

## OBITUARIES

### **Ruby Vaughn** (March 4, 2024)

Ruby Vaughn was a life-long member of Echo Bay United Church. As well as singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School and acting as their UCW representative, Ruby also was their lay representative at Algoma Presbytery for many years.

Ruby was predeceased by her husband Cy, and survived by her children Lorna, Anne, Susan, Gerald, the late Jim Vaughn, Heather and Jackie and many grandchildren.

### **The Rev. J. Stewart Bell** (March 22, 2024)

Stewart Bell was ordained in 1964 and would have celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Ordination this year. He served at St. Andrew's United Church, Matheson, and then left congregational ministry to accept a position at the then Toronto Conference. Stew returned north to serve as a staff field person in North Bay for Toronto Conference and then in 1975, Manitou Conference was born, where he served as the second Executive Secretary. His work also included constructing the Apology Cairn on the campus of Laurentian University in Sudbury, ON.

He was survived by his wife, Anne and daughters, Sheona, Morag, and Jocelyn, and 6 grandchildren.

### **Stuart Taggart** (January 15, 2024)

Stewart Taggart was a lay person from Trout Creek, ON. Over the years Stuart was involved with many committees including the CSRC Property Resource Team and as the Elected Regional Lay Representative for Trout Creek United Church. Before that he had been a presbytery lay rep and was on the Manitou Conference Finance Committee.

He was survived by his wife, Elva and children

### **Rev. Murray Binsted** (October 12, 2023)

Murray Binstead was ordained in 1956 and retired in 1994. He served in Matheson (St. Andrew's UC), Cochrane (St. Paul's UC), Haileybury (St. Andrew's UC), and Iroquois Falls (Trinity UC) in Northern Ontario.

He was survived by his wife, Marion and children Karen, Kevin, Heather, and David and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### **Rev. Dawn Vaneyk** (September 19, 2023)

Dawn Vaneyk was ordained in 1984 and would have celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. She served three pastoral charges on Manitoulin Island during her settlement and then moved to St. Peter's United Church for the rest of her career.

She was survived by her husband, Tim Lehman, and their son, Isaac.

**Rev. Diane Trollope (July 5, 2023)**

One of the first graduates of Center for Christian Studies, Diane Trollope celebrated 50 years of commissioned ministry in 2020. She served with Humbercrest United Church (Toronto), Calvary United Church (London), Naramata Centre, Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery, Loring Pastoral Charge (Port Loring and Golden Valley) before retiring to Sudbury, where she was a beloved member of St. Andrew's United Church, Sudbury Presbytery, Manitou Conference and later, Canadian Shield Regional Council. From CSRC's beginning, Diane served faithfully as chair of the regional Grants Team.

Diane was survived by her brother Brian, the late Robert Trollope, as well as nieces.

**Violet Bradbury (June 22, 2023)**

Violet Bradbury was a lay member from Timmins, ON. She was a congregational representative to Cochrane Presbytery and Toronto Conference. She was the Local Arrangements Chairperson for the first meeting of Manitou Conference in Timmins and for the 25th Annual Meeting as well as many other conference or Neighbours Praising God events over the years. She went to the first meeting of Canadian Shield Regional Council as a visitor, because she wanted to see the journey through.

Violet was survived by her wife, Rev. Dale Young.

**Robert "Bob" Gardner (March 3, 2023)**

Robert Gardner became a Minister in The United Church of Canada in 1977 and then served as a Chaplain for many years in the Canadian Armed Forces. After retiring from the Forces, he served again as a Minister in various communities in Ontario. He first landed in Manitou Conference in 1996 serving at St. Paul's United Church in New Liskeard until 2001 and then returned to Manitou in 2004 to serve at Holy Trinity United Church in Elliot Lake for 13 years. When he retired in 2017, he moved back out to Nova Scotia where he was born.

**He was survived by his wife, Reta and son David.**

**Joan Van Every (February 8, 2023)**

Joan Van Every served at St. Andrew's United Church in Meldrum Bay (Manitoulin Island) as a long-time lay representative to Sudbury Presbytery and Manitou Conference and was active with the UCW.

**Joan was predeceased by her husband Dale, children Cheryl, Scott, and Lynn, as well as 6 grandchildren.**

**Rev. Beverley Hill (January 1, 2023)**

Beverley Hill was ordained in 1972. She served in several conferences including Alberta Northwest Conference and Bay of Quinte Conference until she retired in 1995 and then she moved north to Richard's Landing on St. Joseph's Island in the Canadian Shield Regional Council.

Beverley was survived by her brother Richard and her nieces and nephews.

**William “Bill” Rowe** (December 25, 2022)

William Rowe was a lay member from Sudbury, ON. Bill served as the Chair of Council for St. Mark's United Church in Sudbury for many years and was one of their lay reps to the Canadian Shield Regional Council. He was also on the Huntington University Board and on the Manitou Conference Finance Committee.

He was survived by his wife, Roberta and children Marc and Jordie, and 3 grandchildren.

**Rev. Bruce M. Thomson** (July 18, 2022)

Bruce Thomson was ordained in 1987 and served the three-point charge covering Burk's Falls, Katrine and Magnetawan, Ontario until 1991. He then practiced law in Bracebridge, Ontario. He recently retired and moved to Nova Scotia.

Bruce was survived by his wife, Antionette and children John, James, Alexander, Allison, and Mary.

**Rev. Linda Saffrey** (August 1, 2022)

Linda Saffrey was ordained in 1992. She served at many pastoral charges including Onaping Falls in Levack, Burks Falls, Blackstock-Nestleton in Blackstock, and St. Mark's in Sudbury as well as various pastoral charges in the greater Toronto area. She retired in 2017.

Linda was survived by her husband, Eric and her children Kevin and Keirra, and 2 grandchildren.

