

OBITUARIES

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Valerie Louise Almas Jacko

Valerie Louise Almas Jacko passed away suddenly in Toronto on December 24, 2015. She was 49 years old. She was the daughter of the late Russel Almas and Sylvia (Starritt) Almas. Valerie is survived by her beloved husband, Richard Jacko of Manitoulin Island, Ontario; a step-daughter, Kelly Anne Lee Jacko; a brother, Charles of Salt Springs; niece, Teresa Norris, Brookfield; sister-in-laws Lena and Sahra Jacko and her Father-in-law, David Jacko. She was an Aunt to Dyllian, Leona, Tricia and Kahadar Jacko; her Aunt Faye in Hamilton and several cousins in Ontario. In Nova Scotia her Aunt Lynn (Gary); Uncle Cameron (Judy); Aunt Barbara Starritt. A great joy in her life were her cousins, Timothy, Andrew and Matthew Starritt, Stuart and Kevin Starritt and Jason and Jarrod Selkirk. She was predeceased by her grandparents, Alice and William Almas, and Henry and Pauline Starritt, her Uncle Victor Almas and her Uncle Martin Starritt. Valerie had a gentle soul and saw the good in everyone. We (her family) loved her and she is in our hearts always. Burial will be at a later date in Salt Springs Pictou County. Donations in her memory can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the SPCA.

MORRIS, Marsten V. – Age 71, of Parrsboro passed away Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Advocate Harbour, he was a son of Veldaire Morris, Advocate Harbour and the late Verna (Allen) Morris. He is survived by his wife, the former Geraldine MacAloney; sons, David (Delores Pick), Truro; Jody (Virginia McManaman), Amherst; sister, Julia, Advocate Harbour; a brother, Ansell, Regina, Sask.; several nieces and nephews. As well, he will be forever missed by his faithful furry companion, Abbie. There will be no funeral services held at Marsten's request. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

DESJARDINS, Claudia Ann - 91, Truro, passed away peacefully, with her loving family by her side, on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at The Mira Long Term Care Centre, Truro. Born in Kentville, she was a daughter of the late Carl and Ada (Newman) Coleman. Claudia is survived by her daughters and sons, Cherron (Ray Anthony), Deep Cove, British Columbia; Carol, Maple Ridge, British Columbia; Ronald (Diane McCallum), Truro; Cyril, Old Bams; Guy (Margaret Howard), Onslow Mountain; Donna (Leonard Schnare), Annapolis Valley; David (Crystal), Lower Truro; brothers, Edwin, Beverly, Carl, all reside in Kings County; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews who live all over. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her sons, Michael, Robert; daughter, Helen; brothers, Guy, Gordon, James, Malcolm, William; sister, Elaine. Special thanks are extended to the staff and volunteers at The Mira Long Term Care Facility for the above and beyond care they took of our mother during the time she was there and also for the palliative care she received; our appreciation cannot be met with words. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where Claudia's family received friends on Wednesday March 9, 2016. Spring interment in Elm Grove Cemetery, Steam Mill, Kings County, where she will be laid to rest with her parents. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

Barnhill, Jennifer Lee – Truro - Born August 23, 1961, Truro, passed away on March 11, 2016 at the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of Sylvia (Fisher) Barnhill and the late Ritchie Barnhill. Jennifer's life purpose was to be a devoted mother, loyal daughter, an unconditional friend, and a facilitator of change. A genuine humanitarian, impact with anonymity best captured Jennifer's approach to changing lives. Of all her accomplishments she was most proud to be a mother to Rachel and Michael. She is survived by her children, Rachel Patricia Ritacco (Matthew Munro) and Michael David Ritacco. Also her mother, Sylvia Barnhill; sister, Kimberly Barnhill (Bob MacInnes); brother, Edward Barnhill (Linda); sister-in-law, Jacqueline Barnhill; nieces and nephews, Dallas, Jonathon, Melissa, Courtney, Chayne, and Chevy; and countless cherished friends. She was predeceased by her father Ritchie Barnhill and brother Fraser Barnhill. By request, there will be no visitation. A memorial service was held March 19 at the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Colchester Community Funeral Home. Condolences may be directed to 3 Ritchie Barnhill Drive, Truro, NS, B2N 6P5.

WEATHERBY, Deborah Lee (Mugridge) of Belmont passed away Saturday, March 12, 2016 (1951-2016) in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Webster Mugridge and Josie (MacLean)(Mugridge) Williams. She is survived by her husband, Jim; sons, Randy (Tina), Truro, Wade, Onslow, Timmy (Ashley), Belmont; six grandchildren; sisters, Ruth, Summerside, P.E.I., Donna (Tony), Charmaine (Brian), both of Belmont, Darlene (Wayne), Truro; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her step-dad, Bob Williams; sister, Mary, Crapaud, P.E.I.; brothers, Vance, Summerside, P.E.I., Les, Crapaud, P.E.I., Dave (Hummer), Debert. She will be greatly missed by all her rural mail customers who she had served for the past 19 years. Special thanks to the oncology department at the QEII, VG Site, Halifax, the palliative care unit in Truro and also a special thanks to the Hospice Society, Colchester Co. for everything. Her remains have been donated to medical science at Dalhousie University. Donations in Debbie's memory may be made to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Palliative Care or the Autism Society. A celebration of Debbie's life was held March 20 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro where on-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

PARIS, Captain Joshua B. "Josh" – Age 29, of Moncton, and formerly of Parrsboro passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in Moncton as the result of a tragic car accident. Born in Amherst, he was the son of James and Betty Anne (Berry) Paris, Parrsboro. Josh was a truck driver with Kent Building Supplies (Trinity Drive) in Moncton for many years. Through his teenage years, he was very active within his community, and always willing to give a helping hand. Captain Paris had a long and distinguished military career with the Air Cadets. He began his career with Squadron 689 RCACS, Parrsboro becoming a CIC Officer in 2005. As well, he spent many summers with the CFB Greenwood Training Centre. Most recently, he was the operations officer for Cloud Lake Training Centre in Greenwood. Captain Paris was invited to take command of Squadron 154 Amherst, assuming the role of Commanding Officer on September 16, 2015. His dedication and passion for the Cadet Program was widely respected by CIC members across Canada. Captain Paris will be fondly remembered by all those who had the pleasure of working with him. Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, the former Jessica Cormier; a daughter, Adele, at home; a sister, Nicole Hall (Judson), Truro; his only niece, Sofia Hall; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was also expecting his second child in August. As well, survived by his grandfather, Reg Rushton, Oxford. Funeral service was held March 19, 2016 at the Parrsboro Baptist Church, Rev. Emmanuel Mutale officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Joshua Paris Family Fund through the Parrsboro, Moncton or Amherst Branches of RBC, or at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences to www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

BOWDEN, Neta M. – Age 95, of Diligent River passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan surrounded by her family. Born in Wood's Mountain, she was a daughter of the late Everett and Lila (Canning) Yorke. She is survived by sons, Ivan (Arlene), Lower Sackville; Maurice (Katherine), Diligent River; Arthur (Darlene), Parrsboro; daughters, Maxine, Diligent River; Betty Johnson (Robert), Diligent River; Lisa West (John), Fox River; sisters, Eva Yorke (Willard), Diligent River; Evelyn Lamb, Diligent River; Jean Bowden, Fox River; brothers, Layton Yorke, Fox River; Donald Yorke (Lalia), Stewiacke; 13 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; a great-great granddaughter; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald; a daughter, Donna Smithson; brothers, Charles, Kenneth. A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Palliative Care Fund of the Cumberland Health Care Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

CASSON, George MacDonald – 78, Truro, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, following a sudden illness, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was the son of the late Morris and Inez (MacDonald) Casson. At the time of his death, he was serving as President of Truro Farmers Market. George is survived by his son, Marcus, and grandson, Danney George, Central New Annan; son, Niels, Vancouver, British Columbia; sister, Joan (Gerry) Carter, Dartmouth; nieces, Lisa (David) Davies, Cole Harbour; Jill (Robert) Nylan, Saint John, New Brunswick; nephew, Andrew (Kim) Carter, Iowa. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Maria Elisabeth "Bela" (Klemm) Casson. Funeral service was held Friday, March 18, 2016, in Saint Andrew's United Church, 55 King Street, Truro, Reverend Jay Ettinger officiated. Spring interment in Robie Street Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

SPENCE, Luther Hall – 88, Truro Heights, passed away suddenly March 24, 2016 at the QEII, Halifax Infirmery, Halifax surrounded by his family. Born November 10, 1927 in Debert, he was a son of the late Angus and Annie (Stevens) Spence. He was a truck driver for 46 years having worked for Ed Dennis, Eastern Transport and McCully and Soy. Luther enjoyed watching his grandchildren play hockey and also spending time at the cottage in Brule. He is the last surviving member of his immediate family. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, the former Patsy Lynds; children, Lynn (Marcel) Lynds, North River, Phillip, Whitby, Ont., Paul (Dawn) Debert; grandchildren, Trevor, Jeremy, Taylor, Ryan, Dana, Bryan; sisters and brothers-in-law; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Heman, Nick and a brother in infancy. Funeral service was held March 27 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Pastor Connie Stewart officiating. Interment at a later date in Aeon Baptist Cemetery. Donations in his memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia or the Aeon Baptist Church Cemetery. On-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

SPENCE, Larry Robert - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Larry Robert Spence, 69 of Londonderry Nova Scotia. Larry passed away peacefully Friday March 18, 2016 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre with his wife by his side. Born in Truro, Nova Scotia he was the son of the late James Spence and Jeanetta (Rushton) Spence of Londonderry, Nova Scotia. Larry spent most of his working life in the woods. He loved to hunt and fish and enjoyed time hobby farming around his home. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Larry leaves behind wife, Priscilla (Dunlap) Spence; sons, Dana (Nicole Chesley) Spence, Moncton NB, Gregory Spence, Great Village NS, Larry JoeBuck (Vanessa Comeau) Spence, Truro NS; daughter, Lisa (Sprague) George, Economy NS, step-sons; Arthur Junior Muise, Truro NS, Rodney (Anna) Muise, Debert, NS, Michael (Sarah) Muise, Truro NS, Troy Muise, Truro NS; sisters, Kathleen (Spence) Mattison, Oxford NS, Juanita (Spence) Patriquin, Salisbury NB, Eileen (Spence) (Glen Mattison), Amherst NS; brother, James Spence, Vancouver BC. As well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Larry is predeceased by father, James Spence; mother, Jeanetta (Rushton) Spence; sisters, Winnie (Spence) Davidson & Frances (Spence) Fielding. Cremation has taken place with no visitation or funeral service by request. A family interment will be held in the spring in Hillcrest Cemetery, Londonderry. Donations in Larry's memory may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the Larry's family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

SWAN, Catherine Louise, 84, passed away peacefully on March 22, 2016 in Vimy Court, Bible Hill. Born in Port Hawkesbury, Louise was a daughter of the late Edward J. and Mary Evelyn Cass (MacIsaac). She was predeceased by her husband, of 51 years, Arnold Swan; daughter Joyce and brother, James Cass. Louise is survived by daughter, Audrey Hill (Gordon), Wainwright, Alta.; granddaughters, Shannon Surgeson (Cory) Wainwright, Alta. Megan O'Brien, Kingston, NS; two great-granddaughters, Paityn and Trinity; sisters, Peggy MacInnis, Port Greville, NS, Hazel McNamara (Fred), Port Hawkesbury, Anne Fitzgerald, Coquitlam, BC; many nieces and nephews. No visitation or service by request. Interment at a later date in Crossroads Cemetery, Valley. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, where on-line condolences may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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