

THE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
RETIRED TEACHERS' FOUNDATION

**INFORMATION ON DECEASED TEACHERS FOR WHOM CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN
MADE TO THE CHILDREN'S CHARITIES FUND**

NAME: Catherine Ellen Nash (Maiden Name - Linehan)
(Include maiden name where applicable)

PLACE OF BIRTH: Branch, NL, Canada
(Country, province, town, city, bay, etc.)

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 Oct / 1933 (20-10-1933)
(Day, Month, Year)

EARLY EDUCATION: Roman Catholic School, Branch 1952
(Primary, Elementary, Secondary school attended) St Bride's College, Littledale + Education

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION *(College, University, Degrees and dates)*
May 26, 1989 Bachelor of Arts Oct 12 / 1980 Bachelor of Arts - Education
Memorial University of Newfoundland

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE TEACHING: 38 years

NAMES OF COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS TAUGHT IN:
(Provide names of communities, years taught in each, plus experience as classroom teacher, administrator, board person or employee of the Department of Education)

1 year in St. John's (not sure which school) classroom teacher 5

37 years in Branch, 34 of those years principal
at St. Thomas Aquinas School & also classroom teacher at the same time.

DATE OF RETIREMENT: June 1992

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH: Sept 28 / 2014 at her home in Branch

PLACE OF INTERMENT: Holy Rosary Cemetery, Branch.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION: *(Community activities; church activities; volunteer work; hobbies; awards or honors received; travels; any reference in newspaper clippings)*

Separate sheet enclosed

Additional Information may be included on a separate sheet.
Please enclose photograph (if possible)

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Date: October 20 / 2015

Catherine taught all grades over the years but mostly Grade 9, 10 & 11 (three grades in one room all the time.) Those years are the ones remembered most by her students & their parents. Gr 9 to 11 had public exams in those years and she prepared her students well for them. She spent many hours in school after the final bell, helping children who needed it individually. She was a very dedicated, hard working teacher & I've heard many old students say "I wouldn't be where I am today but for her."

I am enclosing an article I found in her personal files. I don't know who wrote it & sent it to her but it's a true picture of her.

I knew her well — I was her student in Grade 4 and in Grades 9 & 10. She was my principal for most of my teaching career of 31 years. I was also her sister in law since 1968 when I married her youngest brother.

Church activities

- Catherine organized fund raising for a new Church for this community. The Church opened completely debt free. At the opening she presented all the Church Banners used for different liturgical seasons. All had been paid for (material + trimming etc) and she had sewn them so it was all hand sewn.
- Was a Eucharistic minister for many years & prepared the church + altar each Sunday for mass. She made sure all the banners were ironed + in place for each different season of the Church.

Katherine Ellen (Linehan) Nash, wife of Rudolph Nash, was the principal of the community school, St. Thomas Aquinas, for many years. For a major part of her teaching career Catherine taught all subjects in grades 9 - 11. She was often recognized for the success of her students with letters from the Registra of Education after public exam marks were released each year in August. In these letters, the Registra would commend Catherine on her hard work and dedication to the cause of education in the community of Branch. In the days when the tiny three room schools, where very few communities boasted about the percentages of of graduates from high school, Branch was always rated among the top performing schools in the province. This honor was widely attributed to the dedication and patience of Mrs. Catherine Nash, Many of Catherine's students have gone on to receive college and university education's and to pursue successful careers.

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