

OBITUARIES

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ROBICHEAU, Reginald Joseph "Reggie" - 72, Truro, passed away suddenly on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at home. Born in Plympton, he was a son of the late Payson and Lena (Deveau) Robicheau. He was predeceased by his brother, Jerry Robicheau. Reg is survived by his only daughter, AnneMarie Robicheau, (Brookes VanTassell), Brookfield; son-in-law, Chum Mingo, Truro; his grandsons, Gavin and Cohen Mingo; step-grandsons, Rigby and Broden VanTassell; sister-in-law, Debbie Amero; nephew, Russell Robicheau. Reg was an electrician for 49 years, and a member of IBEW Local 625. Funeral service was held Friday, February 17, 2017, at Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Interment will be held at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

Linkletter, George A. "Geordie" – Age 90, of Lower Five Islands passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Economy, he was a son of the late Norman and Thelma (Davis) Linkletter. Geordie was a member of Corinthian Masonic Lodge #63, Great Village serving in numerous capacities. He enjoyed music, especially the open mics and jams throughout the area. He is survived by a daughter, Judy Laing, Lower Five Islands; daughter in law, Rosemarie (Linkletter) Black, Markdale, Ont.; grandchildren, Allan Linkletter (Louise), London, Ont.; Lori-Ann St.-Jean (Larry), Powassan, Ont.; Joy Appleyard, Grand Valley, Ont.; Theresa Laing, Lower Five Islands; great grandchildren, Stephen, Natasha, Devon, Cole; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Hazel Fletcher in 2013; a son, Keith; sisters, Mona, Norma; brothers, Harry, Elson. A memorial service will be held in the Peniel United Church, Five Islands at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the South Cumberland Community Care Centre Foundation or to Peniel United Church. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

WOOD, Betty Lois – 86, Truro passed away March 1, 2017 at the QEII Health Centre, Halifax. Born in Toronto, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Minnie (Whaley) Black. She grew up in England and moved to Canada in 1967 with her husband and four children. She worked for twenty years at Crossley Carpets before retiring. She had a wonderful passion for gardening, shopping and all her children. She is survived by children, Kim (Richard) Bottomley, Ingrampoint, Janine (Jack) Bates, Bible Hill, Simon (Angela), Debert; grandchildren, Daniel and Josh Bottomley, Mitchell, Ryan and Daniel Bates, Rebecca and Lauren Wood; great grandchild, Adaya Bates. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Gerald; son, Michael; sister, Norma Land. Cremation has taken place. No visitation or service by request. A celebration of her life will be held at The Camp at a later date, which will include Henkell. Special thanks to the staff at Wynn Park for their love and care during her stay there. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro where on-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

HILL, Hazel Lillian – 96, Great Village, passed away Wednesday, March 1, 2017, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in South Maitland, she was a daughter of the late John and Lillian (Baxter) Robinson. She is survived by her sons, Carleton MacLean (Thelma), Sheet Harbour; Robert Hill (Betty), Great Village; Ferguson Hill (Ter), Scottsdale, Arizona; daughter, Martha Hill, Winnipeg, MB; her treasured grandchildren and great grand-children; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her first husband, Daniel MacLean; her second husband, Erle Merton Hill; grandchildren, Lisa Ann, Andrew; brothers, Wesley, Vincent, Marvin; sisters, Jean, Mary. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service will be held 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2017. Interment in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

LOCKYER, Susan N. - Age 51, of Five Islands passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2017 surrounded by loving family at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Scarborough, Ont., she was the daughter of Donald Wells, Springdale, Nfld. and Patricia (Draper) Wells, Cobourg, Ont. Susan was an avid crafter, creating many beautiful projects for all of her family. You could often find her roaming her favourite beaches in search of beautiful treasures to add to her collection. She is survived by her caring husband, Enos; daughters, Alison Lockyer (Jordan Willner), Truro; Amy MacArthur (Brock), Cobourg, Ont.; a son, Joshua, Five Islands; and her seven wonderful grandchildren, Violet Willner; Caie-Sun, Sloan, Hawkins, Avery and Amara MacArthur; Lily Lockyer. Funeral service was held March 10, 2017 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Rev. Florence Antle-Brison officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the IWK Health Centre Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

PARKER, David Thomas Rockley Q.C. - 70, Truro. A devoted husband, loving son, guiding father, jokester grandpapa, loyal brother, supportive uncle, honest friend and colleague, and a bit of a "codfish", Dave passed away peacefully on March 5, 2017, with family by his side, loving and holding him. "Big D" was born in Morrisburg, Ontario, and grew up in St. Lambert, Quebec. He later moved his family to Truro where he balanced a career of practicing law in his family home, teaching law at CEC and adjudicating at the Nova Scotia Small Claims Court. Dave is survived by his wife and best friend, Ronda Louise Parker (Lake); children, Laura, David "DS" (Jacqueline), Victoria; grandchildren, Jacob, William, Thomas; father, Thomas Parker; sisters, Donna and Megan (Gerry); mother-in-law, Robin Lake; sisters-in-law, Leslie Searle (Duncan) and Sarah Jane Conklin (Tor), many nephews and niece; the Hutton family and so many friends and colleagues. Dave was predeceased by his mother, Beverly Parker and father-in-law, Harold Lake. A gathering of love and support for all friends and family was on Saturday, March 11, 2017. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date at the river. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GRACE, William "Bill" – age 81, Lower Truro, went to be with his Lord surrounded by his loving family on Monday, March 6, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Branch LaHave, Lunenburg Co., he was the son of the late Charles "Keith" and Jennie (Crouse) Grace. Bill was well known for owning and operating a service station in Bible Hill for many years and later for the Car Sales Industry in Truro. He leaves behind his loving wife of 52 years, Karen (Bezanson) Grace; daughter, Tami, Truro; sons, Dale Grace Sr. (Donna), Truro, Bill Grace Jr., Miramichi, N.B.; grandchildren; Matthew, Kayle, Riley, Dale Robert, Daniel, Holly, Gabrielle, Mikayla, Malachi and Micah; sister, Virginia Semone, Bridgewater; brother, Granville Grace, Bridgewater. Besides his parents, Bill was predeceased by son, Gregory Gordon Grace (July 2016); brothers, Lawrence, Robert, Donald and Dalton. Cremation has taken place. A Graveside Service was held March 11 in Elderbank Cemetery, Elderbank, Rev. Steve McEvoy, officiated. Donations celebrating Bill's memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society (5826 South St., Halifax, NS B3H 1S6). Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Words of comfort and sympathy may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

SPICER, John W. – Age 63, of Parrsboro passed away suddenly on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Port Greville. Born in Advocate Harbour, he was a son of the late Archie and Ruby (Morris) Spicer. He was employed as a forestry worker for C.E. Harrison & Sons for many years. He is survived by a sister, Mona McCully (Donnie), Port Greville; a niece, Jennifer Baisly (Dan), Spencer's Island; great nieces, Clarissa, Ava, Mya; great nephew, Nicholas; great-great niece, Everly. He was predeceased by a sister, Beatrice; a nephew, Archie McCully. A graveside memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations to the LA Animal Shelter. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

DEMERS, Joyce Letitia – 89, Truro passed away peacefully on March 9, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, with her daughter, Gloria by her side. Born in Debert, she was a daughter of the late Lester Bamford and Letitia (Barley) Totten. Joyce lived and worked most of her life in Truro. She retired after working many years with Sears. She loved to be around people and always made you feel welcome when you visited her. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived by daughter, Gloria, who has been her caregiver over the past 5 years. She is also survived by brothers, Lionel, Royce, Ted, all of Debert, Bernie, Masstown; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters, Florence, Leta, Ella and Grace; brothers, Reginald, Erwin, Ronald, Stanley, Lee and a brother in infancy. A special thank you to the VON, staff and Doctors in the Palliative Care Unit at CEHHC and also Dr. Tanya Munroe. Funeral service was held March 13 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Pastor Betty Johnson officiating. Family flowers only. Spring interment in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert. Donations in Joyce's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. On-line condolences at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

HUGHES, Myrtle M. – Age 94, of New Glasgow passed away Friday, March 10, 2017 at the Valley View Villa, Riverton. Born in Fox River, she was a daughter of the late Archibald and Alice (Crossman) Hughes. She is survived by her daughter, Charlene (Wayne) MacLean, Irish Mountain; chosen grandchildren, Sandra (Mike) Eis; Steven (Colleen) Linthorne; 4 chosen great grandchildren; special friend, Beth MacDonald; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Leo; a daughter, Deborah; sons, Roy, Donald; sisters, Lena, Marjorie, Milda, Elizabeth, Marguerite; brothers, Harland, Otto, Charlie, Clayton, George in infancy. A graveside committal service will be held at a later date in the Riverbank Cemetery, Port Greville. Memorial donations may be made to Riverbank Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneral-home.com

TRENAMAN, Michael "Bruce", 73, Carroll's Corner, passed away March 10, 2017 in the Mira Long Term Care, Truro. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. To view full obituary, donations and on-line condolences, visit: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WILSON, Phyllis Evelyn - 89, Debert, passed away Friday, March 10, 2017, in Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born in Hilden, she was a daughter of the late Regis and Lillian (Eagles) Lorette. She is survived by her loving husband of 70 years, Harry Judson Wilson; daughters, Linda (Eric) Chapman, Debert; Faye Delbridge (Jim Empey), Edmonton, Alberta; Judy Wilson-Shee, New Maryland, New Brunswick, Cathy Poole (David Stiles), Debert; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; several nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Maryann Lorette, Greenfield; brother-in-law, James Wilson, Truro. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Ross; sisters, Mary Kennedy, Hazel Salter, Florence Weise; brothers, Blair Lorette, Alvin Lorette; sons-in-law, Clayton Delbridge, Patrick Shee. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Saturday, March 18 2017, The Reverend Gary Yetman officiated. Spring interment in Terrace Hill Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GREENFIELD, Geraldine Muriel "Gerrie" – 71, Central Onslow, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at home. Gerrie will be fondly remembered by her loving partner, Barbara "Barbie" Shearer, and her daughter, Melissa Harris (Mike), and Melissa's children, MacKenzie "Princess", and Michael, of Alberta, and furbaby Sugar. Born on April 4, 1945 in Toronto, ON, she was the second born child of the late Muriel Ann (Adamchuk) and the late James Graham Greenfield. Her beautiful life will always be cherished in the lives of her family, her brothers, Jim Greenfield, of Trenton, ON, Michael Greenfield, of Oshawa, ON, her nieces and nephew, Tammy, Laurie, Patty, Kristina, and Travis, all of ON; her in-laws, "mom" Eileen and Jim Johnson, Truro, NS; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Carol and Dale Shearer, Truro, NS; her Aunt Frances Shapiro, and Aunt Marg Adamchuk; and her first cousins, Michelle (Mike), Joel (Maria), Tanya (John), Harry (Brenda), and Jo-Ann (Shane). Gerrie was predeceased by her sister, Janet Moore (Greenfield), Toronto, ON. At Gerrie's request, the family will be having a private family service and burial at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GIDDENS, Robert "Keith" – 93, Truro, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 13, 2017 at Camp Hill Veteran's Memorial, Halifax. Born in Londonderry Station, he was the son of the late Daniel "Steele" and Pearl (Johnson) Giddens. Raised on the family farm in Londonderry Station he left to join the army during World War II. He served as a signalman overseas and was later wounded in France. He returned home and worked as a sorter on the mail train and then in the Truro Post Office for 32 years as a mail clerk. He was an avid gardener with his vegetable garden being regularly raided by his kids and was especially proud of his "glads" and blueberry bushes. He also enjoyed pool, reading and crossword puzzles, and horses. He was a great fan of the Leafs and Jays. He was a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #26, Truro and a long-time member of First Baptist Church, Truro. Keith is survived by his children, Karen (John) O'Toole, Sambro, David, Tatamagouche, Bob, Calgary, Alta., Heather MacNutt, Beaverbrook, Darlene (Clayton) McLeay, Central North River, Cindy (Kirk), West Gore, Gary (Christa), Lower Truro; sister, Faye McCallum, Truro; grandchildren, Bruce, Lisa, Shannon, Trevor, Andrew, Erica, Ashley, Taylor, Nicole, Kayla; great-continued on page 31