

OBITUARIES

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McNutt, Emily Mae – 62, Great Village, passed away peacefully Monday, February 23, 2009 at home. Born January 5, 1947 in East Village, she was a daughter of the late Frank and Freda (Rogers) Adams. Emily is survived by her loving husband, Dale; sons, Kelly (Vicky), Memramcook, New Brunswick; Perry, Great Village; Cory, Truro; grandchildren, Myra, Nolan, Ryan, Blake and Katie, who affectionately called her Mammie; sisters, Verna (Cedric) Storey, Minto, New Brunswick; Noreen (Bob) Jones, Lincoln, New Brunswick; brother, Harry Adams, Great Village; mother-in-law, Margaret McNutt, East Mines; sisters-in-law, Pauline Adams, British Columbia; Cathy Adams, Lower Debert; Norma McNutt, Bible Hill; brothers-in-law, Hank Kuylinch, Ajax, Ontario; Glenn McNutt, Debert; several nieces and nephews to whom she was known as “Auntie Em”. She was predeceased by her sister, Helen Kuylinch; brothers, Louie and Ronnie; sister and brother (twins) in infancy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a private family funeral service was held, officiated by Reverend Don MacQueen. Spring interment will be held in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert. The full obituary can be viewed and private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

Decoste, Mary Cecilia “Cil” - 81, Truro. (Formerly of Debert and Brookfield) It is with broken hearts we announce the sudden passing of our beloved mother and grandmother on Friday, February 27, 2009 at the Halifax Infirmary, QEII, surrounded by her loving children. Born May 3, 1927 in New Victoria, Cape Breton, she was the eldest child of the late John Dan “Francis Hector” and Mary Ann (Michael B. “Soldier” MacDonald) MacNeil. (New Waterford). Cil is survived by son, Daniel “Dan” (Peggy), Debert; daughters, Betty (Barry) Merlin, Hilden; Doris (Dave) Anderson, Truro; grandchildren, James DeCoste, South Korea; Jennifer Merlin, Truro; Heidi Anderson, Truro; sisters, Irene, Catherine, Josephine, Rhodena; brothers, Daniel, Michael, Ambrose; 26 nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also predeceased by sister, Elizabeth; brother, Angus Jerome in infancy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. As was her request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Her cremated remains will be interred in her beloved Cape Breton at a later date. The full obituary can be viewed and private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

Davidson, James Lawrence “Ted” - 92, of East Village, passed away peacefully Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the Colchester Regional Hospital Truro, with his family by his side. Born in East Village near Londonderry, “Ted” was a lifelong resident of the area working as a farmer for most of his life and who had a great love for horses. He was predeceased by his daughter, Carol. He will be forever remembered and loved by his wife of many years, Winnie (Rushton); his daughter, Beverly McCulloch (Lee), Debert, and their children, Brandon (Suzanne), and their children, Drew and Autumn; Joshua (Colleen); Desiree; his son, Lyle (Cindy), East Mountain, and their children, Maggie and Dustin; grandson Ian, Twillingate, NL, who is the son of the late Carol; step-son, Llewelyn Rushton, BC; foster son, Charles Cock, AB. Cremation has taken place. Funeral service was held 4pm Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street Truro, Pastor Steve Adams officiated. The full obituary can be viewed and private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

Boyd, Ivan David - The death of Ivan David Boyd occurred March 12, 2009 at the Colchester Regional Hospital. Ivan was born and lived in Portauipique, the son of the late Edna (Hill) and Everett Boyd. He is survived by brothers, Blois (Rita) Boyd, Enfield and Glenn (Judy) Boyd, Trenton and Wentworth. Also surviving are sisters in-law, Rose (Eric) Boyd, Ontario and Joanne Boyd (Mike), Fort Nelson, B.C.; his aunt, Edna Boyd, Barrington; uncle, Charles Boyd, N.B.; nephews, John Douglas Boyd, British Columbia; Gregory and Paul Boyd, Enfield; Kevin Boyd, Ottawa; nieces, Tanya and Lorilee Boyd, Ottawa; special niece, Marcia (Sam) Coldwell, Melkfield, N.S.; several grand nieces and nephews and good friend, Conrad Babineau. He was predeceased by his parents as well as brother, Eric Boyd and Eric's daughter, Bonnie Boyd. Funeral service was held 2 p.m., Sunday, March 15, 2009 in Riverside United Church, Bass River, Reverend Florence Antle-Brisson officiated. The full obituary can be viewed and private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

Hill, Phyllis Madeline (Vance) – 87, of Upper Onslow, passed away on March 14, 2009 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Great Village, she was a daughter of the late Hilbert and Hattie (Toole) Vance of Great Village. Phyllis received her early education in Great Village and later graduated from the Provincial Normal College. She taught school in Cumberland County. She was a life member of the Alumni Association of the Nova Scotia Teachers College. She was also a member of the Onslow United Church and a charter member of the United Church Women. Phyllis had a great love of flowers and was an avid gardener, having won many awards with her flowers at Exhibitions in the area. She was a member of the Nova Scotia Dahlia Society. She is survived by sons, Angus (Darlene), Arthur (Ellen), both of Upper Onslow; Donald (Gail), Burlington, Ontario; sister, Amy Denning, Cold Lake, Alberta; brother, Bayne, Ashmont, Alberta; granddaughters Lisa, Kimberly and Crystal; grandsons Tony, Michael and Craig; six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Ross; sister, Ethel Oderkirk. Funeral service was held on March 17th with Rev. Gerald Kerr and Rev. Alice Rutherford officiating. Interment will be held at a later date in the Onslow Island Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Onslow United Church or Onslow Island Cemetery. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

Corbett, Harold Lloyd, 82, Bass River, passed away March 17, 2009 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born January 19, 1927 in Bass River, he was a son of the late Charles and Mabel (Meadows) Corbett. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy for a short period of time and later was employed as a driver for Acadian Lines. He then worked for the Department of Transportation as a heavy equipment operator and was a construction foreman, retiring after 35 years of service. During these later years, he enjoyed being a part time farmer raising his purebred Hereford cattle. He was a member of Riverside United Church, Bass River, a founding member of the Bass River and District Fire Brigade for 30 years where he served as the first Fire Chief. He was also a 60 year member of the I.O.O.F. Gladstone Lodge #80 of Bass River and later joined the Jurisdictional I.O.O.F. Harold enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, trapping and was one of the few individuals in the province who made and repaired snowshoes. He also enjoyed a good game of cards with his family and friends. In his early youth, he enjoyed hockey and playing baseball and was a catcher with the Bass River “Rockets” and Londonderry “Ironclads” in 1949. He is survived

by his loving wife of 58 years , Jean (Knight); son, Stanley (Juanita); precious granddaughters, Jessica (Jeffrey) Wright, CFB, Borden, Ont., Danielle at home; special great-granddaughter, Maddison – four months; brother, Keith, Truro; sisters, Hilda MacKenzie, Truro; Iva Scott, Bass River; brother-in-law, Ross (Doris) Knight; sister-in-law, Joyce Knight. Funeral service was held at Colchester Community Funeral Home, with Rev. Bob Mack officiating. Spring interment in Riverside Cemetery, Bass River. Donations in Harold's memory may be made to the Bass River Fire Brigade or the Bass River Heritage Society. On line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

Alfred, Robert Edward - 76, North River, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2009 surrounded by his loved ones in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in McLennan, Alberta, he was a son of the late John and Caroline Alfred. A very loving and giving person, he was always willing to help, placing others first. He was actively sponsoring several children in the Christian Children's Fund. His grandchildren were the love of his life. He loved gardening, tending his flowers, walking in the woods with his dog, Lexus and enjoyed time spent with his church family. He is survived by daughter; Jean Dunn, Onslow; sons, Douglas (Cindy), Harmony, Wade (Kathleen), Halifax, Leighton (Nancy), Onslow Mountain; grandchildren, Kristen, Michael, Stephen, Jeremy; step grandchildren, Jennifer McCabe, Sarah Fraser, Brent Nolan; step great granddaughter, Alex Fraser; brother, Jack (Natalie) and sister, Carolyn French, both of Alberta. He was predeceased by brothers, Henry and Eugene. Funeral service was held March 21st in Calvary Pentecostal Church, with Rev. Jeff Goodwin officiating. Spring interment in Robie Street Cemetery. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

Marsh, Marjorie Joyce, 88, Masstown, passed away March 18, 2009 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Bear River, N.S. on June 8, 1920, she was a daughter of the late Dr. William Morse and Maude Alice Parker. Marjorie grew up in Boston, Mass. And spent her summers in Bear River where she met her future husband, Harry Garfield Marsh. Marjorie has been affiliated throughout her life with various organizations including the Scotia Chapter of the I.O.D.E. the Third Place Transition House, Masstown United Church UCW and the Brunswick Street United Church UCW. Marjorie was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Marjorie is survived by sons, David (Margo), Hilden, Greg (Krista) Masstown; daughter, Penny (Bryce) Duggan, Barrington; grandchildren, Claude, Denise, Greg, Ryan; eight great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Harry; sisters, Ruth, Kaye; brother, Willard. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held March 22nd in Masstown United Church with Rev. Donald MacQueen officiating. Spring interment in Masstown Cemetery. Donations in her memory may be made to the Third Place Transition House, Bible Hill, N.S. or the Masstown United Church. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

Welcome Spring! Even though we have had a few snow squalls and may even have a few more, spring is finally here. The robins are back and so are the red winged black birds. Crocuses are poking their heads up in southern facing gardens and soon there will be daffodils and tulips growing beside them. Ah...spring, my favorite time of the year!

I hope you all had a chance to attend the recent Variety Concert at the Masstown United Church. We had a host of wonderful performers and I wish to sincerely thank each and every one of them for their time and great entertainment.

Our recent St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Supper was a hit, as usual, with even more people out to it. Thanks to everyone who helped out in any way with this supper. We made almost \$900! This money, as well as the free will donations at the concert, go towards the upkeep and keeping open of our church.

For those of you who enjoy coming out to our Coffee Parties, you will be pleased to know that there will be two in the month of April, one on April 8th and the other on April 22nd. There is always a bake table and a great play room for the children. At the coffee party

which was held during March break we had six children there and they sure seemed to be having a great time! (Maybe it was the chocolate brownies!!)

Masstown UCW will meet on April 2nd, 7pm at the Masstown United Church. We are inviting all the ladies to join us for this meeting as this is our Blind Auction! We have more fun at this once a year event! Bring something wrapped up for the auctioneer to auction off and plan on getting yourself some great buys as well! Remember, some packages hold priceless items, but beware of those which might hold that “extra” roll of toilet paper! Hope to see you there!

The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday April 4th, 8am, at the Double C restaurant. All men in our three communities are more than welcome to attend. Even if you don't live in Masstown, Debert or Glenholme, I am sure you would be welcomed by those who attend faithfully. There is a plaque of honour with the names of men from Maritime Conference who have done something special with their Men's clubs and others can be nominated to be added to this plaque. It is very beautiful and is being passed around Truro presbytery for

the next month and will be at this breakfast meeting to be viewed..

We are doing something very special on April 4th, 10:30am, at the Masstown United Church and you are invited to bring your children, teenagers, grandchildren and your friends to come and help us decorate our church for Easter! Decorations are available to use and pizza will be served for lunch. Come out and have fun preparing for our Easter Sunday service!

Debert United is hosting their annual Chowder Luncheons at the Debert Fire Hall every Wednesday through April starting with April 1st. These are from 11:30am - 1pm.

For those of you who know Jodi Mitchell, who is in Korea teaching English and is the daughter of Marilyn Mitchell of Masstown, you will be pleased to know that she is coming home for a short visit April 30th.

Congratulations go out this month to Tara McCarthy, daughter of Randy and Cathy McCarthy, on her recent marriage to James Brian Tremere. The lucky couple were married in Mexico and plan to live in Alberta.

Condolences go out this month to Greg Marsh and his family on the death of his mother Marjory Marsh.

Plan for Summer Camp Now

By Chris Urquhart

It is time to start thinking about MacLennan Memorial Camp again! Many of our children attended camp last year and had a wonderful learning experience. This camp is sponsored by Pictou and Truro Presbyteries of the United Church of Canada.

For more information and application forms drop into your local United Church today! Please remember to keep saving those pennies and Canadian Tire Money for the camp.

You wouldn't believe how much this helps cut down on expenses so that better instructors and programs can be at the camp! There will soon be a “Wish List” for the camp of items such as toilet paper, paper towels, tin foil etc. All donations are gratefully appreciated.



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