

**J. Ian MacDonald**  
1925-2015

J. Ian MacDonald died on Thursday 24 September 2015. He was 90 years old and on his way to the weekly Luncheon Meeting of the Fredericton North Rotary Club at the time of his death. In addition to being active in the congregation of Nashwaaksis United Church over the years, Ian had also served as a lay representative to Woolastook Presbytery for more than 27 years. He chaired a Woolastook Presbytery Boundaries Committee from 1964 to 1966 and later chaired the Woolastook Presbytery Manse Committee from 1980 until 1994. Ian was a Woolastook Presbytery lay representative to General Council in Halifax, NS in 1980. He also served as chair of the Records and Archives Committee of Woolastook Presbytery and was a member of the Maritime Conference Archives Committee. Ian is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Jane MacDonald and 3 children, Jane Van Horne (John) of Campbellton, NB, Rev. Dr. Jim MacDonald (Debbie) of Moncton, NB, Jeff MacDonald (Jacky) of Isle of Wight, UK and, 8 grandchildren, Jennifer, Julie, and Jill Van Horne, Caleb and Abbey MacDonald, and Heather, Phoebe and Ewan MacDonald, as well as his nephews Alan Prescott (Cindy), Chris Prescott (Heather) and his niece, Janet MacLeod and their children Dr. Erica Allen (James Richardson), Gray, Jessica, Spencer (Krista), Jared and Mason Prescott. He was predeceased by his parents, Clifford and Ruth (Humble) MacDonald, his sister, Catherine MacLeod, his nephew David MacLeod and his brothers and sister-in-law, Allan MacLeod, Robert and Hazel Prescott. Born in Campbellton, NB, Ian spent most of his life in Fredericton, NB and lived in the house that he built, his beloved home, together with Mary Jane, for 64 years. Ian was a Registered Professional Forester, (UNB alumnus, Bachelor of Science in Forestry - class of 1949) and Ian retired as secretary for the NB Forest Products Commission at the age of 69, with a wealth of forestry related consulting experience. Ian was also a pilot, and veteran of WW II, a member of the Fredericton North Rotary Club (1977-present), and a member of Nashwaaksis United Church (and past member of Woolastook Presbytery). Through the years Ian also devoted many volunteer hours as an Elected School Trustee and an NB Library Association Trustee, for 31 and 29 years respectively. He was a past member and director of CASARA (Civil Air Search and Rescue Association) and several other organizations. He was proud of the awards of merit received from these volunteer commitments. He mentored many over the years.

A celebration of life was held at Nashwaaksis United Church, Fredericton North, NB on 29 September 2015.