

OBITUARIES

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GRAHAM, Alfred Claire - 78, Great Village, passed away Tuesday, December 21, 2010, in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro, after a brief illness. Born and raised in Debert, he was a son of the late Alfred and Stella (Berry) Graham. Claire spent most of his adult life working in construction as a heavy equipment operator, over the Northern parts of Canada from one coast to the other. His last 20 years of work was with Gateway Materials in Kearney Lake, from where he retired in 1997. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and looking after his property. Claire is survived by his spouse of 37 years, Janet Ashe; brother, Clifford (Ruth) Graham, Great Village; sister, Jeanne (David) Large, Port Joli; two special nephews, Percy (Joy) Graham, Great Village; Stephen (Deanna) Graham, Truro, along with other nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Vaughan; twin brother, Clarence (December 27, 2008). All are welcome to attend a graveside interment service that will be held at a later date in Main Road Cemetery, Debert. An announcement will be made later in the spring. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MOSHER, Donna E. - 55, of Boars Back Road, Cumberland Co. passed away Monday, December 27, 2010 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of Ernest and Verlie (Winters) Pettigrew, Harrison Settlement. She is survived by her husband, Cyril; a daughter, Renae, Advocate Harbour; grandchildren, Kylee, Maria and Reece; sisters, Millie Pettigrew, Stellarton; Rose MacAloney, Sherbrooke; a brother, Angus, Parrsboro; father-in-law, Harry Mosher, West Brook; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by daughters, Debbie Lynn and Donna Theresa in infancy. Funeral service was held Thursday, December 30 in Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro with Rev. Greg Doyle officiating. Burial in the West Brook Cemetery. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

STARRITT, Alfred Gerald - 84, Debert Court, Debert, formerly of Castlereigh, Colchester County, passed away peacefully Friday, December 31, 2010 at the home. Born December 31, 1926, in Castlereigh, he was a son of the late Stuart and Margaret (Grue) Starritt and was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Gerald spent most of his life on the family farm in Castlereigh. His love for his family, farming, tractors and horses was always evident. His warm smile and sparkling eyes touched the hearts of those around him and will be greatly missed. Along with his parents, Gerald was predeceased by his sister, Kathleen Delay; brother, Aubrey Starritt. Special thanks to all of Gerald's "Debert Court Family" for their compassion, kindness and care. Funeral service was held Tuesday, January 4, 2011, in Riverside United Church, Highway 2, Bass River, Reverend Florence Antle-Brison officiated. Spring interment in Riverside Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

KITCHEN, Frances, Truro, passed away peacefully on January 5, 2011 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Aberystwyth, Wales, she was a daughter of the late Charles B. and Gwendoline (James) McMullen. She is survived by daughter, Cynthia (John) Watts, Saint John, N.B.; son, Bruce (Sheila), Truro; grandchildren, Glynis and Jennifer Watts, both of Toronto, John and Alison Watts, both of Saint John, N.B.; Heather Ettinger, Crowes Mills, David Kitchen, North River, Peter Kitchen, Halifax; eight great-grandchildren; nieces, Keltie (Allan) Bruce, Truro, Megan Girouard, Petite Riviere, Charles Munro, Vancouver. She was predeceased by her husband of 69 years, Paul; daughter-in-law, Gwendolyn "Wendy". There was no visitation by request. A memorial service was held on Monday, January 10th at 2:00 pm in First Baptist Church, 759 Prince Street, Truro with Rev. John Tonks officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

HINGLEY, Elizabeth Blanch - 87, Debert passed away at her home on January 6, 2011. Born in Riversdale, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Lillian (Rogers) Lynch. She was a member of the Good Neighbor's Senior Club and the Debert United Church. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret (Dan) Ripley; sons, Edward (Darlene), Debert, Fred (Shirley), Edmonton, Alta.; grandchildren, Nadine (Kevin) Stanford, Riverview, NB, Ben Ripley and Daniel Ripley, both of Truro; great-grandchildren, Ethan and Megan Stanford; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, George; step-father, Fred Bee; sisters, Nettie, Annie; brothers, George, Jim, Eddie. Funeral service was held January 9th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Don MacQueen officiating. Spring interment in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com A special thanks to the caring and quick response by the first responders of the Debert Fire Brigade and Paramedics.

BROWN, Doris K. - 79, of Parrsboro passed away Thursday, January 6, 2011 at home. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Percy and Frances (Patterson) Dunphy. She is survived by sons, Dana (Janet), Lakelands; Ben, Fox Lake, Alta.; daughter, Deborah, Moncton; sister, Shirley Breau, Havelock, N.B.; brother, Ronald (Sandra), Parrsboro; two grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Floyd; sisters, Dorothy, Sharon; a brother, Morley; as well, the late Capt. John and Harriet Taylor who were very close to her during her younger years. A graveside service will be held in St. George's Anglican Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

WATT, Norman "Douglas" (Doug), 92, Truro - passed away on January 7, 2011 at Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born in Moncton, N.B. he was the son of the late George R. and Sarah (MacPhail) Watt. Educated in Saint John, N.B. he attended the Modern Business College in that city. He operated Major Adjustment Bureau Ltd. and had several insurance offices in central Nova Scotia. He is survived by daughter, Beverley (Royce) Boutilier, Truro; son, Sandy (Lynn), Onslow Mountain; grandchildren, Sue (Allan Cullen) Boutilier, Camden, Andrea Boutilier, Halifax, Joshua Watt, Onslow Mountain; nieces, Deborah Watt, Dawson Creek, B.C., Sarah Campbell (David Livingstone), Brookside, N.S., Catherine Mooney (Terry), Pouce Coupe, B.C.; nephews, John Hartshorn, Ontario, David Hartshorn, Dartmouth, N.S. He was predeceased by his wife, Norma M. (Hill); sisters, Pauline Hartshorn, Janet Watt; brother C.R. (Bob) Watt. Cremation has taken place. No visitation by request. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 15, 2011 with a Royal Canadian Legion Tribute Service at Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Rev. Judith Perry officiating. On-line condolences may be made to: www.colchestercommunity.com.

HEYSE, Annerose "Anne" - 60, Portapique, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family and friends, on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at home. Born April 9, 1950, in Germany, she was the daughter of the late Gerhardt and Irmgard Heyse. Born and raised in Germany, Anne came to Canada in 1996. She worked at Sun Peaks Hotel, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia and Roche Lake Resort, Kamloops, British Columbia and then with Earth Angels in Truro. An avid outdoorswoman, Anne loved fishing, hunting, bird watching and walks on the beach. She will be sadly missed by her many friends. A private service was held, followed by interment in Portapique Cemetery, Reverend Florence Antle-Brison officiated. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

REPETTO, Lloyd V. - 81, Parrsboro passed away Monday, January 10, 2011 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Stephen and Annie (Keddy) Repetto. Lloyd began his working career with S.E. O'Regan in Parrsboro as an apprentice mechanic. He later started the Crossroads Garage with his brother in law, Danny McPhee where he worked for 27 years. He is survived by a son, Johnson (Wendy), Parrsboro; a grand-daughter, Bethany; a grandson, Cameron; three nieces, Gloria, Laura and Mary. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Jean McPhee in 2004; a sister, Mona; a brother, Gerald. Funeral service was held on January 13, 2011 at St. George's Anglican Church, Parrsboro, Rev. Tory Byrne officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

ABBOTT, Robert Brooks - 84, Bass River. He was born on July 11, 1926 and passed away Thursday, January 13, 2011 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Bob worked most of his early career at Ontario Steam Lines and on returning to Nova Scotia he was employed by the Bass River Chair Factory. Bob was also a volunteer fire fighter with the Bass River Fire Dept. for over 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Helen (Gamble); stepchildren, Ronnie Patriquin, Brian Patriquin, Gayle (Gary) Vance, Terry (Sherry) Patriquin, Judy (Bill) MacLaughlin, Cindy Grue; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; sisters, Elizabeth Downing, Barb (Bernie) Gill; brothers, Neil (Aldene) Taylor, Doug Taylor. He was predeceased by foster parents, Ida and Thompson Morrison and Jean and Archie Taylor. No visitation or flowers by request of the family. A memorial service was held on January 16th in Riverside United Church, Bass River with Rev. Florence Antle-Brison officiating. Donations in his memory may be made to the Bass River Fire Dept. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

McKAY, Donald James, 82, Lower Onslow, passed away peacefully with his wife Gwendolyn and son Jim by his side, January 14, 2011 in Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born at home in Lower Onslow, he was the youngest child of the late Donald and Florence (Twells) McKay. His father died when he was 5 years old leaving the farm to his young son Donald and oldest son, Bill. Donald belonged to and was leader of the Onslow-Belmont 4H Club for 11 years, and played hockey for the Onslow Wildcats. He and Gwen met while he was driving a milk truck for Ray Jennings when the 80 lb milk cans were still being used. He bought his brother's share of the farm in August 1949. Donald was a charter member of the OBFb and was made a life member in 2000. As a volunteer he plowed the yard for the Fire Hall long before cabs had heaters on the farm tractors. He leaves to mourn his wife of 62 years, Gwendolyn (Leben), Masstown; daughter, Jean (Jim) Nordin, Grand Prairie, AB; sons Jim (Muriel), John (Hazel), both of Lower Onslow, Bryan Joe (Donna Lee), Kenora, ON; Jerry (Linda), Malagash; grandchildren, Dr. Jennifer McKay (Tom Shreve), Lower Onslow, Dr. Deanna (Derek) Field, Bible Hill, Tristan, Daylan McKay, Kenora, ON, Candice Nordin, Grand Prairie, AB, Joyce McKay, Oxford, Julie, Jeremy (Melissa) McKay, Edmonton, AB; great grandchildren, Alexander, Amy, Ty, Jay, Dylan, Noah, Lilly Ann, Keegan, Kayleigh, Jayden; several nieces and nephews; sister, Margaret MacLaren. He was predeceased by an infant son, Donald Jr., sisters and their husbands, Lizzie (George) Barnes, Mae (Carson) Baird; brother, Bill (Charlotte); brother-in-law, Bert MacLaren; nieces, Marie Baird, Patricia McKay; parents-in-law, Leo (Winnie) Leben; aunts and uncles. A Fire Brigade Tribute service and funeral were held January 19th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, with Rev. Natalie Buchanan-Rutherford officiating. Interment in the spring in Belmont Cemetery. On-line condolences may be made to: www.colchestercommunity.com

GIBBS, Gerald Stephen, 83, of Onslow Mountain, N.S., died peacefully in his sleep on January 15th, 2011, in the Magnolia Continuing Care Center in Enfield, Nova Scotia. He had been in failing health for the past year. Born in Truro, he was the son of Elspie and Geoff Gibbs. He is survived by his wife Barbara; sons, David (Donna), Porters Lake, N.S., Tony (Cheryl), Dartmouth, N.S.; daughters, Wendy (Barry), Guelph, Ontario, Sheila (Mark), Lindsay, Ontario; ten grandchildren; one great grandchild; sister, Irene, Newmarket, Ontario; brother, Owen, Saint John, N.B.; several nieces, nephews and their families. Gerry served for 26 years in the Navy. Funeral service was held January 20th, at the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Interment will take place in the spring. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

EISSES, Dorothy - 72, Truro Heights. The passing of Dorothy Eisses (vanEwyk) occurred at home on Saturday, January 15, 2011. Dorothy's courage, grace and strength was an inspiration to many. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Bert Eisses; children, John (Shelley) Eisses, Tammi (Gerry) Boonstoppe; grandchildren, Mia, Anita, Taylor, Jessica, Spencer; brothers, Tom (Nellie), Cornelius (Lorna), Jacob, Jan (Beverly); sisters, Anne, Adrianna (Ernie) Jongkind, Connie (Alan) Barlow; Eisses-brothers-in-law, Marten (Johanna), John (Trudy), Henry (Janet), Jim (Ellen); sisters-in-law, Herma, Grayce (John) vanderPloeg, Cathy (Henk) Visser; brother-in-law, Clarence Alkema. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her daughter, Laura; brother, John. Dorothy was born in Holland and immigrated to Canada in 1952. She lived in PEI until she met and married Bert Eisses 49 years ago. She had a passion for history, working with the Truro Historical Society and was always busy and up for learning something new, even computers. The family would like to acknowledge the amazing support of her sister-in-law, Ellen Eisses, and also express our deepest appreciation for everyone of you who supported Dorothy during her illness; thank you for caring. Celebration of Dorothy's life was held Tuesday, January 18, 2011, in John Calvin Christian Reformed Church, 169 Glenwood Drive, Truro, Reverend Dan Brown officiated. Spring interment in Truro Heights Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

BRYANTON, Jenna Louise - "mommy's little bird" passed away January 17, 2011 at home. Born in Truro on September 6, 1995, she was the beloved daughter of her Mom, Pam Murchison, step-dad, Doug Robinson, her dad, Christopher Bryantton. She is also survived by sister, Jacklyn (Tim) Tompkins; nephews, Justin, Memphis; niece Jersey; grandmothers, Lorna Bowers and Dorine Bryantton; several aunts, uncles and cousins; also god-parents Pat and Donna Guilderson and Colline and Scott MacQuarrie. She especially loved her little cousins, Kenny, Will and Riley-Patricia. She was predeceased by her grand-fathers, Ken "Pung" Bowers and Ingham Bryantton. She will be remembered by her many friends. A memorial service was held January 20th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Pastor Bill Martin officiating. Interment at a later date in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

ALLEN, Norma M. - 82, of Victoria Manor, Amherst, and formerly of East Fraserville passed away Monday, January 17, 2011 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Point Wolfe, N.B., she was a daughter of the late Clarence and Daisy (Simmons) Dickson. She is survived by sons, Dale Elliott (Sandra), Ellershouse; Raymond Elliott (Tina), Halifax; Mark Elliott, East Fraserville; stepdaughters, Carol Smith (James), Etobicoke; Doreen Lamb, Mississauga; brothers, Marvin (Ruby), Oshawa, Ont. and Melvin (Marion), Harvey, N.B.; 10 grandchildren; several great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence Allen in 1991; sisters, Barbara, Alice and Dora; brothers Clarence (Junior), Gerald, Howard, Walter and Rutherford. Funeral service will be held at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at a later date. Arrangement entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

COLLINS, Ross "Kieth Collins" - 73, of Wards Brook, passed away Friday, January 21, 2011 at home. Born on the Parrsborough Shore, he was a son of the late Alden and Jessie (Lewis) Collins. Ross served in the 2nd Canadian Guard, spent 25 years raising his family and working with horses in Okotoks, Alta. He returned to Parrsboro in 1982, where he operated the Deli for 25 years with his wife, Ohra. He was a founder of the Age of Sail Heritage Museum in Port Greville, where he served as president for many years. He is survived by his wife, the former Ohra Kelly; a daughter, Oralee O'Byrne (Jeff), Wharton; sons, Ross Jr., Port Greville; John (Lynn), Okotoks; grandsons, Kyle, Cory, Warren, Micheal, Richard, James and Andrew; sisters, Marion Lewis, Margaret O'Flaherty; brothers, George (Linda), Paul (Janice), Ken (Claudia) and extended family. He was predeceased by a daughter, Pamie; sisters, Patricia and Freda; brother, Murray. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Age of Sail Heritage Museum, Port Greville. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

Beekeeping Course Started Jan. 25th

By Tony Phillips

An introductory beekeeping course will be offered starting January 25 at the Great Village Community Centre. The course will be held from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Tuesday nights. There will be seven night classes on relevant topics: stings, hive parts, bee biology, bee behaviour, equipment, spring colony management, swarms, nucs and queen rearing, fall management and over-wintering, bee diseases, hive products and the economics of beekeeping.

The course will include lectures, discussions, videos, simulations and guest beekeepers. In May, the class will re-unite on a good day for a six hour "day in the beeyard" working with bees and reinforcing the classroom learnings from the winter sessions.

Participants will be prepared and ready to get and manage hives of their own by the end of the course.

This class has been held five times before under the auspices of the Chignecto Central continuing education program. Since that program was discontinued this year, the Nova Scotia Community College, Truro Campus has adopted the beekeeping course and has advertised it and will be doing the registration.

Those interested in taking the course should contact the NSCC in person at Forrester Hall, by phone at 1-888-679-6722 or e-mail Lois.Ettinger@nsc.ca. The cost of the course is \$165. If you have any questions about the course, contact the instructor, Tony Phillips at 662-3399.

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