

## *IN LOVING MEMORY OF*

*EDNA  
FRANCES  
(MACRAE)  
MATHESON*



*JUNE 19, 1932  
MARCH 25, 2026*

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Edna Matheson on March 25, 2026, surrounded by her family at Alderwood Rest Home, following a brief illness. She is survived by her children, Gordon (Pat) Baddeck and Joan, Baddeck; grandchildren, Kristin (Henry) Woodville, Philip (Meghan), Lower Sackville, and Duncan, Baddeck; great-grandchildren: Toby, Will, Maren, and Marshall; and honorary family member, Mardy (Phillips) Weaver, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She had a special bond with her niece, 'Doris Louise'; just hearing her name always brought a smile to Edna's face. She also shared a close connection with her niece, Linda, for whom she always had a special fondness, and who became a dedicated companion and caregiver, particularly as her health deteriorated, for which her family could not be more grateful.

Edna was predeceased by her husband of 40 years, Murdock. The baby of her family, she was also predeceased by her parents, Willie G. and Annie (Hart) MacRae and her four siblings and their spouses: brothers Bert (Doris), Keigan (Marion), Ralston (Mable), and sister, Eva (Stewart), as well as her special cousins, George MacRae and Gordon "Big Farm" MacRae.

Although she preferred to keep busy, she did relax occasionally. Some of her happiest times were spent at "the shop" (Baddeck Building Supplies) with The Boys, who adored their "Big Ed;" canoeing on the Baddeck River; golfing at Baddeck Forks (walking the course - no cart!); adding to her impressive sand collection from her various beach vacations; taking her friends and family out for lunch or coffee; keeping a close eye on the birds (and squirrels) from her perch in the kitchen overlooking the Bay; and "going for a tour" of the Big Baddeck loop - usually with a "quick peek out Big Farm" (and often with a squirrel in tow en route to its new home "on the other side of the bridge").

Music was a lifelong passion for Edna, who sang alto in the choir at Greenwood United Church for almost 40 years and was a 'frequent flyer' at the Baddeck Gathering Ceilidhs, especially if

Buddy and Rachel were in town. She enjoyed any opportunity to listen to the Country Gentlemen or take in a show at Celtic Colours or Theatre Baddeck. She also had a keen interest in genealogy, particularly that of her MacRae and Hart families. She loved researching her family history and making connections with distant relatives. She was a diligent historian, carefully recording the date and subjects on photographs (often along with a saucy caption), and she thoroughly enjoyed looking through photos, letters, keepsakes, and memorabilia, and sharing their accompanying stories.

She was also a lifelong member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a founding member of Bell Bay Golf Club, and served for many years on the Board of the Baddeck Public Library Society.

Words cannot do justice to the gratitude we have for the staff and volunteers at Alderwood Rest Home, who loved and cared for Edna far beyond the scope of duty over the past few years.

Cremation has taken place and arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Funeral Co-op in Margaree. There will be a celebration of Edna's life at a later date, yet to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Baddeck Public Library Society, Theatre Baddeck, Greenwood United Church, or a charity of one's choice.