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With broken hearts we, the family of Julia Eileen MacKenzie, announce her passing on Friday, April 10th, in Victoria county Memorial Hospital, Baddeck, Nova Scotia. Born October 16th, 1930, in Sydney, Nova Scotia, she was the second youngest child of the late Hugh Burton and Catherine (Connors) Glasgow.

A graduate of Sydney Academy, Julia attended the Nova Scotia Teacher's College in Truro. In 1950, she accepted a teaching position in Middle River. In Middle River Julia met and married the love of her life, Maynard Irving MacKenzie. After a move to Toronto, they soon were drawn back home to the family farm on the Yankee Line where they raised their children, John and Richard.

Over the years, Julia continued with courses at Xavier College to increase her teaching license. She taught at MacLennan School for 10 years, until the amalgamation of the one room schools in Middle River. Then her teaching career took her to the Mi'Kmaq communities

of Eskasoni and Wagmatcook. Early in the 1980s she retired from the Wagmatcookewey School.

Active in her community Julia was a dedicated member of the Middle River Historical Society, Middle River Seniors Club and Middle River Alderwood Auxiliary. She was a founding member and ongoing avid supporter of the Middle River Community Recreation Centre.

Julia's strong sense of family and community was nurtured by her parents who provided a loving home for her and her siblings. In turn her home was always a welcoming place for family and friends.

She enthusiastically supported her husband Maynard's musical endeavors and made them a priority in their retirement years. He was a dedicated member of the Cape Breton Fiddlers Association and Julia joined him as he and his musical colleagues performed at community events and concerts. A highlight for them was their visit to England and Scotland under the auspices of the Association.

Julia is survived by her sons, John (Katherine), Edmonton, Alberta and Richard (Murdell), Halifax, N.S.; grandchildren, Andréas, Dominic, Dallas, Luke, Terry and Blaine; great-grandchildren, Cosette and Dalilah; special family member Peggy (Robbie) Shaw, Margaree, N.S.; sister-in-law Minerva Campbell, Bonnyville, Alberta; Jeanne Aucoin, Ottawa, Ontario; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Maynard; brothers, Fred, Bert, Frank, Raymond and sisters, Mamie Mroz and Veronica Melnyk.

The family extends their deepest thanks to the staff at Victoria County Memorial Hospital, especially Dr. Tribo, and to the staff at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital for their compassionate care; to the staff and residents of MacLeod House in Baddeck where Julia resided since moving there with Maynard in January 2014; to Victoria County Home Support Service and Nova Scotia Health Authority Home Care for assisting Julia at Macleod House; and to caregiver Jennifer Dominey who assisted Julia during one of her hospital stays.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Baddeck with interment of ashes in Middle River Cemetery at a later date this year. Time to be announced. Memorial donations in Julia's memory may be made to the Victoria County Memorial Hospital Charitable Foundation, Middle River Community Hall or Middle River Cemetery Association.

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