

# OBITUARIES

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**HUMPHREYS**, Gordon Stuart ("Stu", Grampa), 75 of Trenton passed away peacefully with his family by his side at his "home away from home" Glen Haven Manor in New Glasgow on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Stuart was born in New Glasgow, the son of the late Elmer and Charlotte (Leadbetter) Humphreys of Trenton. He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-two years Doreen (Johnson), cherished daughter Carolyn, son-in-law Steven, dearly loved grandchildren Benjamin, Daniel, Helene (Baldwin), and sister Gloria, brother-in-law Ross, nephews David, Kevin, Robert (Ingram), Stephen (Johnson), Gordon Fisher; nieces Kathy (Bond) and Linda Lee (Ingram), Helen Funk; cousins Wally, Gary, and Jimmy (Humphreys). Stuart and his wife enjoyed many summers at their summer home in Upper Economy. He loved music and was a beautiful singer. Stuart graduated from Dalhousie University with a BSc. and was registered as a certified dispenser with the Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Society. He practiced his profession at Lawtons in Halifax, as well as Ormond's in New Glasgow, and then for many years with his father and Donald MacDonald at Steeltown Pharmacy in Trenton. Funeral service was held in the Church of the Nazarene, Duke St., Trenton with Rev. Dr. Alden Aikens, assisted by Rev. Leon Teal and Ross Ingram. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery. Condolences at: [www.rhporter.ca](http://www.rhporter.ca)

**DODSWORTH**, Eunice Mollie, 89, of Truro, passed away Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Wynn Park Villa, Truro. Born in Dunston, England, to the late John and Ida (Briggs) Walton, she moved to Canada in 1943 as a war bride, spending most of her life in Old Barns and Great Village. She is survived by her sons, Roger, Ontario and Jim, Great Village; daughters Christine Landry, Truro and Katherine Downing (Ron), Bible Hill; sixteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren as well as her brother, Roger

Walton (Australia) and sisters Elsie Shepherd and Joan Weighill, both from England. She was predeceased by her husband William Burpee Dodsworth and son Peter, and also by two of her sisters, Ida (Nellie) Parker and Millie MacLeod. Funeral Service was held on 11 am Tuesday, September 22, 2009, in Saint John The Evangelist Anglican Church, Reverend Lori Ramsey 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)

**OOSTEROM**, Maria Janna - 73, Truro, passed away peacefully October 2, 2009 at home surrounded by her family after a long battle with Parkinsons and dementia. Born June 14, 1936 in Leiderdorp, the Netherlands, she was a daughter of the late Leendert and Gysberta (Weynen) Baars. Maria came to Canada as a new bride in 1957 landing at Pier 21, Halifax and then making her home in Onslow, Colchester Co. She was a homemaker and with her husband, Bert they owned and operated Graceland Farms in Onslow retiring in 1992. Maria is survived by her husband of fifty-two years, Bert; son, Harry (Ann), Bible Hill; daughters, Christina (Ralph) Workman, Helena (Brian) Bell, both of Calgary; daughter-in-law, Laura, Hilden; grandchildren, Steven, Jessica, Mitchell, Travis, Alexana; brother, Leo (Riet), the Netherlands; sister, Janna (Leen), the Netherlands. A Memorial Service washeld October 5<sup>th</sup> Truro with Rev. Jay Ettinger officiating. Interment in Crossroads Cemetery, Valley. Online condolences may be made at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**COLPITTS**, Dara Millard - 60, Debert. It is with heavy hearts that the family announce the passing of Dara Colpitts on October 4, 2009 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro, surrounded by his family, friends, and special friend, Lauchie Rector. Dara was born on August 4, 1949 in Parrsboro to the late Aubrey and Kathleen Colpitts. He is survived by his siblings, Sylvia (Wayne) Boyd, Glenholme, Debbie (Glenn) Buchanan, East Village, Wayne, Windsor, Ont., Betty, Halifax, Marilyn Elderton, Connecticut; several nieces and nephews. Also surviving are his loving daughters, Tracy (Blake) Fisher, Glenholme, Shelly (Jody) McBurnie, Crowes Mills, Dawn Marie Colpitts (Wayne George), Londonderry, Melissa Purcell, Pennsylvania; special daughter of Dara's, Erin Owen (George Blackie), Belmont. His grandchildren were the light of his life and he always smiled when he spoke of them- Macquel, Wesley, Wyatt, Justin, Kelsey, Alea, Spencer, Cooper, Iris, Corey; two great-grandchildren, Lincoln, Thresea; the mother of his children, Laura, Debert. He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Adelle and his loving companion, Susan Owens. Memorial service was held October 8 Colchester Community Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Adams officiating. Online condolences may be made at [www.colchstercommunity.com](http://www.colchstercommunity.com)

**HENDERSON**, Audrey Marie, 70, of Bible Hill, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Monday, October 5, 2009, in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Shubenacadie, she was a daughter of the late Frank and Kathleen (Pratt) Doyle. Audrey was well loved by her family. She is survived by daughters, Lori Henderson (John), Brookfield, Lisa Reid (Wayne), Belmont; step-grandchildren, Michael, Christopher; brother Wayne Doyle, Brantford, ON; sister Mrs. Yvonne Curtas, Tampa, Florida; nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother Roderick. Funeral service was held 2 pm Thursday, October 8, 2009, in Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, Pastor Ken Banks 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)

**WELTON**, Sandra - 67, Economy. It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Sandra Welton on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at home. She was born in Toronto, Ontario on April 9, 1942. She moved to Economy in 1982 and with her husband Ralph, built a home and a business. She was a very hard worker and devoted much of her time to the betterment of the community. She always opened her home and her heart to anyone who needed it, including countless dogs, cats, birds, squirrels and other animals. She bravely battled against cancer for six years and will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her loving husband, Ralph; sons, Douglas, Robert and Brian; sisters, Cynthia, Sharon, Bonnie; sister-in-law, Patricia; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Susie and brother, Chris. A private funeral service took place on Monday October 12, 2009. On-line condolences may be sent to [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**RUSHTON**, Grace Eileen - 88, Truro passed away October 20, 2009 at home. Born in Denmark, she was a daughter of the late James and Stella (Watt) Hayman. She was a member of the North River Choir. In later years she enjoyed the senior activities that involved dancing and she often played the keyboard. Grace loved to sing with her brother Arthur at various events from childhood until the present. Her greatest loves were grandchildren, children and music. She is survived by daughter, Linda (Lawrence) Lynds, Great Village; son, Ronald (Brenda) Higgins, Mt. Thom, Pictou County; brothers, Arthur (Florence), North River; Carson (Marguerite), Truro; grandchildren, Bobbi Joe Lynds, Sean Lynds, Peggy Sue Higgins and Ali, Paula (Trevor) Stinson, Patricia Higgins, Billy Higgins, Matt and Jason Crosby; great grandchildren, William, James, Devlin, Jacob, Griffin; sister-in-law, Polly Hayman, Truro; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brother, Milton. Memorial service was held Saturday, October 24 at 11:00 am, in Colchester Community Funeral Home with Rev. Ebbie W. Snow officiating. Interment in Forest Hill Cemetery, Denmark. On-line condolences may be made at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

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