



## MAUREEN BIANCHINI PURVIS

Maureen Bianchini Purvis is a proud Canadian/Metis citizen and Founder, President and Chair of No Stone Left Alone.

Born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta she experienced a devastating loss at a young age, the death of her mother who had served in WWII. Years passed and after visiting the cemetery every November 11th where her mother was buried, she became more aware of the number of military headstones in the Field of Honour that surrounded her. It was a powerful image. She was very concerned as the years went by that the message of our military past was being lost on a young generation. She admitted

to her herself that she knew very little about their service. Out of this concern and using her years administrative skills, No Stone Left Alone began in 2011 with a small group of volunteers placing poppies at one cemetery. Since then it has turned into a national movement during Remembrance week engaging young students and like-minded Canadians, from coast to coast to coast.

*"I have the obligation to ensure that No Stone Left Alone reaches its highest potential, to reach each headstone in Canada. The program has become one of the most recognizable and important activities during Remembrance week. Done by 99% loyal volunteers whom we are so grateful for, it shows the power of the simple act, that resonates in the hearts of so many. It helps to shape our future, by engaging our past with the present and the future. We should all strive to leave our country a better place for all. I want to set a positive example for our youth, that if you have an idea, a passion or dream, go forward to the best of your ability. Reach out for support from those around you. If it is the right thing, the ripple effect is real. Canadians will embrace it and as always Canadians will do the right thing."*

Maureen resides in Edmonton, Alberta with her husband Randall. They are blessed with two daughters, Sara (Grant) and Keely (Ben) and four spectacular grandchildren, Elle, Petra, Beckett, and Hudson. She loves literature, studying her paternal Italian and maternal metis heritage, music, cycling, dance, and time spent with her loved ones.



She is humbled by the recognition she has received for her work, including the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award 2012, Laurel Awards (Gold) 2014, Global Television's Women of Vision 2014, Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation 2015, Senate Volunteer Award 2017, the Meritorious Service Medal in 2021, and the Alberta Order of Excellence and Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award in 2022.



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