciation event is held. At this event, volunteer milestone years of service are recognized (e.g., 20+, 15, 10, and 5)

“Originally, volunteers received a bouquet, the cost of which was based on the category, for example, the bouquet cost \$5.00 for the 5-year group, \$10.00 for the ten-year group, and so on.” said Kathy Mason, Volunteer Coordinator from 1998 to 2013.

Total Number of Volunteers since 1974

Volunteers with 5+ Years of Service			
#Years Volunteering	# of Volunteers	# Milestone Years Volunteering	# of Volunteers
30+	11	30+	11
25-29	16	25-29	16
20-24	45	20-24	45
15-19	82	15	72
10-14	189	10	169
5-9	374	5	329
Total # Volunteers	717		642



Volunteers with 25+ Years of Service since 1974

11 Volunteers 30+ Years of Service				16 Volunteers 25-29 Years of Service			
Volunteer		# Years	Last Year	Volunteer		# Years	Last Year
Susan	Langlois	48	2023	Chester	Brown	27	2014
Donna	Godwin	35	2016	Ruth	Elvey	27	2020
Rene	Laprairie	34	2013	Hugh	Godwin	27	2009
Anne	Johnston	32	2010	Sylvia	Graham	27	2011
Edna	Laprairie	32	2011	Gwen	Isomaa	27	2020
Jill	Harrison	32	Active	Jean	Jackson	27	2012
Marilyn	Ball	31	2020	Roberta	Miller	27	Active
Margaret	Frew	31	Active	Peter	Brinkert	26	Active
Joan	Ethier	30	2014	Lucy	Ditlevson	26	2011
Alice	Hall	30	2005	James	Tedlie	26	2007
Anna	Tellevik	30	Active	Gwen	Wrightson	26	2009
				Tony	Clarke	25	2011
				Bryan	Critchison	25	Active
				Corrine	Porter	25	Active
				Terry	White	25	Active
				Isabelle	Yoxall	25	Active



Youth Community Service Awards

Major General Gerry Edwards Award

As you will find out when reading the articles titled, *Welcome the Board* and *Who's the Boss*, retired Major General Gerry Edwards was very instrumental in the growth and expansion of Beacon. He started as a volunteer in 1977, served on the Board and then as Executive Director, retiring from Beacon in 1986. He died two years later, in January 1988. To pay tribute to him an award was started in 1988 and continued until 2019.

The award, called the Beacon Community Services Scholarship, which included a \$500 book prize, was presented to a graduating student selected by the school authorities for their leadership qualities and community service. One student received the award from each of the three high schools in School District 63 – Parkland, Claremont and Stelly's.

Donna Godwin Humanitarian Award

During Donna Godwin's 21 years with Beacon, she came to embody the very spirit of Beacon's motto "people helping people". Giving primacy to the human and spiritual rather than the material in life had been Donna's hallmark, both in her professional and personal life. While a great amount of her work at Beacon was working with seniors, Donna had a passionate belief in the capacity of our youth to do great things for themselves and for each other.

To honour Donna after she retired in 2002, Beacon created an award to recognize youth for their service to others. High academic achievement and athletic ability should be celebrated and recognized, but Donna would want to ensure that the person who worked hard at helping others shared similar opportunities.

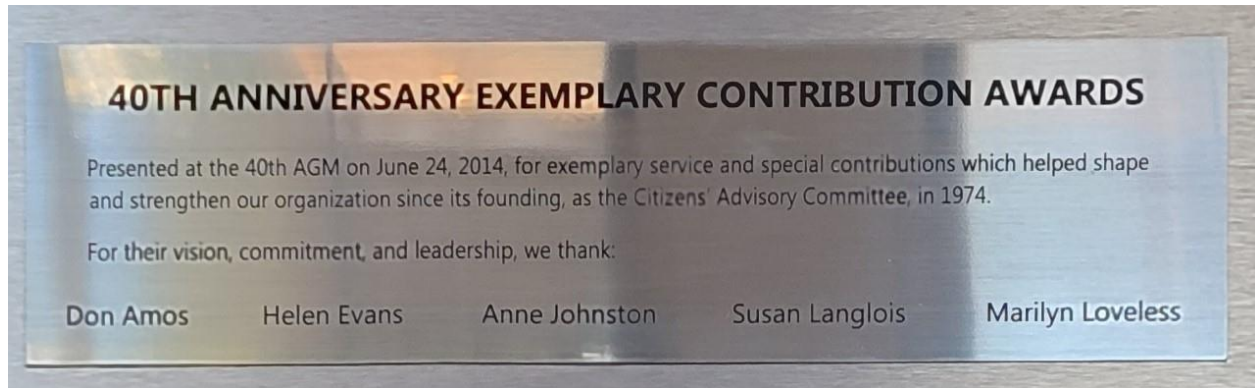
From 2002 to 2019, the award, and its accompanying \$500 scholarship, was presented to a graduating student from Parkland who had been selected by the school on the basis of their humanitarian service either at school or in the community.

40th Anniversary Exemplary Contribution Awards

On June 24, 2014, Beacon celebrated its 40th year of service by unveiling a *Wall of Honour*. It was created by the Board of Directors to recognize those whose efforts significantly contributed to the organization. The vision, commitment and leadership of these individuals helped shape and strengthen the organization. Note: The plaque incorrectly identifies the original organization name as the Citizens' Advisory Committee. As you found out by reading the article *What's in a Name*, the original name was



Saanich Peninsula District Community Resources Society that had been registered by the Citizen's Advisory Committee.



Don Amos⁴.

Mayor, Town of Sidney 1997-2008



Served on the Board from 1986 to 1988
Advocated on behalf of the Society

Helen Evans



Served on the Board from 2001 to 2008
Advocated on behalf of the Society

⁴ Photo courtesy Times Colonist Sep 3 2014



Anne Johnston



32 Years of Volunteer Service
1978 to 2010

Instrumental in Thrift Shops startup

May 22, 1984: received the federal
Lifestyle Award Medal
and Certificate of Honour

This award recognizes Canadians who
have made – on a voluntary basis – a
“remarkable and continuing contribution
in promoting health and social services.”⁵

Susan Langlois



48 Years of Volunteer Service
1974-2023

1974 First Chair of the Board

Served as Board Chair from 1974 to 1978

Restorative Justice Program Volunteer

Marilyn Loveless



Served on the Board from 1996 to 2002

Director of Sidney Silver Threads

12 years as a Saanich School Trustee

12 years on Sidney Council.⁶

Advocated on behalf of the Society

⁵ 1984 Mar 28 The Review

⁶ 1988 Sep 21 The Review



Honourary Lifetime Memberships

John Anderson



22 Years of Volunteer Service
1997 to 2020

Job coach for Youth Employment
Program, a volunteer visitor, a volunteer
driver, and an income tax preparer.

Served on the Board from 1997 to 2005,
and as Chair from 2003 to 2005

Lorraine Borstad



20 years of Volunteer Service
2000 to 2020

Served on the Board from 2000 to 2007,
and as Secretary/Treasurer from
2003 to 2005

Chester Brown



27 Years of Volunteer Service
1987 to 2014

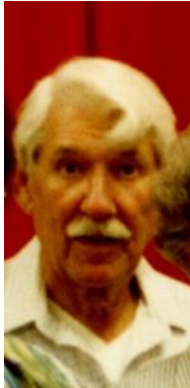
Etta Connor



1997 Founding member,
Peninsula Crossroads Community
Restorative Justice Program
1999 Program formalized under Beacon
2010 Hearts of the Community
Lifetime Service Award



Dennis Coppard



20 Years of Volunteer Service
1989 to 2009

Served on the Board, acting as Treasurer
in 1994

Dan Currie

circa 1986 to 2001

Year first started volunteering not found

Recognized in 1996 in 10-15 Years of
Service category

2001 last reference to volunteering
Years of service not mentioned.

Marjorie Denroche



~22 Years of Volunteer Service
circa 1980 to 2001

Instrumental in startup of first PON Shop

Volunteer Coordinator 1986

Volunteer Coordinator & Thrift Shop
Manager 1989

Lucy Ditlevson



25 Years of Volunteer Service
1985 to 2020

"Lucy was always dressed to the nines
and was a great cook. She made the best
cookies."



James Duckmanton

No reference was found of his volunteerism; Annual Reports from 1974 to 1993 not available; Volunteer years of service not always mentioned

Lee Goatcher

No reference was found of her volunteerism; Annual Reports from 1974 to 1993 not available; Volunteer years of service not always mentioned

Joan Ethier



30 Years of Volunteer Service
1984 to 2013

2013 Hearts of the Community
Lifetime Service Award

“She has a combined 88-plus years of volunteer service to the community.
30 years Tourist Information Centre,
30 years at Beacon Community Services
28 years at blood donor clinics
At 93 she is still volunteering in her community.”⁷

Donna Godwin



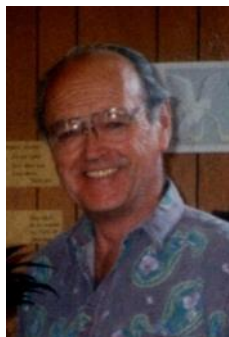
33 Years of Volunteer Service
1983 to 2014

Worked as receptionist in 1983
Office Manager 1989
circa 1994 Volunteer Services Manager
September 2008, received the Valued
Elder Recognition Award (VERA) from the
Centre on Aging at UVic. VERA was
established to promote involvement with
the community

⁷ Peninsula News Review Feb 22 2013



Hugh Godwin



27 Years of Volunteer Service
1982 to 2009

Alice Hall



30 Years of Volunteer Service
1975 to 2005

Stan Hall⁸



No reference was found of his
volunteerism; Annual Reports from 1974
to 1993 not available; Volunteer years of
service not always mentioned

Ken Hutchin⁹



20 Years of Volunteer Service
1990 to 2010

⁸ Photo courtesy <https://www.peninsulanewsreview.com/obituaries/herbert-stanley-stan-hall-413895>

⁹ Peninsula News Review March 5 2010



Anne Johnston



32 Years of Volunteer Service
1978 to 2010

Instrumental in Thrift Shops startup

May 22, 1984, received federal
Lifestyle Award Medal
and Certificate of Honour

Award recognizes Canadians who have
made – on a voluntary basis – a
“remarkable and continuing contribution
in promoting health and social
services.”¹⁰

Rene and Edna Laprairie



Over 40 Years of Volunteer Service
1975 to 2015¹¹

Thomas Irwin

22 Years of Volunteer Service
1983 to 2005

Rosemary McAninch

Details of her volunteerism
were not found

Only reference was 2002 Annual Report,
volunteer years of service not included

Jennie Morgan

At least 9 Years of Volunteer Service
1998 to 2007

Mary Rankine

No reference found of her volunteerism;
Annual Reports from 1974 to 1993 not
available; Volunteer years of service not
always mentioned

¹⁰ 1984 Mar 28 The Review

¹¹ Photo courtesy Christine van Reewyck, Peninsula News Review



Monica Shand

No reference found of her volunteerism;
Annual Reports from 1974 to 1993 not
available; Volunteer years of service not
always mentioned

Jean Taylor



Served on the Board 2002 to 2009
Chair Operations Committee 2004
Board Secretary/Treasurer 2006 to 2009

1998-2016: Hearts of the Community

In 1998, Beacon established a community service awards program in partnership with the local community newsletter, called The Peninsula News Review. Beacon's community relations department coordinated, promoted and produced the events, while the newspaper placed the call for nominees, and wrote articles surrounding the event, including a post event profile of the winners. In 2001, the event was renamed *The Hearts of the Community Awards* because the awards recognized and celebrated Saanich Peninsula volunteers who are, in essence, the hearts of their community.¹²

A selection committee composed of community leaders representing all three peninsula municipalities – the Town of Sidney, The District of North Saanich, and the District of Central Saanich – and included trustees from School District 63, reviewed the nominations.¹³ The youth volunteer award also included a \$1,000 education scholarship.

¹² 2003 Media Plan for Hearts of the Community Awards

¹³ Oct 7, 1998, Peninsula News Review





Peninsula Community Services

Let our heroes be recognized...

PENINSULA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION & PENINSULA NEWS REVIEW...

Believe strongly that the Saanich Peninsula is a unique, self-sufficient community, and believe in the value of volunteers. Given these beliefs, the Peninsula Community Association and Peninsula News Review want to recognize outstanding Saanich Peninsula volunteers.

There are six award categories, and the criteria are:

- work done as a volunteer
- benefiting the Saanich Peninsula community

Categories:

- SERVICE TO SENIORS
- SERVICE TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY
- OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER
- SERVICE TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES
- OVERALL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
- LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

Do you know of someone worthy of this honor? Please take the time to nominate them.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 25, 1998

Nomination forms are available at:

- Peninsula Community Association, 9751 Third Street
- Sidney Town Hall
- Central Saanich Municipal Hall
- Peninsula News Review
- North Saanich Municipal Hall
- Central Saanich and Sidney Libraries

Fax copies of the form can be obtained by calling PCA at 656-0134

P.C.A. GENERAL MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON
October 7, 1998
 For tickets call 656-0134
 RSVP by Oct. 5, 1998

The events were formal in nature; opened by the town crier, with a master of ceremonies, guest speaker, and entertainment. It was free to the public, but had a fixed number of seats available, based on the venue being used.

The ceremonies ran from 1998 to 2016. There was minimal communications around the 2001 and 2002 awards ceremony, which is why a formal media plan was put in place for 2003.

The following table identifies the Beacon volunteers who won the award over the years.



Jean Jackson



1998 Service to Seniors

15 Years coordinating Volunteer Drivers
 “There is nothing I would rather do. I’ve always felt I got a lot more out of volunteering than I put in. I was very honoured to be nominated, and, honestly, didn’t expect it to go any further than that.” The support from Beacon has helped me “find who I am.”¹⁴

Rene & Edna Laprairie¹⁵



1999 Service to Seniors

25 Years Providing Medical Drives

“Whoever needs help and whatever their need, we’ll help. It’s not just about driving. Any day we do a volunteer drive; the day belongs to the patient. We don’t schedule anything else. The patient is the priority.”

Major General James Tedlie, retired



2001 Lifetime Service

Gerry Parrott



2001 Services to Seniors

¹⁴ October 7, 1998 Peninsula News Review

¹⁵ October 20, 1999, Peninsula News Review



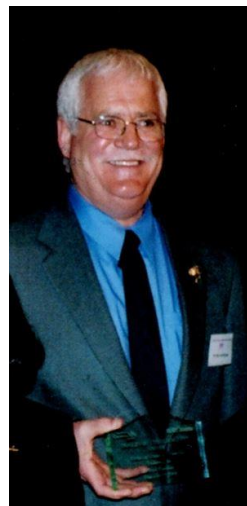
Donna Godwin



2003 Service to Seniors

"If there is some way you can volunteer, do it. It's really good for your mental health. You can limit yourself. You can give an hour a week. If everyone in the community did that, we'd have 10,000 hours right here in Sidney."¹⁶

Peter Parsons



**2005 Overall Community Service
for over 25 Years**

Wilma Roberts



**2006 Services to Seniors
for over 20 years**

Rene & Edna Laprairie



2007 Lifetime Service

35 Years of devotion to their community
and still going strong

"I have always been involved with
volunteer work, and I have always had an
interest in my community." We just really
like people.¹⁷

¹⁶ February 19, 2003 Peninsula News Review

¹⁷ 2004 February 14, Peninsula News Review



Wendy Warshawski¹⁸



2008 Overall Community Service

“You get true reward from doing something and not expecting anything in return.”

Pat Macgregor¹⁹



**2009 Service to Families & Children
for over 30 years**

Ivy Buchanan²⁰



2009 Service to Seniors

“A good way to treat people is how you’d like to be treated. When you volunteer, you want everyone to have fun, and I want to be a part of that.”²¹

Etta Connor²²



2010 Lifetime Service

Founder Restorative Justice Program
Volunteering makes “you feel pretty darn helpful, and who doesn’t want to be helpful?”²³

¹⁸ Photo courtesy of Shutterbugs February 22 2008

¹⁹ Photo courtesy of Bev Lewis Shutterbugs

²⁰ Photo courtesy of Bev Lewis Shutterbugs

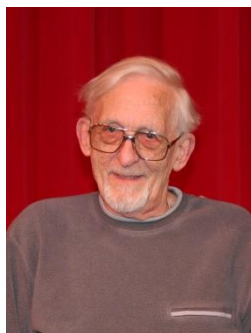
²¹ February 24 2009 Peninsula News Review

²² Photo courtesy of Bev Lewis Shutterbugs

²³ February 24, 2010 Peninsula News Review



Bill Dean²⁴



2010 Overall Community Service

Thrift Shop Volunteer

"If you have plenty, you should give plenty. I've got plenty of time, and that's what I give."²⁵

Lindy Deas²⁶



2010 Service to Seniors

"I feel volunteering is the hub of the wheel that keeps the community working."²⁷

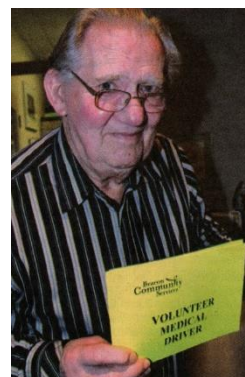
Sally Turner²⁸



2011 Overall Community Service

Volunteering "fills a need that otherwise would not get filled."²⁹

Beacon Volunteer Drivers



**Hans Brygger Accepting
2012 Community Service by a Group**

"Making life easier one drive at a time."³⁰

²⁴ Photo courtesy Bev Lewis Shutterbugs

²⁵ February 24, 2010 Peninsula News Review

²⁶ Photo courtesy Bev Lewis Shutterbugs

²⁷ February 24, 2010 Peninsula News Review

²⁸ Photo courtesy Jane Wallace Shutterbugs Feb 15 2011

²⁹ February 16, 2011 Peninsula News Review

³⁰ February 17, 2012 Peninsula News Review



Joan Ethier³¹



2013 Lifetime Service

Isabelle Yoxall³²



2015 Excellence in Volunteering

25 Years of Volunteer Service

"It's nice to be able to help someone."

Volunteer Visitors



**Judy Swift Accepting
2016 Excellence in Volunteering**

³¹ Photo Courtesy Jane Wallace Shutterbugs

³² Feb 27, 2015 Peninsula News Review

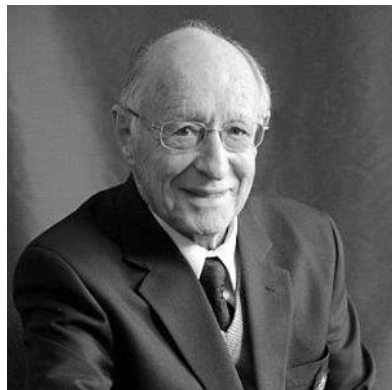


Available Obituaries of Key Volunteers

This section includes obituaries that were found online for individuals who made a significant volunteer contribution to Beacon over the years.

Denroche, George Stephen – 2017

1926 – March 11, 2017³³



Stephen passed away on Saturday, March 11th at Victoria General Hospital following a stroke. He went the way he wanted - fast!

He leaves a mourning family including his wife of 62 years, Marjorie, son Stephen and Nancy in North Vancouver, son Alan and Diana in Yellowknife and daughter Joan and Ian in Whistler; and pre-deceased by his daughter Sheila. Six grandchildren and one great-grandchild will miss his Irish humour.

Stephen was a life member of Canadian Power and Sail Association, a member of Capital City Yacht Club, and served as a valued member of Provincial Court Judges Association for over 30 years, serving in many jurisdictions.

A Memorial Service will take place April 4 at 11am at St. Mary's Church, Cultra Avenue, Central Saanich. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the BC Family Hearing Resource Society contact info@bcfamilyhearing.com

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³³ <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/george-denroche-obituary?id=42207565>



Denroche, Marjorie May – 2017

September 13, 1930 – September 20, 2017³⁴



It is with great sadness that we share the loss of our mother, Marjorie, after a brief battle with cancer. She passed with dignity, grace and peace in the comfort of her home with her children by her side.

She was predeceased only six short months ago by her loving husband of 62 years, Stephen, her mother Vera and her daughter Sheila. Left to mourn this kind and beautiful lady are her children: Stephen (Nancy) of Vancouver, Alan (Diana) of Yellowknife and Joan (Ian) of Whistler, nine grandchildren and one great-grandson along with many dear friends. Marjorie was an amazing,

nurturing soul to anyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

She was active in her church and, until a few years ago, a volunteer coordinator with both the Horticulture Centre and Beacon Community Services. Marjorie's focus on the needs of those important to her, and passion for her garden, created a loving home for her family and hummingbirds alike. She will be greatly missed.

A celebration of Marjorie's life will take place September 28 at 11 am at St. Mary's Church, Cultra Avenue, Central Saanich. In lieu of flowers or cards, please consider providing a photo and/or short vignette of a special memory of Marjorie, Stephen or them together that can be shared with the family and treasured for years to come. A donation to the Red Cross could also be considered.

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³⁴ <https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/marjorie-denroche-obituary?id=42124966>



Ditlevson, Lucy May – 2013

December 25, 1919 – July 27, 2013



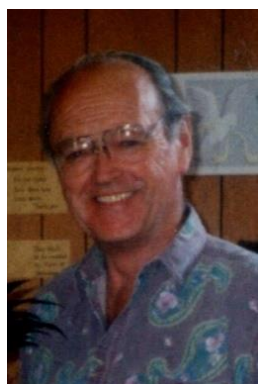
IN THE CARE OF First Memorial Funeral Services

Lucy May Ditlevson was born on December 25, 1919 and passed away on July 27, 2013 in Victoria, BC (CA) and is under the care of First Memorial Funeral Services.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/victoria-bc/lucy-ditlevson-5617601>

Godwin, Hugh Douglas Edwyn – 2009

May 12, 1936 – May 28, 2009



Loving Husband, Dad, Grandad, Uncle, Friend. Hugh passed away far too soon, on Thursday, May 28, 2009, surrounded by a family he adored and who adored him.

He leaves behind Donna, his loving and devoted wife of 48 years. Hugh is pre-deceased by his father in 1977, his mother in 1982, and his brother Derek in 1998. He is survived by his son Douglas (Jacqui) Godwin, daughter Sheila (Norm) Cooper, daughter Susan (Phil Turpin) Godwin, granddaughters Errin, Kristin (Tim), Kelsie, Raelene, Jaycee, grandsons Eric and Chad and many nieces and nephews.

Hugh was born and raised in Sidney, BC. As a young man, Hugh enjoyed hunting and fishing which continued on into his later years. He first worked on James Island making explosives. From 1955 to 1957 he worked in the mines at Copper Mountain, BC. Hugh proudly served in the RCMP from 1957 to 1981 in Saskatchewan working in Regina, Fort Qu'Appelle, Weyburn, Melville, back to Weyburn, Rosthern and finally to Biggar. When he retired in July of 1981, he returned to Sidney, BC where he worked for the next 10 years at the Langford Fire Hall as a dispatcher.

Hugh was a kind and gentle man, and was always helping others out. He volunteered for over 25 years at Beacon Community Services, and weekly at Neighbour's Lunch at



St. Andrews Anglican Church. He was a past member of the Kinsmen and Lions clubs and an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion and FSNA.

Hugh owned some nice cars over the years: a 1934 Chev, 1939 Studebaker, 1949 Monarch, a 1954 Ford and a 1958 Chev. He enjoyed watching hockey and boxing on TV, and doing the daily crossword, but most of all he loved being with family and friends and what he termed "knee-banger" dinners.

Hugh had made it known: "I would like a proper wake, in other words, one that I would enjoy attending. " His wishes will be carried out, and a celebration of Hugh's life will be held at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Andrews Anglican Church in support of the Neighbour's Lunch or to the Volunteer Program with Beacon Community Services.

The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. They especially wish to thank Nurses Nicky and Andrea, who treated Hugh and all the family, as if they were their own.

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Godwin, Donna Marie – 2019

April 17, 1937 – August 3, 2019



Loving Mom, Gramma, Sister, Auntie, Friend~

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our Mom, Donna Marie Godwin, on Saturday, August 3, 2019. Mom is pre-deceased by our father and her husband Hugh, who loved her devotedly for 48 years. She is survived by her son Douglas and daughters Sheila (Steven) and Susan (Phil), sisters Marlene Hurry and Joanne Hampson (John), granddaughters Errin (Rob), Kristin (Tim), Kelsie (Raphael), Raelene, Jaycee, grandsons Eric and

Chad, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mom was born and raised in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. She married Dad in 1961. Dad was in the RCMP, and they moved frequently until his retirement in 1981 when they made their final move from Biggar, SK to Sidney, BC.



Mom loved to sing and had the voice of an angel, leading more than one choir throughout her lifetime. She also loved to cook and the more people she fed, the happier she was.

Mom devoted her life to helping others, leading Girl Guides and youth groups. Her passion became her employment and in 1982 she started a 21-year career with Peninsula Community Services as the Officer Manager and Volunteer Coordinator working alongside hundreds of volunteers. She was a personal counsellor for Emergency Social Services and started the Community Response Network and the Seniors Hotline. She came to be thought of by many in the community as the heart and soul of the PCS and in 1991 she received the Outstanding Community Worker Award. She retired in 2002 and in her honour, PCS established the Donna Godwin Humanitarian Award and Scholarship, a \$500 award bestowed annually on a graduating Parkland student who has demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service in school or in the community.

Following Mom's retirement, she continued to work tirelessly in the community. She was a committed member of St. Andrew's Church in Sidney and coordinated a weekly soup kitchen. Mom loved learning and at 70 began playing guitar, a lifelong dream. Above all, Mom loved to spend time with her family, no matter where we were or what we were doing, and especially when all of us were together. We will carry her forever in our hearts, and so for that reason, we will never walk alone.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and nurses in Nanaimo Regional General Hospital and the Palliative Care team at Saanich Peninsula Hospital who cared so tenderly for Mom.

Donna Marie: a smile on her face, a few hairs out of place, always in a race, how we loved her sweet face.

A celebration of life will be held for Donna Godwin on Saturday, October 12, at 2 pm at St. Andrews Anglican Church, 9691 Fourth Street, Sidney BC. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrews Anglican Church.

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Hall, Herbert, Stanley "Stan" – 2021

1922 – November 26, 2021



In Loving Memory ~ 1922-2021

On November 26, 2021 we lost a warm and caring man!! He will be deeply missed by all of his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 78 years, Alice, his constant companion. Together they had 7 children, Ken (Sheila), Susan (Joe), Betsy (Doug), Linda (Mark), Rick (Issaree), Jeff (Laurie), and Lisa.

Stan is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Stan was predeceased by his son Jeff, his sister Sheila, and 3 Grandchildren, Matthew, Timothy, and Jordan.

Stan was born in Leominster, England in 1922, to parents Campbell Mostyn and Ida Rebecca Hall. In 1932 they immigrated to The Dominion of Canada, and took up residence in Vancouver, B. C. There Stan attended school and eventually joined the RCAF in 1941. He was stationed in St Jean, Quebec for the duration of the war, meeting and marrying Alice in 1943.

After the war, Stan had a number of positions in the Lumber Industry, beginning as draftsman and finally rising to Purchasing Manager for Tahsis Company Ltd until he retired in 1974.

During 20 years with this company he built 2 large sailboats, 38' Natomah and 52' Ocean Spirit. Upon leaving his job with Tahsis Co., he and Alice and 3 of their youngest children decided to sail around BC waters while living aboard the Ocean Spirit. They moored in Sidney, still living aboard, where the children could attend school.

In 1976 Stan sold Ocean Spirit and they were back on land again. In 1977 he built their waterfront home in Sidney, with the help of son Jeff. Stan and Alice's home was a busy place with their children's families coming to visit their beach property each year. He tended his garden with hundreds of flowering plants and shrubs.

In 1979 Stan became the owner's on-site Representative overseeing the construction of SailView Townhomes. After that project was completed, he was engaged in a similar role for the building of Shoal Harbour Townhomes.



In 1984 Stan started a coffee group which met weekly at the Sidney Pier coffee lounge. In time the group would grow to 14+ members and became known as the OBE group (Over Bloody Eighty group).

In his 85th year, Stan wrote a book containing his memoirs, a gift to his family and friends. In his book he speaks of all the "Lucky" events that helped him along the way. He was a man that never said a bad word about any person. Weren't we all so lucky.

We wish to acknowledge and thank Stan and Alice's neighbours for their kindness and support.

A Celebration of His Life will be held at a later date.

<https://www.peninsulanewsreview.com/obituaries/herbert-stanley-stan-hall-413895>

Hall, Alice – 2022

August 10, 1924 – October 27, 2022³⁵



Alice passed on peacefully on October 27, 2022 in long term care at Saanich Peninsula Hospital, where she had been a resident since January of this year.

Alice was predeceased by her husband of 78 years, Stan. Together they had 7 children, Ken (Sheila), Susan (Joe), Elizabeth (Doug), Linda (Mark), Rick (Issaree), Jeff (deceased) (Laurie), and Lisa. Also survived by 12 Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren. Alice was predeceased by 3 grandchildren, Matthew, Timothy, and Jordan.

Her life journey began in Plattsburgh, New York on August 10, 1924. She was born to parents from a German/French background. There, Alice attended St Peters Academy and was educated by the Grey Nuns of the Cross.

Alice met Stan Hall in Plattsburgh, where they married on August 20, 1943. Stan was stationed in St Jean, Quebec during the war. After the war they moved to Vancouver, BC to join his parents.

Over the years they lived in several BC communities, eventually settling in Sidney, BC. There they lived on a 52' Sailboat (which Stan built) along with their three youngest

³⁵ <https://www.peninsulanewsreview.com/obituaries/alice-ethel-hall-nee-hampel-427485>



school age children. After selling the sailboat, in 1977 Stan and Alice built, with the help of Jeff, a beautiful waterfront home on Roberts Bay.

If looking after 7 children wasn't enough, Alice spent much of her time volunteering in the community, being honored for her 30 years of dedication. Throughout her life she was a devout Roman Catholic and went on to become a part of the Visiting Ministry within St Elizabeth's parish.

When Alice was in her sixties, she taught herself Bridge which she played for many years with the Ladies Neighbourhood group, her friends in the community. When asked for advice, many times you would hear Alice say "everything in moderation" and "never be surprised by surprises".

Alice's favourite holiday was to spend some winter time in Maui, particularly with family and/or friends whenever they could join her and Stan there.

Alice was very grateful for the support and care provided by daughter Lisa, to her and Stan during their later years.

The family acknowledge and thank Alice and Stan's neighbours for their support and kindness over the years.



Johnston, Anne C – 2024

C. Anne Johnston, Times Colonist July 20, 2024

In loving memory of
C. ANNE JOHNSTON (nee Merston)
 February 26, 1929 — June 29, 2024

Anne's father built and ran the Oak Bay Beach Hotel so she grew up in and around the hotel. During WWII she was sent to Strathcona Lodge School where she made lifelong friends. At McGill, she met and married Jim (James Alfred Meredith Johnston). She obtained her MSc in Bacteriology while Jim obtained his MD and they returned to Victoria. Anne started the Microbiology Department at St Joseph's Hospital and had her eldest child, Susan, before they moved to Great Britain for Jim to continue his studies. Ian and Margot were born in Britain. After Jim's death in 1959, the family returned to Victoria where Anne was head of Microbiology at Royal Jubilee Hospital for many years. She eventually left RJH to start her business consulting with all the South Island and Saltsping Island hospitals. She retired in 2001. Anne moved to North Saanich in 1975 and became a leader in her community. She volunteered with several organizations including the Parks Commission, and chaired the Saanich School Board and the Peninsula Community Association (now Beacon Community Services). She started the first Beacon thrift store: the Peninsula Old and New and volunteered there for 25 years. In 1984 she received a Lifestyle Award from the federal government for her contributions to the health of her community. In 2002 Anne moved back to Victoria to be closer to her children and many long-term friends. Her family thanks Anne's friends in her condo building, Parkwood Court and Mount St Mary Hospital for their care of Anne during her last few years. Anne was always up for a bit of fun. She loved education, beaches, forests, music and especially, her family. Anne was predeceased by parents Marcia and William Merston, as well as siblings Pam and



Jim. She will be much missed by daughters Susan and Margot, son Ian, daughters-in-law Rainey and Caroline, granddaughter Sage, great granddaughters Meryn and Ella, great-great grandson Loyal, sister-in-law Isabel, numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Full obituary and condolences:
 C. Anne Johnston at dignitymemorial.com
Celebration of Life: August 8th, 2 p.m.
at First Memorial, 4725 Falaise Drive.
 Please RSVP: annecelebration24@gmail.com




LaPrairie, Rene Julien Paul – 2019

June 19, 1929 – June 1, 2019

First Memorial Funeral Services



LaPrairie, Rene Julien Paul surprised us all when he passed away on June 1, 2019 in Sidney at the age of 89 just shy of his 90th birthday. Rene “LaP” was born on June 19, 1929 in Timmins, Ontario. He is predeceased by the love of his life, Edna after 60 years together and his brothers Martin, Arnel, Andrew and sisters Muriel and Claire. He will be lovingly remembered by his 3 AMAZING daughters Irene, Brenda and Andrea; 3 sons-in-law Allan, Andrew and Jeff and 6 grandchildren Jordan (Candice), Cassandra, Mikaela, Gabrielle, Maddison and Deaglan, sister-in-law Cecile, as well as 2 brothers-in-law Cornie and Albert from Manitoba.

Rene’s early years were spent going to a Catholic Boarding School and was a source of many tales regarding his mischievous antics – traits that would last a lifetime! School breaks were spent working at the family store “LaPrairie’s Groceteria” where he learnt the value of hard work, customer service and a love of meeting people which lasted his whole life. Rene’s work ethic started at a young age and was to continue with him throughout his life. His early adult life included many interesting jobs such as working on a tug boat for his Uncle on the Great lakes as well as mining in Hamilton. Rene attended Ottawa University and played University football with the intention of a career in accounting. After one year LaP decided to make a sudden switch with the course of his life and headed down to Florida with a group of young friends to work at the horse tracks. His passion for the horses and the track were also a lifelong joy including owning a race horse of his own. His next grand adventure began in service for his country when he joined the army. He was eventually posted to Chilliwack as a member of the Corps of Engineers where he met a civilian secretary called Edna and after she beat him in a badminton game it turned out to be a match made in heaven. They married on September 17, 1955 and never looked back!



Edna and Rene loved to travel and shared grand adventures exploring the world. They spent their early years stationed in Werl, Germany where Rene served with the Canadian peace keeping forces. With a second-hand Mercedes they travelled Europe! Over the years Mom and Dad's love of travel continued with trips to Australia, Yukon, cruises and home to the family farm in Morden. Upon arrival back to Canada they started their family in the midst of transfers to Vancouver BC, Bagotville QB, Halifax NS, Comox BC, Goose bay, NF and back to the West Coast to settle in Sidney BC in 1972. During these years Rene moved from the Army to the Air Force as an air traffic controller and a career change to the RCMP brought Rene and the family to Sidney-by-the-Sea. After training in Depot, Rene and the family settled in their home on Maryland Drive where they lived happily for over 30 years. Rene loved being an RCMP officer at the Victoria International Airport and the entire family ended up working there at one time or another. The LaPrairie family was well known in the local airport community and Rene loved the job, staff and crazy adventures the airport brought. Many locals will still remember Rene and the lasting friendships that were forged. Rene was the first RCMP officer to apply to extend his work life rather than mandatory retirement at age 60.

Words best to describe Rene are: energetic, upbeat, hardworking, generous, loving, devoted, public service and family focused.

Dad was a gardener, master lawn mower and an expert at "doing coffee." He was also very generous with his time and spent countless hours volunteering in the community as a volunteer driver as well as babysitting grandchildren. Edna and Rene volunteered with the PCA, Beacon and Shoal Centre for over 40 years and received many service awards including the "Hearts of the Community." He was also a hockey coach, a member of the Legion and the Saanich Pioneers Society. Rene was ahead of his time with recycling and going green and passed this on to his girls. From hanging the laundry to water restrictions this was a story in itself...After retiring from the RCMP, Rene continued to work for the Corps of Commissionaires as a guard, the CPR truck ferry at Swartz Bay and summers at Sandown Racetrack. Rene loved living in Sidney especially at "Maryland" but after Mom had a stroke in 2013 Rene moved to the Legion Manor in Saanichton and a final move to Sidney All Care.

Rene had a full life with his girls, sons-in-law, grandchildren, 3 brothers-in-law, pets, gardening, shooting the breeze and going for coffee with Edna. Rene loved life and had a smile for everyone. He was a gifted conversationalist and had a genuine love of people. His laughter was infectious and he always had time to say "hello" and make you feel like he was your best friend. Those that met him would never forget him.



The family would like to express their sincere gratitude and thanks to the wonderful staff at Mt. Newton Centre, Legion Manor and finally many special caregivers at Sidney All Care who made a difference in Dad's final years.

A memorial service will be held at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Sidney on Friday June 14 at 11:00am followed by tea. A Celebration of Life will be held at Sidney All Care on Mills Road on Saturday June 22 at 2:30pm followed by music and treats. All are welcome. Donations may be made to Mt. Newton Centre and the Alzheimer Society in memory of Dad.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/victoria-bc/rene-laprairie-8734707>

LaPrairie, Edna Irene – 2015

February 7, 1930 – October 15, 2015

First Memorial Funeral Services



LaPrairie, Edna Irene passed away peacefully on October 15, 2015 at the age of 85 in Saanichton, BC. Edna was born on February 7, 1930 in Morden, Manitoba. She will be lovingly remembered by the love of her life Rene "LaP" of 60 years, 3 AMAZING daughters Irene, Brenda and Andrea; 3 sons-in-law Allan, Andrew and Jeff, and 6 grandchildren Jordan, Cassandra, Mikaela, Gabrielle, Maddison and Deaglan. As well as 3 brothers Jack, Cornie and Albert all from Manitoba.

Edna's early years were spent on the family farm in Southern Manitoba where she developed her work ethic and strong family ties. She acknowledged and respected her

Mennonite background and was able to speak low German and cook traditional Mennonite meals. When Edna was 17 years old, she decided to leave the farm, the family and Morden and started the next chapter of her life.

In Chilliwack, she met Rene and after beating him in a badminton game it turned out to be a match made in heaven. They married on September 17, 1955 and never looked back!

Edna and Rene loved to travel and spent many grand adventures travelling the world. They spent their early years stationed in Werl Germany where Rene served with the



Canadian peace keeping forces. With a second-hand Mercedes they travelled Europe! Over the years Mom's love of travel continued with trips to Hong Kong, Australia, Yukon, Cruises and home to the family farm in Morden. Upon arrival back to Canada they started their family in the midst of transfers to Vancouver BC, Bagotville QB, Halifax NS, Comox BC, Goosebay NF and back to the West Coast to settle in Sidney BC in 1972.

Words best to describe Edna are: artistic, creative, shy, loyal, stubborn, faithful, outspoken, driven and family focused.

Throughout her life many hours were spent oil painting, crafting, needlepoint and, her favourite pastime of all, was ceramics and China painting. Family and friends over the years have been showered with Edna's beautiful ceramics. She would prefer to give homemade gifts over store bought. She was also very generous with her time and spent countless hours volunteering in her Church, community as well as babysitting grandchildren. Edna and Rene volunteered with the PCA, Beacon and Shoal Centre for over 40 years and received many service awards including the "Hearts of the Community." She was also a Girl Guide leader, Sunday school teacher and a member of the Saanich Pioneers Society. She was actively involved in St. Paul's United Church.

Edna was ahead of her time with recycling and going green and passed this on to her girls. From hanging the laundry to water restrictions this was a story in itself...

Over the years, 3 children later and umpteen moves and transfers, something that always bothered Edna was that she had never received a high school diploma. As an inspiration to her family at age 52 Edna went back to high school at Parkland Secondary school and graduated with honours in 1982. This was one of her proudest moments when she marched onto the stage in cap and gown with all the teenagers.

Edna loved living in Sidney and especially at "Maryland." She adapted to her new home at Saanich Peninsula Hospital following her stroke in 2013 and was surrounded by friends and wonderful caregivers. Ice cream sundaes in the garden and time with Rene and family gave many hours of joy and comfort.

Edna had a full life with her girls, sons-in-law, grandchildren, 3 brothers, pets, gardening, walking and going for coffee with LaP.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the many caregivers at SPH, ECU1 and Aberdeen.

There will be a viewing at First Memorial Funeral Service 4725 Falaise Drive. On Wednesday October 21, 2015 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, Oct 23rd at 1:00 pm, at St. Paul's United Church 2410 Malaview Ave, Sidney,

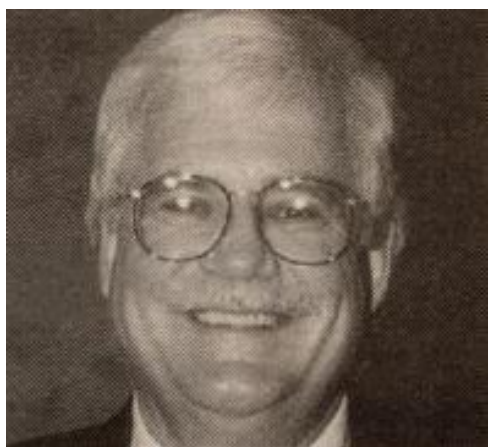


BC. In lieu of flowers donation may be made in Edna's name to Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/victoria-bc/edna-laprairie-6637248>

Parsons, Peter – 2007

March 22, 1946 – December 5, 2007



It is with a great sense of shock and loss that the family of Peter Parsons announce his death at the age of 61 on December 5, 2007. He is survived by his wife of 39 years Natalya, and his two sons Nick and Tim (wife Stacey and grandson Kieran and granddaughter Aidan), his sister Susan and son Dean, brother John Patrick (Wendy) and daughter Heidi, his aunts Ann MacKay and Olive Arges of Thunder Bay, and cousin Cynthia Baechler and family of Campbell River. He was predeceased by his parents, Olga (d. 1972) and Jack (d. 2007).

Peter will be missed deeply by his mother-in-law Win Littleton, brother and sister-in-law Ellery and Mary Helen Littleton, and their children Jason and Lauren, and by his many friends, particularly George and Ruthe Tiessen, Bud and Cheryl Kittson and Anne and Bill Howie.

Peter was born in Winnipeg and enlisted in the Canadian Forces training school HMCS Venture at the age of 18 in 1964, following which he joined the Navy where he served as a junior officer for three years. He then trained as an air traffic controller and spent most of his long career as a controller at Victoria International Airport, where he worked from 1968 to his retirement in 2000. Peter loved airplanes and flying (he took his pilot's license in the early 70's) and was a popular and well-known figure around the airport.

Peter was a remarkable lifelong volunteer; the range of his services in the community was extraordinary. Allison Habkirk, former Mayor of Central Saanich, who worked closely with Peter over the years, and nominated him for the Peninsula Community Services Hearts of the Community Award in 2005, says Peter can only be described as community volunteer extraordinaire!"



The list of his volunteer contributions includes: Chair & Board Member Peninsula Community Services; Board of Directors Victoria Seniors Housing Society; Umpire-in-Chief Central Saanich Little League (1980-2007); Manager Transportation at the Airport for the Commonwealth Games 1994; Trustee Saanich Peninsula Hospital; Chair of the Peninsula Health Planning Group; Vice-Chair Capital Health Board; Chair Central Saanich Advisory Planning Commission; Member of the Official Community Plan and Brentwood Revitalization Committees; District Representative on the Board of the Victoria Airport Authority; Board of Directors, Beacon Community Services; Executive Keating Home and School; Steering Committee Stelly's Secondary School Renovations.

Peter was very modest about his many accomplishments as a volunteer, and of the prodigious amount of time and energy he poured into the community. He was without visible ego in these activities; the welfare of people was always foremost in his mind, and in his humane and liberal approach to community politics. Peter went about his volunteer activities in the style of a gentle giant, Allison Habkirk comments, "never seeking attention and reluctantly accepting thanks from those of us who admired him so very much. He simply and genuinely wanted to help and to be involved."

Peter was a larger than life individual, on every level. His height and imposing size were impressive, especially in his much-loved career as Little League umpire, an activity he shared with his close friend and fellow umpire George Tiessen, where his authority as ump "was seldom questioned".

Peter was an outgoing, sociable, enthusiastic, generous, funny, caring friend and associate. He was a loving father who was extremely proud of his sons, Nick and Tim, a wonderful grandfather to Keiran and Aidan, and a devoted partner and companion to Natalya. He fell in love with Tal" when he met her in 1966 (she at 18; he at 19) and never fell out of love with her.

Peter greatly enjoyed things French, and French wines in particular. He and Natalya were fortunate to be able to share a trip to France in September of this year, where he was happy and light-hearted exploring Paris, the vineyards of Burgundy and the beaches and cafes of the Riviera.

A memorial service to celebrate Peter's life will be held at 1:00 pm, January 5, 2008, in the main building of the Saanich Fair Grounds, 1528 Stelly's Cross Rd. A private family gathering will follow on January 7. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Peter's name to Beacon Community Services, 9860 Third St., Sidney, B.C. V8L 3A5. 431136 [https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/peter-parsons-
obituary?id=46065187](https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/peter-parsons-obituary?id=46065187)



Perodeau, Giles – 2011

December 31, 1919 – March 15, 2011



PERODEAU, Giles (Major, Ret'd) Born December 31, 1919 in Montreal, Quebec; passed away peacefully on March 15, 2011 in Victoria.

Giles served proudly in the Canadian Army from 1940 to 1969 and saw action in WWII. After the war, he participated in UN peacekeeping missions with postings in Indochina and the Congo. In 1970 he moved to Sidney and became active in community events

for many years.

Survived by his loving wife of 69 years Helen, daughter Ann, sons David, Tony, and Michael, 5 grandchildren and 2 greatgrandchildren, brother Alan Perodeau and sister Yvonne Gillespie, and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mount Newton Centre Society, 2158 Mount Newton X Road, Saanichton BC V8M 2B2, the Broadmead Care Society, 4579 Chatterton Way, Victoria BC V8X 4Y7, or the charity of your choice.

The family wants to express full praise and gratitude to the staff in The Lodge at Broadmead for their excellent care of Giles over the last four years of his life.

<https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/timescolonist/name/giles-perodeau-obituary?id=41623476>



Tedlie, Major General A. James D.S.O., K. St. J., C.D, B.A., M.A. James – 2008

March 20, 1916 – January 1, 2008



Jim was born in Montreal, Quebec, 20 March 1916, son of Thomas Tedlie and Eva Forgrave of Northern Ireland. Jim passed away peacefully on January 1, 2008 in Victoria B.C.

Predeceased by his loving wife of 65 years Margaret Mary Brown, and his five siblings Violet Matthews, Ernest, John (Jack), Stanley and Kathleen Arthur. Jim is survived by, his children Jane (Ian Struthers), Judith (Richard Stursberg) and Jennifer (William Pike), his grandchildren Joel Struthers (Jesse), Alexander and Jessamy Stursberg and Annie Pike, and his great grandson Carter Struthers. Jim is also survived by his special companion, Dorothea.

During the 1930's, Jim participated, at an elite level, in Rugby Football and Track and Field. In 1939 he joined the Canadian Army as a Trooper serving continuously in the Canadian Armed Forces until 1971, when he retired with the rank of Major General as Deputy Chief of the Canadian Defense Staff. He served overseas in World War II with the Royal Montreal Regiment (32 RECCE), the British Columbia regiment (28th CDN Armoured Regiment) and the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa. For an action in Northwest Europe he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, which was presented, to him by King George VI at Buckingham Palace following a field investiture by Field Marshall Montgomery at the scene of the action.

In peacetime Jim served on peacekeeping duties in Viet Nam and Cyprus. He commanded the Canadian Armoured Corps School at Camp Borden, the 2nd Infantry Brigade Group in Camp Petawawa and the 4th Infantry Brigade Group assigned to NATO in Soest, Germany. During this time he was also the Commander of the Canadian Army Forces in Europe. In addition to his overseas assignments he served in Command and Staff appointments in Ottawa, Montreal and Winnipeg.

On retirement Jim moved to Sidney, British Columbia, and engaged in numerous volunteer activities. He was the Provincial Commissioner for St. John Ambulance and later the Deputy Chief Commissioner for Canada. During his tenure he sat on various Boards of the Order of St John. For his services the Governor-General of Canada granted him a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Jim chaired the



task force, which built the John O. Anderson Memorial Housing on East Saanich Road on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion, an organization of which he was a life member. He chaired the initial task force, which established the Peninsula Community Association (now, Beacon Community Services). He served on the executive of the Victoria Corps of Commissionaires.

Educated at Montreal High School, Sir George Williams College (now Concordia University), University of Ottawa, McGill University, National Defense College and University of Victoria, Jim held Bachelor and Master's degrees in English and History.

Heartfelt thanks to Jim's caregivers Karen and Holly, and the staff of Amica at Beechwood Village and Sunrise Senior's residence.

There will be no service at Jim's request; however, friends are invited to a gathering in Jim's honour from 2:30 to 5:00 pm. on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at the Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney. 435051

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Tedlie, Margaret – 2004

2017 – 2004



TEDLIE, Margaret Mary³⁶ After a long illness, passed away at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 3:00 am, December 6th in her 88th year.

Margaret was the dearly beloved wife and 65-year companion of Jim, the devoted mother of Jane (Ian Struthers), Judi (Richard Stursberg), and Jennifer (Bill Pike), and a loving grandmother to Joel, Alexander, Jessamy, and Annie, all of whom brought joy to her life.

Margaret, a veteran of World War II, where she served in the WRNS, was for 33 years a member of the Royal Canadian Legion where she was chairperson of the Poppy Campaign on two occasions.

Active in municipal, provincial and federal politics, Margaret served as the volunteer office manager of the Saanich Gulf Islands Progressive Conservative Association for six years. She was presented with the MacDonald Cartier Achievement Award by the Prime Minister in 1991. She had a long-term commitment to the Peninsula Community Association, now Peninsula Community Services, serving in various capacities since

³⁶ Photo courtesy The Review May 2, 1984



that organization's inception. In 2002, Margaret was presented with the Golden Jubilee Medal for service to her community.

One time part-owner of "The Holly Tree", a women's dress shop, she was a great booster of Sidney, encouraging people to support local merchants and associations. Margaret was a one-time spousal member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, and a continuing spousal member of the Federal Superannuates Association. She a great interest in the world around her and had a wide knowledge of Canadian life.

At Margaret's request there will be no memorial service but her family will be at home at 2289 Adela Place in Sidney on Thursday, December 9, from 2-5 pm ,and would be grateful if you could drop in and share their remembrances of a beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

The family wishes to thank Dr. E. Cadger and the staff of the Saanich Peninsula Hospital who treated Margaret with much care and kindness during her final days. Heartfelt thanks go also to the many excellent home care givers who made Margaret comfortable at home until very near the end. Special thanks go to Carole Peaker and Karen Talbot.

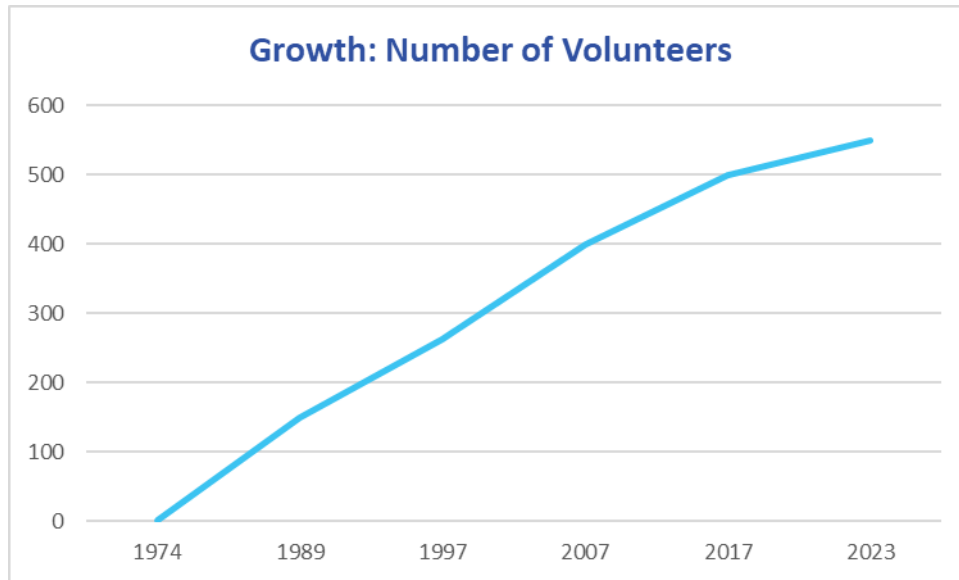
Flowers are gratefully declined but donations to the Saanich Peninsula Hospital would be greatly appreciated.

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Statistics

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Volunteer Hours: First hours reported 1996

