

# OBITUARIES

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**WELTON**, James Donald Donnie, 78, of Economy, passed away suddenly Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at home. Born in Pleasant Hills, Colchester County, he was a son of the late James and Jennie (Kennie) Welton. Donnie is survived by his wife, the former Ada Alice Marsh; daughter, Cyndi Welton, Dartmouth; sons, Ron (Debbie), Bass River; Kevin (Margaret), Economy; sister, Greta Cook (George), Truro; brother, Ralph, Economy; grandchildren, Christopher, Scott, Jennifer, Michael, Alexander, Jacob; 4 great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held 2 pm Friday, December 18, 2009, in Economy United Church, Reverend Florence Antle-Brisson officiated. Interment was held in the Economy Cemetery. The full obituary can be viewed and private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**MOWBRAY**, Dr. Glen Vincent MacFarlane "Mac" 77, The Mira Long Term Care Centre, Truro, passed away peacefully Sunday, December 27, 2009. Born October 24, 1932, in Northwood, England, he was a son of the late James and Ethel (Taylor) Mowbray. Mac graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College (Guelph University) in 1960 and went on to be a respected large and small animal veterinarian working out of Truro and Stellarton. Mac is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Arlene Marie (Hardy); children, Gwendolyn (Gwen) My Powell; brothers, John (Shirley), James (Sheila), all of London, England; three nieces; four nephews. Funeral service was held 1 pm Wednesday, December 30, 2009, Reverend Brian DeLong officiated. The full obituary can be viewed and private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**DOWNING**, SSM CD, Laurie Freestone, 78, Economy, NS passed away peacefully at the Veteran's Memorial Building (Camp Hill) on Sunday, January 3, 2010. Laurie is survived by his sons, Stewart (Lynne) and Murray; grandchildren, Jason, Sara, Ashley, Christina and Great-Grand Daughter Aaliyah. His grandchildren will greatly miss their Grampie, especially his grandson Jason who currently serving his country in Afghanistan in the same tradition as his grandfather. Born in Halifax, NS, April 3rd, 1931, he was a son of the late Roy and Margaret (Dymond) Downing. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by the love of his life and reason for living, Virginia, his wife of 50 years. He was likewise predeceased by brother, Burrell Downing and sister Alicia Colpitts whom he greatly missed. Memorial service was held Tuesday, January 5, 2010, in Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street Truro, Rev. Florence Antle-Brisson officiated. Spring interment will take place in the Economy Cemetery, Economy. The full obituary can be viewed and private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**COLLIER**, Vera Louise - 79, Truro, passed away on January 4, 2010 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro surrounded by her loving family after a brief illness. Born January 31, 1930 in Springhill, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Hattie (Embree) Harrison. She left Springhill at a young age to seek her fortune in Truro. Here she met her future husband, Bill Collier and created a wonderful blended family. Vera worked for many years at the Colchester Regional Hospital as a nurse's aide retiring to her little home in Bible Hill. Vera is survived by sons, Bob Harrison (Sylvia), Halifax; George Collier (Jean), Lower Sackville; daughter, Betty Johnston, Onslow; sister, Alta Fear, Dartmouth; brothers, James Harrison (Emily) and Carman Harrison (Freda), both of Ontario; grandchildren, Darren Casey, Andrew Cameron (Carman), Dennis (Crystal), Bill, Allan and Paul Harrison, Mary-Beth (Dean) Fancy, Glenn Collier, Curtis (Lynn) Johnston and granddaughter Lynn Johnston; seven great-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews. Vera was predeceased by her husband, Bill Collier; son, Paul Collier; daughter, Pat Casey; brothers, LeRoy and Emmerson Harrison; sisters, Agnes Arseneault and Norma McNutt; grandsons, David Collier, Wayne Johnston and good friend, Shirley Vance. Vera's family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Colchester Regional Hospital, the staff of Elk Court in Brookfield and especially Dr. Bruce Phillips for their exceptional care. Funeral service was held January 9 with Rev. Brian DeLong officiating. Spring interment in Hillside Cemetery, Springhill. On-line condolences may be sent to [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**PICTOU**, Audrey Ann - 67, Millbrook First Nations, finished her journey on this earth on January 6, 2010 and was escorted to heaven by her Guardian Angel. Audrey passed away at Cedarstone Enhanced Care Nursing Home where she was loved by all the staff and was treated with great respect. Audrey was a member of Millbrook First Nations and was a Shubenacadie Residential School Survivor. The family thanks all the staff at the nursing home and Dr. Barry Wheeler. She is survived by her brother, Robert Leonard Pictou, Millbrook; special cousin, Billy Pictou, Debert; her guardian and cousin, Clara Gloade, Millbrook. She was predeceased by mother, Bella Pictou and grandmothers, Susan Gloade, Mary Ann Pictou; sister Connie (Kevin) Burton; her special parents, Charles and Annie Jane Gloade whom she considered as her parents. Funeral Mass was held on January 9, 2010 in Sacred Heart Church, Millbrook. Interment in Sacred Heart Church Cemetery, Millbrook. Donations in her memory may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Nova Scotia, Canadian Cancer Research Fund, a charity of choice or to the Millbrook Youth Club - This club works with elders by visiting them and teaches our youth how to deal

with drug abuse and domestic violence. On-line condolences may be made at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**WILLIS**, James Edward - 77, of Young Street, Truro, passed away January 5, 2010 in the QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax after a short bout with cancer. Born in Truro, he as a son of the late Isaac and Blanche (Stoutley) Willis. He was known far and wide as the owner-operator of Jim's Light Trucking for over 43 years. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Theresa; sons, James M. (Kim Colburn), Onslow Mountain, Steven (Kathy), of Onslow and Truro, Jason, at home; daughters, Coleen Mapp, Halifax, Theresa "Terry Lynn" (Kevin) Jackson, Beechville, Sandra Finney (Derrick Hennessey), Truro; grandchildren, Stefanie (Chad) Willis-Howse, Matthew (Michelle) Willis, both of Edmonton, Alberta, Kristopher Mapp, Halifax, Jarrett Mapp, C.F.B. Halifax, Nicole Jackson, Beechville, Stacey Willis (Teddy Ashe), Greenfield, Marcy Willis (Gerry Maloney), Stewiacke, Mitchell Willis (Kandie), C.F.B. Petawawa, Tanner and Taylor Murphy, Portapique; great-grandchildren, Login, Keilin, Ethan, Chase, Grayson and Jacara; brother, John, Truro; foster brother, Leroy (Beverly) McCready; sister, Bessie McCready. He was predeceased by brothers, Isaac, Merle and Ralph; sisters, Eula Nicolas, Helen McLaurin and Blanche Chase; grandson, Jeffery. Funeral service was held January 11 with Rev. Lori Ramsey officiating. On-line condolences may be made at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**SIMPSON**, Eric Robinson, 88, Hamilton, Ontario and formerly of Belmont and P.E.I. passed away peacefully on January 13, 2010, at The Village of Wentworth Heights in Hamilton, Ontario. Born in Bayview, P.E.I., he was a son of the late Earle and Annie (Robinson) Simpson. He was predeceased by his dear wife Della Cooke and sister Hazel Buell. He is survived by his loving daughter, Carol Robertson and son-in-law and best friend Chris, Stoney Creek, ON; beloved grandson, James, North Bay, ON; brothers Donald, Sault Ste. Marie ON, Harold and Preston of North Rustico. P.E.I.; sisters, Nellie Shea, Springhill, N.S., Clemmie Campbell (Louis), Kensington, P.E.I., Vivian Hiscott (Vernon), North Rustico, P.E.I.; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral service was held Saturday, January 16. Interment at a later date in Eagle Hill Cemetery, Westchester, N.S. On-line condolences may be made at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**MINGO**, Vivian Janet, Truro. Shortly after lunch on January 13, 2010, Vivian Janet Mingo was called home to walk hand in hand with Jesus Christ. Vivian was a daughter of the late Walter and Dorothy (Hamilton) Clyke. Vivian loved and supported her church (Zion United Baptist Church) and helped wherever she could. She was also a member of the Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation, the Good Neighbours Retired Citizens Association, the Ladies Derry Orange Lodge (484 Truro), the Truro Tops Group and the Hope Chest Cancer Group (Truro). She is survived by her husband, Ron Mingo; children, Wade, Deridre, Jamie, Donna, Robert, Wendy, Catherine and Roni Jan; grandchildren, Skye, Lenny, Tracey, Raven, Keith, Edin, Emma, Abby, Syra, Liston, Connor, Tonisha, Noah; great-grandchildren, Hailey, Joseph, MacKenzie and Brya; sisters, Evelyn (Charles) Borden, Shirley (Howard) Mahar, Kathleen Morse, Geraldine and Margaret, all of Truro, Grace Gero, Shilo, MB, Marion Scott and Barbara of Toronto; brothers, Darrell (Anne), George (Lynn), Richard, all of Truro, Tom (Eileen), Halifax, Benjamin (Viola), Ottawa, Frederick, Robert (Cora), all of Toronto; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brothers, Walter "Jack", John. A memorial service was held January 16th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, with Pastor Brian Johnston officiating. On-line condolences may be made at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**FRENCH**, Lillian Elizabeth (Gratto), 87, Truro, passed away January 13, 2010 in Toronto, ON. Born in Truro she was the daughter of the late George and Lucy (Gerrior) Gratto. Lillian worked in nursing homes all of her life. She is survived by daughter, Jeanette; sons, Gordon, Robert, both of Toronto, David, St. Catharines, ON; sisters, Gloria (Gary) Hazard, Elaine Mabey, both of Truro; brothers, John, Thorold, ON, Fred (Linda), Tatamagouche, NS, Donald, Truro, Charles (Sandra), Oshawa, ON, Carl (Christine), Orangeville, ON, Don (Shirley) Thomas, Burlington, ON.; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters, Jean Hanspiker, Frances White; brothers, Wallace, David, George, Robert. Cremation has taken place. Interment will be in Truro in the spring. On-line condolences may be made to: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)


**JOHNSON**, David W. - 67, Truro passed away January 14, 2010 at home. Born in New Glasgow, he was a son of the late David A. and Gladys (MacLean) Johnson. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte (Doyle); sister, Cheryl Markle, Toronto; nephews and nieces, Blake Markle, Montreal, Quebec; Allyson (Robbie) Clinch, Dieppe, NB; Christopher (Tracey) Doyle, San Jose, California; Meredith (Brent) Harrison, Brookfield; brother-in-law, Ross (Sylvia) Doyle, Truro. A lifelong funeral director, David began his career with Roop's Funeral Home in Middleton. After graduating from mortuary college in Syracuse, NY, he worked at Lindsay's Funeral Home in Kentville. He then went on to work with Mattatall Funeral Home in Truro for a number of years, later purchasing the business along with McCulloch-Patriquin Funeral Home in Great Village. After selling these businesses, he worked with Colchester Community Funeral Home, from where he retired. A Memorial Service was held on January 18 with Rev. Larry Harrison officiating. On-line condolences may be made at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**THOMPSON**, James "Jim" Ernest, 62, Great Village, NS. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of James Ernest Thompson. Born in Ontario, June 15, 1947, he was a son of the late Violet Giles and William Thompson. James drove tractor trailers all his life, it was a job he loved and enjoyed doing. He proudly drove for Big Wheels, Centrans, Warrens, SLH, Western Perishables, and most recently D&D Transport. James' heart and soul was his family. He is survived by his devoted wife of 22 years, Juliette Thompson (Wellwood); 3 loving daughters, Nicole Thompson, Rachel Larue, Amanda Metlin; loving son, Tim Metlin; grandchildren, Austin and one on the way, Tenielle, Bradley, Dakota, Gavin and Ransom; and brother to Ron and Greg Greg, both on ON, Doug, BC, Val, Alta., Jean, Sask. and his best friend, who Jim considered his brother, Newfie, Jim Howlett. He was predeceased by foster parents, Alex and Elizabeth Elvin. A celebration of Jim's life was held January 22 with Rev. Gary MacDougall officiating. On-line condolences may be made at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**CAMPBELL**, Sylvia Joan – It is with great sadness that the family of Sylvia Campbell, (nee McLean and formerly of Glenholme Nova Scotia)announces her passing on January 18th, 2010 at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, Ontario. Sylvia was predeceased by her husband Kevin. She will be sadly missed by her children Gary (Mariana), Sandra (Peter) and proud grandmother to Steven, Daniel, Alex, Matthew and Katerina. She will be missed by her sister Carol (Charlie), and fondly remembered by her extended family and friends. Funeral service was held on January 23rd 2010 at Trinity United Church, Thornton, Ontario. If desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie would be appreciated by the family. "We have all not only lost a loving mother, grandmother and sister we have also lost our very best friend". Information received from: The Paul F. Kent Funeral Home, 16 King Street, North, Cookstown, Ontario. L0L1L0, Phone: 705 458-4402; Fax: 705 458 1544

**REID**, Gertrude "Joan", 86, Debert, passed away suddenly at home on January 22, 2010. Born in Masstown, she was a daughter of the late Leo and Winnifred (Smith) Leben. Joan loved many activities, including dancing with Roy, quilting, puzzles, and knitting, having knit many newborn hats for the Colchester Regional Hospital nursery. Joan also was the owner of Rainbow House Craft Shop in Debert for many years. She is survived by her partner of 17 years, Roy Webb; daughter, Susan (Barry) MacKenzie, Truro; sons, Gregory (Patricia), Sydney, Australia; Michael (Darlene), Debert; Roy's children, daughters Brenda Black, Debert; Patricia (Glenn) MacDonald, Onslow Mountain; sons, Stephen (Luella), Shubenacadie; Randy (Donna), Debert; Stacy (Monica), Sarasota, Florida; Derek (Shawn), Debert; sister Gwen (Don) MacKay; grandchildren, Adrienne, Sara, Charlotte, Cindy, Joanne, Julie, Justin, Kati, Kyle; several step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren, Matthew and Jesse; several nieces and nephews. Joan was predeceased by her husband Ulric Reid; four sons in infancy; sisters, Elizabeth Vance, Audrey Close, Shirley Thompson. Funeral service January 27th with Rev. Don MacQueen officiating. Interment in the Debert Cemetery in the spring. Donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #106, Debert and the Debert United Church. On-line condolences may be made at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**Chestnut**, Agnes Ruth - 86, Truro, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2010 in Wynn Park Villa, with family members at her side. Born on June 21, 1923 in Boston, Mass., Agnes was a daughter of the late Henry and Ruth Cole of Tatamagouche. Agnes spent her adult years as a very busy mother of ten children. She also enjoyed being grammie to her many grand and great-grandchildren. She loved celebrating all the events, both big and small in her large families lives. She eagerly awaited each new addition to her ever-increasing family. She spent the last few years in East Cumberland Lodge, Pugwash, and Wynn Park Villa, Truro. Here she was treated with respect and kindness by the many caring staff members. Agnes is survived by nine children, Arnold (Sally), Kingston, Ontario; Ruth Pearson (Lloyd); Judy Prodger; Arthur; George (Bev); Margaret Ann Dauphinee (Andy); Elizabeth Glass (Warren); Richard (Geraldine); Mable-Lynn Dickson (Ernie); all of Truro and surrounding areas; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by sister Jennie Cole-Perkins and nephew Lawrence Cole; several other nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Elmer; son, Robert; sister, Helen Ramsay. Funeral service January 27th with Rev. David Lutes officiating. On-line condolences may be made at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)




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