

# In Memory of...

Within a few short months in 2020-21, HEIRS lost 3 vital people.  
We celebrate their contribution, leadership & friendship.



## **RICHARD HERNIMAN** HEIRS President, 2011–2020

Richard retained a wealth of knowledge about local history, and was an esteemed historian in our community. He had a unique ability to encourage everybody to respectfully see one another's point of view.

His first-hand knowledge of the history of our local area was always amazing & entertaining, sharing background stories about our community. When Richard spoke he brought local history to life.

During Heritage Week on February 27, 2020, in what would be his final presentation, Richard spoke on "Harrow's Hidden History" – its surprising community stories, how it developed over the years, and about a number of important historical figures. As President & mentor he is deeply missed, as his legacy in this community lives on.



## **KATHY LANGLOIS** Secretary, 2005–2020

Kathy was known by many in Harrow as Miss Langlois, due to her many years as a teacher at St. Anthony Catholic Elementary school. To directors, members and associates of HEIRS however, Kathy was known as the efficient HEIRS Secretary. To those who knew her well, she was kind, forthright & honest, and always enjoyed a good laugh.

Kathy had tremendous knowledge of all the library holdings of HEIRS and was very meticulous & organized, paying great attention to detail. She was able to add the wonderfully animated personal touch, with first hand knowledge of all the families of Harrow. Kathy assisted in mentoring summer students and inspiring them to reach significant professional careers and achievements.

In a newspaper interview she stated that "HEIRS is one of the area's best-kept secrets... it's invaluable for people looking for their family history." In reality, Kathy was one of OUR best-kept secrets and is fondly remembered.



## **JEFF WOOD** IT Volunteer

Jeff was a proud volunteer with HEIRS for many years. Moving to Harrow when he was almost five, he graduated from St. Clair College's Journalism program.

Throughout Jeff's life, his interests were statistics & history, focusing on Harrow & Colchester South's rich stories. HEIRS was a perfect place to share his time as a volunteer. He met fellow volunteers there who showed that they too had a passion to discover more about Harrow and to help preserve it for generations to come. Sadly, Jeff passed away in December 2021.

He fulfilled an important project for us over many years, being responsible for the majority of HEIRS' digitized collection to date. This was a gift that Jeff left to HEIRS – a gift to be shared with many others for years to come.

