

# OBITUARIES

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## Galway, Clara

Clara MacLaughlin (Starratt) Galway of Listowel, at Grand River Hospital, Kitchener on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at the age of 97 years. Loving wife of Roy Galway for almost 73 years. Mother of Jim Galway & Meg Shuebrook of St. Clements, Mi (Margaret) & Roddy Faulkner of Bass River, NS, and Peter Galway & Janice Hodder of Listowel. Grandmother of Dan Galway & Angie Vaughan, Abe Galway & Tanya Lee, Jason & Tessa Faulkner, Jodi Faulkner, and Megan & Dustin Eberle, and great-grandmother of Alexander, Kalen, Addy, Amaya, and Alivia. Sister of Barbara Hood of Truro, NS. Predeceased by sisters Evelyn McLellan and Joyce Starratt. One of 4 daughters born and brought up in Bass River, Nova Scotia by her parents James and Jenny (MacLaughlin) Starratt. She attended NSAC where she was the only female in her class, and later went on to MacDonald college (McGill) where she received a BSc in horticulture. It was there she met her future husband Roy. Clara had three children and was a stay at home mom until she initiated a garden center at the co-op and worked there as the manager for 25 years, giving out much sought-after advice. She also taught many courses and seminars in gardening and landscaping over the years. Clara loved her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren dearly and they meant the world to her. She loved life and always treated people with respect, dignity and caring. Music was a very large part of her life. She sang in the church choir up until recently, and also sang in the church choir in Bass River with her mother and three sisters until her mother's death. She and her sisters continued on singing, becoming well known up and down the Cobequid Bay as "The Starratt Sisters". Clara also was a member of both the Concert Singers and the Bell handchoir at her church. A very committed member of Trinity United Church, Listowel, Clara was very involved with the UCW, also volunteering for many activities, church dinners and funerals. She served on the board in many different capacities, one of her many accomplishments is the beautiful Christmas backdrop she built for the church sanctuary around 1958, and it still adorns the church today. Clara was very active in Scouting Canada for 25 plus years serving as a Cub leader and attending many conferences and seminars. Also, an enthusiastic curler, Clara was still curling at the age of 95. At that time, she was recognized as the oldest active curler in Ontario. As a skip, she led her teams to many victories over the years. Through curling she made many friends and helped many beginners get started in the sport. Clara spent her summers at the cottage in Little Bass River, where many activities took place, many family suppers and nightly card games, and also doing things with her sister Barb. She was also a painter, a fabulous seamstress and an active golfer well into her years. A Celebration of Clara's life will be held at Trinity United Church, Listowel, on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Steven Cox officiating. Reception to follow. Interment in Riverside United Cemetery, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. Memorial donations to Trinity United Church, Listowel, or Riverside United Church, Bass River, would be appreciated. On-line condolences at [www.eatonfuneralhome.ca](http://www.eatonfuneralhome.ca). Online condolences may be left at [www.eatonfuneralhome.ca](http://www.eatonfuneralhome.ca)

**PRIEST, Donald Stuart** - 79, Economy, passed away quietly on Monday, February, 10, 2020 at Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born in Economy, he was the son of the late Robert and Evelena (Newton) Priest. He is survived by daughters, Sheila (Jason) McCulloch, Ontario; Patricia (Donny) Reid, Tammy (Phil) Dean, Nova Scotia; sister, Donna Colburn, British Columbia; grandchildren, David, Anthony, Nayomie, Ryan, Corey, Kevin, Kyle, Christopher; six great grandchildren. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Vivian; brother-in-law, Percy Bethune; mother's life partner, James Welton. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Friday, February 14, 2020, Reverend Florence Antle-Brison officiated. Spring interment in Economy Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**PATTON, Prescott Sidney "Sonny"** - 83, Central Onslow, passed away with his family and Goldie by his side, on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was the son of the late Edison and Frances (Cameron) Patton. Sonny started his own successful business, Patton's Plumbing and Heating in 1970. He is survived by his partner of 25 years, Goldie Killen as well as daughters, Susan (Irwin) Stewart, Valley; Kelly Rushton, Truro Heights; sons, Ricky Patton, Truro; Edison (Lisa) Patton, North River; grandchildren, Krystle, Scott, Janelle, Andrew, Leesa, Mitch, Jensen, Sidney, Camryn; great grandchildren, Ryker, Rory, Chloe; sister, Delma Morrissey, Truro. Sonny was predeceased by his wife, Eileen (Kane); daughter, Cathy Patton-Chisholm; son-in-law, Wade Rushton. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a celebration of Sonny's was held on Monday, February 24, 2020. Interment in Onslow Island Cemetery at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**COUPAR, Elizabeth (Bette)**, Halifax, formerly of Truro. In celebration of a life well-lived, the family of Bette Coupar announce her passing on Monday, February 24, 2020 in Northwood in Halifax. The daughter of the late Viola Hare, Bette was born in Halifax on December 17th and passed the age of 29 a few times! She was predeceased by her loving husband of 52 years, John; her eldest daughter, Jeanne (Mike) Lipton, son-in-law, Andrew Forbes (Sandra); her sisters, Eva and Tracy and her brother, Bev. Bette is survived by her daughter, Sandra Forbes, Alberta; son, Jack (Brenda) Coupar, Dartmouth; eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren. Bette lived most of her life in Bible Hill - she loved her community and everyone there. She began her working life at Stanfield's then completed a secretarial program and was employed at DND Debert. Bette was very outgoing and loved to dance. She participated in the Tuxedo Dancers tap dancing group and performed at many of the exhibitions throughout Nova Scotia and PEI. She then met and married John Coupar upon his return from WWII and by his side, they built a very successful landscape and nursery business - Coupar's Nursery Ltd. in Bible Hill, which lasted for 75 years. During that time, she also nursed at Weir's Nursing Home, was a Real Estate agent and co-owned a dress shop. She also managed a number of apartment buildings that she owned for many years. A firm believer in continuing education, Bette attended Dalhousie University later in life, graduating at the age of 55 with a Bachelor of Science degree, of which she was very proud. Bette was an avid volunteer and was

one of the founding members of St. George's Anglican Church in Bible Hill where she was the treasurer for many years. She was also a member of the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary, a 'Rotarian Ann' and a member of the Red Hatters Society. She will be greatly missed. A visitation was held March 1st beginning at 1p.m. until time of service at 2p.m., both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Dr. Peter Reid officiating. Spring burial will take place in Terrace Hill Cemetery, Truro. The family would like to thank the fabulous staff at Northwood who were so good to her and provided her with great care. Donations may be made to the Colchester Hospital Auxiliary <https://www.colchesterhospitalauxiliary.ca/> or Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation, <https://dmrf.ca/ways-to-give/>. Online condolences [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**ORGAN, Audrey Pearl "Dixie"** - 94, Truro, passed away peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, March 4, 2020, at Debert Court, Debert. Born in Central Onslow, she was a daughter of the late Roy and Mary Edith (MacGregor) Dickson. Pearl is survived by her grandchildren, Matthew Douglas Seaman, Red Deer, Alberta; Devon Kyla Skretting, Lethbridge, Alberta; seven great grandchildren; brother-in-law, John Rosevear, Knowlton, Quebec; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Rexford Kingsley "Rex" Organ; daughters, Carol Joyce Seaman, Diana Grace Organ; sister, Irene (Arthur) Pratt. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Tuesday, March 10, 2020, The Reverend Lori Ramsey officiated. Spring interment in Onslow Island Cemetery, Central Onslow. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**BENNETT, Margaret R.** - Age 79, of New Salem passed away Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Spicer's Cove, she was a daughter of the late Robert and Gladys (Allen) Robinson. She is survived by a daughter, Theresa Bennett, Parrsboro; sons, Mike (Patricia), New Salem; Jimmy, Advocate Harbour; Timothy, Parrsboro; Nicky (Tammy), Parrsboro; a sister, Robina Crossman; grandchildren, Jesse, Robyn, Matthew, Katlynn, Alex, Kyle, Jacob, Trinity; a great-granddaughter, Aria Rose; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Delbert; sisters, Alice Maude; Laura Mae; brothers, George and Hartley. Funeral service March 12, 2020 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Pastor Douglas Lake officiating. Burial in the Advocate Cemetery at a later date. Special thanks to the Chignecto Manor, Bayview Memorial Health Centre and the South Cumberland Community Care Centre for their love, care and support. Memorial donations may be made to any of these organizations in Margaret's memory. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**ELLIOTT, Elizabeth A. 'Betty'** - Age 85, of Middle Sackville passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Cobequid Community Health Centre, Lower Sackville. Born in Economy Point, she was a daughter of the late Penfield and Reta V. (Smith) Priest. Mom was a glass half-full person and strove to be positive in even the hardest of times. She was a powerful force for good - you never had cause to doubt her love for you. Her enjoyment of Bingo was legendary and she never passed up a chance to browse in a shoe store or go on a road trip. Those who loved her will always miss her but also be filled with gratitude for the loving, nurturing example she will always be. She is survived by a daughter, Donna, Halifax; a son, Scott, Middle Sackville; a granddaughter, Emma, Dartmouth; brother in law, Hedley Ripley, Clearwater, BC; several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Lois Ripley; brother, Percy Priest; half-brother, Harvey McWhirter; niece, Teresa Reid; nephew, Donnie Priest. Funeral service was held March 16, 2020 in St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 954 Old Sackville Road, Lower Sackville, Rev. Ruby Carter officiating. Interment will be held in the Economy Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bide Awhile Animal Shelter, Dartmouth. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**MCMMASTER, Helen Lillian**, Debert. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Helen Lillian (Murray) McMaster in Debert Court, formerly of Masstown, on Sunday, March 8, 2020. She was a daughter of the late Oran and Josephine (Loughhead) Murray of Masstown and the last surviving member of her immediate family. She was a member of the Masstown United Church and the Masstown UCW. She is survived by her son, Lester (Ruby), Debert; daughter, Wanda (Daniel) Wallace, Masstown; granddaughter, Twilla (Wade) Rutherford, Little Dyke; grandson, Mark (Kenisha) McMaster, Truro; great grandchildren, Emma, Hannah, Shemar, Zahara, Mauricia; several step-grandchildren, step-great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Helen was predeceased by her husband of 75 years, Fred; brother, John; sisters, Laura, Marjorie, Mabel and several nieces and nephews. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro from where a visitation was held March 11<sup>th</sup> from 1p.m. until time of funeral service at 2 p.m. with Rev. Michael Henderson officiating. Interment at a later date in Masstown Cemetery. Donations may be made to Masstown United Church or the Alzheimer Society. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**WELLS, Maxine Elizabeth**, age 87 - Truro, passed away suddenly of heart failure on March 9, 2020 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Londonderry, she was the elder daughter of incredibly caring parents, the late Clara (Milne) and Lester Bond. Educated in Truro, Maxine had a very strong work

ethic. In 1958, Maxine met Bruce and encouraged him to enroll at Dal. In 1961, they were married. Upon his graduation the couple moved to southern Ontario, settling in Burlington. Maxine worked in Toronto as Assistant to the Corporate Secretary of Royal Insurance. This experience made her an attractive target for legal firms. When the couple moved to Ottawa in 1973, the job she had been waiting for came calling - corporate law clerk with a local law practice. Following those 28 years in Ontario they retired in Truro to assist in the care of Maxine's mother. Maxine was a member of Rideau Park United Church, Ottawa and First United Church, Truro and for several years was a volunteer at Cedarstone Enhanced Care where she made many friends among the staff and residents. Besides Bruce, she is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Heather and Peter Jollymore, Saint John and their sons, Craig (Andrea), David (Marie-Eve Breton), Bruce, (Elizabeth Guptill) and by several cousins across the province. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. There will be no visitation by request. A family graveside service will be held at a later date in Bible Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**EAGLES, Frances E.** - Age 91, of Lower Five Islands. It is with profound sadness but with much thankfulness and joy for a life well-lived and well-loved, that we announce the passing of our beloved Mom, Nana and Gran-Nana, Frances E. (MacBurnie) Eagles on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. She was a daughter of the late Alfred and Myrtle (Lockhart) MacBurnie. Born in 1929 at Five Islands, it was here she spent her youth and met the love of her life, Harold Eagles and also where they built their life together after being married on September 22, 1946. Together they raised five children and were foster parents to many others for over 15 years. Frances was an avid volunteer in her community, she was a founding member of the Cobequid Outlook, treasurer of both the Cobequid Garden Club and the Lower Five Islands United Church for a number of years and was involved most recently with the Five Islands Seniors Club. As her health declined, she spent the last year living with Joyce and Verlye and her faithful pal, Scruffy. Frances will be sadly missed by her son, Terry (Pat Murray) Eagles; daughters, Elaine Davison, Joyce (Verlye Lewis) Eagles, Debbie (Gerry Leveque) Eagles, Patty (Donnie) Reid; grandchildren, Chris (Dawn) Davison, Terry (Kim) Davison, Tiffany (Brian) Ward, Corey Reid, Kevin (Cait) Reid, Kyle Reid; great-grandchildren, Mia, Liam, Abigail, Lucas, Brennen, Ian and Little Mia; brothers, Glendon (Maxine) MacBurnie and Ronald (Beth) MacBurnie; sister, Leora Lewis. Besides her parents and her husband Harold, she was predeceased by her sister, Joyce Grue; a brother, Roland MacBurnie, and step-mother Hazel (Killen) MacBurnie. Our family would like to thank Dr. Karen Ewing for her compassionate care over the many years, the doctors and nurses of 3D at CEHHC, Sheryl Stevens and the many nurses and staff of the VON who supported us in Frances' care. Funeral service was held March 13, 2020 at the Peniel United Church in Five Islands, Rev. Florence Antle-Brison officiating. Burial in the Methodist Cemetery, Lower Five Islands. Memorial donations to Peniel United Church or to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**Myers, Donna Lorraine** - age 66, Masstown, passed away March 10, 2020 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, surrounded by family. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Donald and Shirley (Hill) Dahr. Donna is survived by husband, Bud; daughter, Amanda Myers (Brent Wilson); granddaughter, Claire Wilson; brother, Donald "Junior" (Laurie); nephew, Donnie; niece, Rachel (Andrew); sister-in-law, Gail Hennigar; mother-in-law, Phyllis A. Shupe. Great Nephew, Tyler; Great Niece, Bryanna. Donna was a faithful employee of the Masstown Market working as a cook. Helping others was Donna's focus in life. She enjoyed crafts, Christmas and spending time with her family and friends. She was the best cook - this was her gift. Her family held a memorial service on March 14<sup>th</sup> in Cobequid (Masstown) United Church, 10871 Hwy. 2, Masstown. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements for cremation have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**SUTTIS, Harland Douglas** - Lower Economy. It is with a grateful heart for a life well lived that I announce the death of Harland Douglas Suttis, my husband, soulmate and best friend. Born in Truro, he was the son of the late Trueman and Barbara (McLellan) Suttis. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Paulette (Polly); brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Homer and Beverley Garrison; nieces, Heather Lunn and Correen Garrison. He was predeceased by a brother Trueman. A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, March 15, 2020, at Economy Recreational Centre, Economy. Private interment will take place at a later date in Economy Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**RUTHERFORD, Eric "Gordon"** age 82, Glenholme, passed away on March 10, 2020 in East Cumberland Lodge, Pugwash. Born on March 24, 1937 in East Mines, NS, the only son of the late Clarence Delano and Laura Christine (Simpson) Rutherford of Glenholme, NS. Gordon is survived by his beloved wife, Edith; sons, Wade (Twilla), Dana (Tara); beautiful grandchildren, Emma, Hannah, Grayce and Mason. Gordon worked at Nova Scotia Tractors and Equipment, (Caterpillar) Halifax for 22 years as a Field Serviceman then was self-employed as a heavy duty equipment technician for ten years. He truly loved his family and was proud of his much-loved grandchildren. Gordon was a member of the Cobequid United Church, Masstown and the Masonic Lodge - North Star Lodge #74, A.F. & A.M., Londonderry, N.S. Special thanks to VON and East Cumberland Lodge, Pugwash for their excellent care. A special "thank you" to Gordon's Personal Care Companions - Heather Wright, Mary MacLean-Bent, and Cheryl MacGregor. Family flowers only. Donations in Gordon's memory may be made to East Cumberland Lodge Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 250, 262 Gulf Shore Road, Pugwash, NS B0K 1L0. Funeral service was held March 16<sup>th</sup> with a Masonic Service at 2 p.m. followed by a memorial service with Rev. Carolyn Wilson-Wynne officiating. Online condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

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