

OBITUARIES

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BLAIR, John Richard – 73, Truro, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 16, 2018, at Halifax Infirmary, QEII, Halifax. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Lyman and Eunice (Blair) Ryan. John is survived by his sisters, Etta Williams, Windsor; June Wilson, Portauisque; Barbara Ryan, Great Village; brothers, Aubrey (Susan) Ryan, Truro; Malcolm (Faye) Ryan, Portauisque; David Ryan (Margaret Weatherby), Hilden; sister-in-law, Shirley Ryan, Great Village; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, James (Naomi) Ryan, Merle (Rita) Ryan, Everett Ryan. Funeral service was held Thursday, March 22, 2018, at Zion United Baptist Church, 454 Prince Street, Truro, Pastor Brian O. Johnston officiated. Interment was held in Folly Village Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

DYCK, Henry Waldemar CD, RCN – 88, died peacefully at Colchester East Hants Health Centre on March 16, 2018. Born at Vineland, Ontario, he was the youngest child of Nicholas and Anna (Hamm) Dyck. He was a proud member of the Canadian Navy for 27 years and attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer First Class. He served on both the east and west coast of Canada, and while he was a member of Sea Training Staff he sailed on most of the Naval ships stationed on the east coast. Following his retirement in 1976, he became Head Gardener for the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission. He was responsible for the design and original planting of the parks at the approaches to the two bridges between Halifax and Dartmouth. He studied landscaping at Nova Scotia Agricultural College which added to his life-long love of gardening. His love of beauty and creation was always evident in his home gardens which he planted and tended with the care of an artist. After moving to Stewiacke East in 1979 he and his friend Lambert Vissers founded Visdyck Garden Supplies and were one of the first landscapers to introduce bark mulch to Nova Scotia. They later founded Visdyck Enterprises and produced Bert's International Sauce, a gourmet cooking sauce. He was Colchester County Council's civilian representative on the Planning Committee, the Board of Health and the Board of Appeal. He is survived by his wife, Hattie; son, Richard, Dartmouth and grandchildren Roxanna (Danny), Jonathan, and Nicholas (Laura); son, Robert (Pam) Dartmouth, and grandchildren Melanie and Cameron; daughter, Catherine Andrews (Richard) Ottawa, and grandson Scott. Great grandchildren Laura Lee and Christopher Dyck and Arianna and Aden Boyd. Stepchildren: Gloria (Terry) Kelly, Winnipeg, granddaughter Lisa (Dave) Pringle, Winnipeg, and great grandchildren, Jordan, Donovan and Naomi Lorna (Kendall) Butler, Saskatoon; Bruce (Doreen) Densmore, Windsor Junction, and grandsons Kyle and Ryan, Stephen (Laura) Densmore, Virden, Manitoba, granddaughters Hayley and Ashton, great grandson Dawson. Vickie (Dale), McInnis, Aurora, Ontario and grandson Austin Anne (Blaine) Blinkhorn, Dartmouth, grandson Chalmers, and great grandchildren Callum and Delia Gregory (Nicky) Densmore, grandchildren Raegan, Kouper, Carson, Sevour and Darragh; Karen MacKenzie (David), Valley, granddaughters Kelsey and Lindsay. Grand children Calvin Butler (Jackie) and great grandchildren Randi Lynn and Roman; sister, Lavina (John) Enns, London, Ontario; sister, Betty Martens, Black Rock, British Columbia; brother, Nicholas, (Harriet) Toronto. He was predeceased by step-daughter Alice (Randall) Butler, Shelburne. There was no visitation. A celebration of his life was held in Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro, March 20th. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Salvation Army, Colchester East Hants Hospice Society, Valley Kempton Fire Department or Valley United Church. Online condolences may be shared with the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

COLBURN, Rose Veronica (Poirier), 90 – Debert, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 19, 2018 in Debert Court, Debert, N.S. Born in Glace Bay she was the daughter of the late Moise and Katie Mae (Deveaux) Poirier. Her greatest goal in life was to raise and care for her family including her grandchildren and was known for always being there when needed. She loved to hook rugs, quilt, sew and knit. Rose was kind and generous to all who crossed her pathway and faced the difficulties of life with a smile. She will be missed by the many folk who knew and loved her. She is survived by daughters, Catherine Laves, Merland, NS, Marie MacKinnon, Ft. McMurray, AB, Irene Bowie, Lower Harmony; sons, Ivan (Patty), Antigonish Co., Wayne (Lorelei), Truro; sisters, Margaret Finn, Mary Ann White, Anne Poirier; brothers, Eli (Theresa) and Paul; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, great, great, grandchildren; many nieces nephews and cousins. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her first husband, Francis MacDonald and second husband, Ira Colburn; daughter, Veronica Scott; son Joseph in infancy. Funeral service was held March 22, 2018 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Rev. Iain Macdonald officiating. Interment in the spring at Collingwood-Wyvern Cemetery, Cumberland Co. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society or the Canadian Diabetes Association. Condolences available at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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