

# OBITUARIES

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**ACTON**, Charles Bernard - 74, Valley, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 18, 2023 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Bernie is survived by his beautiful wife of 45 years, Debra (Nelson) Acton; his son, Matthew (Jérémie); brother, Richard (Ann); and sister, Anita (Tye). He is predeceased by parents, Thomas and Mary; his stillborn daughter, Celina; sisters, Doris (Harold) and Lilian (Norman). Bernie is dearly missed but his family takes comfort knowing he is resting peacefully in eternal life. Funeral service was held Sunday, February 26, 2023 at Faith Baptist Church in Great Village, officiated by Pastor Steve Adams. 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)

**HIGGINS**, Stephen "Steve" Grant - Age 61, of Truro, passed away after a brief illness on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Steve was the son of the late Grant and Marilyn (Boyd) Higgins. Steve loved to socialize and knew almost every person he saw, in one way or another. He also remembered everyone's name. Steve lived most of his life in Lower Onslow, and then moved to Parkland, where he lived amongst a community of friends. He was never home and was always off on adventures, often being seen driving his wheelchair downtown at full tilt. Steve loved his coffees, reading and chatting with friends online. He'd often challenge friends to an arm wrestle or entertain them with a good joke. He loved eating out at restaurants like Murphy's, Bistro 22, the Glen-garry, Tim's and the Truro mall food court. Steve had his own car for many years and loved going for drives, on his own and with his beloved Grammie Higgins. And in recent years, Steve went to the Adult Day Program and absolutely loved everyone there. Steve will always be remembered by his two little sisters, Kenda and Tonda. As well, he is survived by his brother-in-law, Wade and stepmother, Jill. He loved his nieces, Kayla and Sara; nephews, Zach, Alex and Brandon; step-siblings, Todd, Tracey and Tara, along with their children. Steve is also survived by his Uncle Benny, Aunt Grace and Aunt Heather, several cousins, and even more friends. Steve's family would like to thank the Parkland team, in particular Connie and Robin, the VON Adult Day Program, and Colchester Hospital staff. In lieu of flowers, donations in Steve's name may be made to CARMA Colchester, a charity that supports cat adoption. Visitation was held March 3<sup>rd</sup> with a celebration of Steve's life on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Marty Clark-Ettinger, DLM presiding. Condolences to the family may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**BROWN**, Allen Lloyd - Age 63, North River. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our loving husband, father and Bumpy, Allen Lloyd Brown on March 2, 2023, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, with his family by his side. Born in Pugwash on September 17, 1959, he was a son of Lloyd Brown and the late Ella Jean (Allen) Brown. Allen went to school in Pugwash, and then attended Springhill Vocational. In the early 90s, he went to the College of Cape Breton for Bus and Transport. Allen was a member of the St. John's United Church in Wallace as well as a member of the Wallace Masonic Lodge No. 76. Allen spent many years in the bus and transport industry before opening his own welding business. He then moved on to start Alken Enterprises in Hilden where he rented a shop and ran tractor trailers and dump trucks and also employed many people. Allen moved the business to Wallace, where he spent thirteen years acquiring new and old customers, as well as many friends, with the most recent move for the company, to Debert three years ago. Allen is survived by the love of his life and wife of 41 years, Brenda (Patriquin); daughters, Kelly Collette, North River, Nicole (Paul) Silva, New Glasgow; grandchildren, Addison Collette, Briella Collette, Gracie Silva, Blake Silva; father, Lloyd Brown, Wallace Bay; brother, Kenny (Laura) Brown, Truro; sisters; Linda Brown, Ottawa, Debbie (Trevor) Isnor, PEI; godson, Danny Patriquin; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He will also be missed by his brothers and sisters in-law and life-long friends. Besides his mother, Allen was predeceased by step-mother, Annie Brown; paternal grandparents, Edward and Myrtle Brown; maternal grandparents, Lesley and Velma Allen; parents-in-law, Truman and Freda Patriquin; several aunts and uncles. If anyone knew Allen, they knew he was a family man. He always put his wife, daughters and grandkids ahead of himself. He was a good provider and a hard worker. Considered a "Jack of All Trades", he could fix anything, even by giving instructions over the phone. The family never had to call a mechanic, carpenter or plumber. He was always willing to help anyone in need. The family would like to thank Medic Day, Palliative Care and Hematology nurses, Dr. Rowe and Dr. Henderson at Colchester East Hants Health Centre for the excellent care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an education fund for his grandchildren - c/o Brenda Brown or e-transfer b.brown2821@gmail.com. His children's education was very important to Allen. Bumpy wanted to ensure that his grandchildren have the same opportunities. A visitation took place on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> with a funeral service taking place on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Rev. Connie McNamara officiating. Reception followed. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**BAAS**, Rosemary Irene (Adams)(Trenholm) - Age 94, Truro. With saddened hearts, we said our final good-bye to our mother at the age of 94 years on March 2, 2023. Mom was born in Masstown to the late Augustus and Alice Adams and attended school there and in Maitland. She married Alan Trenholm, had three children and at the age of twenty-four, was diagnosed with Tuberculosis. Our mother was incredibly strong-willed to go through two years of separation from her family and survive. After her recovery, she and her three children moved to Ontario where she put herself through hairdressing school and opened a shop in the village of Vineland. Mom remarried in 1966 and returned to her home of Nova Scotia in 1972. She had many different careers and hobbies. Mom loved her time with the Girl Guides and her church. The family was always astonished at the incredible memory that she had, especially when it came to our family history. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Russell, Inez, Emilie, Phillip, May, Ronald, David, Jackie, Marina, Jack Matthews and Alvira; sisters and brothers-in-law, Grace, Margaret, Ern, Edith, Clyde and Bessie; her husband, Keith Baas and former husband, Alan Spenser Trenholm; her son, Calvin Trenholm and grandson, Duane Trenholm. Mom is survived by sons, Scott Trenholm (Brenda), Brian Baas (Joan) and daughter, Alana Burtch. She was a proud Nana to Dana, Darcy, Rikki, Rodney, Nathan, Jennifer, Julie, Jeremy, Samantha and Jonas. Great Nana to Kieya, Justin, Keegan, Darrion, Duane, Daugherty, Cole, Kaia, Brennan, Cameron and Billie. Great-great Nana to Aubrey and Logan. She will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews and extended family in England, the Netherlands and Australia as well as many wonderful friends. We are so happy that she made 18 Munroe Court her cozy, new home and enjoyed meeting new friends and reconnecting with old friends. We want to thank the doctors, nurses and all of the staff of the CEHHC for taking such good care of Mom. A graveside service will be held in the summer of 2023. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**STAPLES**, Garth Elroy - 82, Truro, formerly of Wolfville and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, passed away on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at Halifax Infirmary, QEII, Halifax. Born in Staples Brook, Colchester County, he was a son of the late William and Essie (Armsworthy) Staples. Garth is survived by his spouse, Heather Stewart; daughter, Hope Digout (Lennie); grandsons, Jack Digout, Max Digout; nephew, Dr. Eric Staples. Garth is also survived by Heather's sisters, Sandra Brehaut (John), Karen Stewart; nephew, John Brehaut; nieces, Linda Brehaut, Marion Breau (Matt). Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Eugene; sister-in-law, Frances; brother, Eric Rowe Staples; niece, Arlene. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Friday, March 10, 2023, Reverend Rob Lyle officiated. Spring interment in Crossroads (Old Methodist) Cemetery, Belmont. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**CLARKE**, Phyllis Jean - Age 94 of Truro, NS, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 4, 2023, at Whispering Spirits Farm in River John. She was born in Lower Onslow, NS, to the late Margaret (Whidden) and Harry Clarke on November 16, 1928. She grew up on the family farm with her five sisters and four brothers. Upon graduation from high school, she taught for two years with the hope of attending the Teacher's College when she was old enough. Unfortunately, before fulfilling her dream, Phyl contracted polio and lost the use of all her limbs with the exception of her left hand and arm. She spent the next four years in the Polio Clinic in Halifax. With great determination and courage, Phyl learned to walk again, and upon leaving the Polio Clinic in 1953, she moved to Toronto where she worked as a medical secretary at The Mount Dennis Medical Clinic. Later, she received training as an EEG Technician and spent the rest of her working years at The Clarke Institute of Psychiatry. In 2013, she returned to Nova Scotia, residing in Truro. She enjoyed spending summers at the cottage in Little Dyke and later at Whispering Spirits Farm in River John. Phyl was a caring, gentle and nurturing soul, adored by everyone. She loved children and enjoyed spending time with them. Phyl was an avid reader, a sports enthusiast and a hardcore Toronto Blue Jays fan. She loved attending Blue Jays games when living in Toronto. She enjoyed watching cooking shows on television and doing crossword puzzles, at which she was very skilled. Phyl is survived by her loving and devoted sister, Marion (Truro); sisters-in-law, Edna Clarke (Moncton) and Barbara Clarke (Truro); many cherished nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews; cousins and friends. She was predeceased by siblings, Raymond, Winnifred (McNutt), Beryl, Kenneth, Lester, Darrell, Verna (McConnell), Geraldine (in infancy); brothers-in-law, Ray McNutt, Desmond McConnell; sisters-in-law, Ruth Clarke and Marjorie Clarke; two nephews; one niece and two grand nephews. The family would like to thank the VON workers from Colchester and Pictou County for the loving care they provided to Phyl. A special thank you to the Palliative Care Team from Pictou County and to Dr. Karen Ewing who made it possible for Phyl to remain at home until her passing. We would also like to acknowledge the support from family, friends and the church community during this difficult time. Your thoughts and prayers were very much appreciated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kids Help Phone, VON Nova Scotia or a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS, from where a service was held March 11<sup>th</sup> with the Rev. Lori Ramsey officiating. A reception followed the service. Webcasting of the service will begin at 1:58pm (AST).

**Crowe**, Edna Belle (McMaster) quietly left this world on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Born on Christmas Day to a large family, she was raised in a small home in Manganese Mines with her fifteen siblings. Growing up, she excelled in school and favoured math, taking courses in accounting and helping with the bookwork of family businesses. Living on a farm, she learned to grow and can her own food, mend and make clothes for their family, and be financially conscious with every penny. This is where her work ethic and pride in her homestead began. Edna was predeceased by her adoring husband of 67 years, Ronald. Together, in their Salmon River home, they raised a family of five children, Nancy (Adrian), Mike (Kelly), Randy (Christine), Craig (Pamela) and Scott (Tammy). Each one of them now carry on the strong values they were taught at home. With minibikes, trucks and skidoos ever present, she took it all in stride with a sharp wit and a great sense of humour. She loved a good laugh, enjoyed practical jokes, and acting a fool with her eight grandbabies, Jeff, Amanda, Nadine, Danielle, Bradley, Ryan, Jessalyn and Linsey. She was then promoted to great grandmother for ten more tiny treasures to love, Siannah, Sawyer, Bellamy, Neela, Eli, Brier, Blair, Aubree, Mac and Casey. Her eyes lit up when she saw a little visitor, often sitting on the floor colouring and playing dolls and, of course, jumping on the trampoline (both her and the kids). Nan's cupboard always held the special treats for the kids, along with homemade cookies for Bumpy. Nan never missed a birthday and loved being surrounded by her family for gatherings of any size. Sundays were for family, and you could set your watch by their arrival time. She was a clever gift giver, and her family, and later grandchildren, didn't want for much. If you wanted to be sure you received a certain gift, you asked Nan. She was the keeper of the family tree, the recorder of all the birthdays and most certainly the woman who knew what was going on. Famous for always (and she thought secretly) opening her Christmas presents on Christmas eve, she always hoped that there would be a box of chocolates somewhere under the tree. With a working truck garage in their yard for much of her life, she embraced "the boys" being close by for her to feed, fuss over, and help with bookkeeping. Whenever you stopped to visit, she would always ask, 'did you eat yet?' no matter the time. Edna's acts of service included mending clothes for her family and friends, sending loved ones off with homemade meals, and feeding cold cuts to the stray cats of the neighborhood whenever they looked like they needed it. The crows sat on the power lines outside the door, waiting for her "daily delivery" of stale bread or leftover lunch. She loved her gardens, both flowering and food. The May long weekend was for tilling the garden, checking the seeds and getting ready for planting. With an abundance of deer, they needed an especially tall fence to keep them all out. She claimed the deer needed to eat too, but not her veggies. She was famous for her lilac bush in the spring, yellow beans in the summer, and chow pickles in the fall. This past July, Edna found herself at Wynn Park Villa, her final home. The staff were kind and gentle, treating her with dignity and compassion, that we all appreciated. It was a little piece of Heaven for our beloved mother, with glorious roses just outside the window, by her bed. To all the Villa Staff- thank you for loving our Nan. Mom - we loved you each and every day of our lives. Now, we will miss you forever and a day. Your work here is done....we'll take it from here. Edna was predeceased by siblings, Stanley, Helen, Ernest, Ethel, Kay, Marguerite, Frank, Alfred and Hughie, and her parents, Daniel McMaster and Christena McMaster (MacKenzie). She is survived by siblings, Walter, Jean, Robert, Isabel, Marjorie and Donald. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wynn Park Villa's Recreation Program or Blackmore Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS from where a Funeral Service was held March 12<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Larry Harrison officiating. Burial in Blackmore Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

**RICHARD**, Kenda Alice (Poole) - Age 78, of Belmont, passed away on March 10, 2023, in the QEII Halifax Infirmary. Born in Pictou on December 29, 1944, Kenda was a daughter of the late Kenneth and Alice (Irving) Poole. Kenda was a longtime employee at Stanfield's Ltd until she retired in 2010. She will be deeply missed by her companion and best friend, Ian Taylor; sons, Derek Richard, Onslow, Michael Richard, Dawson Creek, BC; grandchildren, Nicholas and Emily, both of Dawson Creek; sister, Anna Henderson, Three Brooks; brother, Jim Poole, Scotsburn. Besides her parents, Kenda was predeceased by sisters, Joyce, Betty and Margaret "Nogg"; brothers, Irving and Clarence "Bud". To honour Kenda's memory, please consider planting a flower or tree, making a kind gesture to those around you, or donate to a charity of your choosing. In keeping with her wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

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