

OBITUARIES

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BOURGEOIS-BENT, Annette Marie Peacefully at home with family by her side, it is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Annette Marie Bourgeois-Bent, MVO, on Monday, February 19, 2024, at age 54. Annette, of Valley, NS, (formerly of Montague, PE) was the beloved wife of Const. Wayne "Skipper" Bent and proud mother of Colby and Shelby; loving daughter of Marguerite Bourgeois and dear sister to Robert, Jackie, Chantale (Barry) Ansems, Geraldine (Qiao), Shannon (Blaine) Jenkins, Kathryn (Dustin) Widdifield; and long-time family friend of Donna Cain. Annette was an adored aunt to her SIXteen nieces and nephews, a cherished niece, cousin, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, and friend. She was predeceased by her brother, Chris, and brother-in-law, Peter Doucette. Born on April 17, 1969, Annette was an avid traveler and was fortunate to experience living, working, and traveling in many countries of the world. Having been interested in politics as a young teenager, she was selected into the Legislative Assembly Page Program in 1986, where she served as Head Page. Annette was tenacious when it came to seeking out the truth, especially during her years as a reporter with The Eastern Graphic and later with the Nunatsiq News in Nunavut. There, she volunteered as a firefighter and went on to become the first Press Secretary to Paul Okaalik, Premier of Canada's newest territory. As Chief of Protocol, she coordinated Queen Elizabeth II's Royal Visit to Nunavut in 2002. Annette was appointed, by the Queen, as a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (MVO), which recognizes extraordinary, important, or personal services to members of the Royal Family. She was also the recipient of the Queen's Gold and Platinum Jubilee medals. Annette eventually moved back to the East Coast where she and her husband were raising their family. The family is grateful to the Palliative Care team, the nurses and doctors at the Nova Scotia Cancer Center, the Victoria General Hospital, the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, and nurses and home care at the Victorian Order of Nurses. The family also thanks friends and neighbours for their continuing support. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to her children's education fund at benteducationfund@gmail.com. Resting at Colchester Community Funeral Home Annette will be taken to Ferguson-Logan Montague Funeral Home, 40 Wood Island Hill, Montague, PE, for a funeral service on February 24, 2024, at 1 pm, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Montague, PE. Interment to take place at a later date in the St. Michael's Catholic Parish Church Cemetery, Iona, PE.

RUSHTON, David "Vernon" – Age 69 of Lornevale, passed away February 27, 2024. He was a son of the late Bamford "Bar" and Mildred (Cooke) Rushton. Vernon worked many years as a "tandem" truck driver serving several construction companies in Nova Scotia. He is survived by his wife, Joyce (Kaulback); sons, Danny (Kristal) Rushton and Terry (Shauna) Kaulback, both of Quesnel, B.C.; grandchildren, Carter, Emmett, McKenly, Harley and Shayla; great grandson, Carson; sisters, Barbie (Bob) Burns, Nora (Chesley) Faulkner; brothers, Layton and Darrell (Lisa). Besides his parents, he was predeceased by daughter, Donna Fay. Family flowers only. Vernon had a great respect for the volunteer fire department so donations in his memory may be made to a local fire department of donors' choice. There are so many to thank including family, friends, neighbours, and medical staff who attended to Vernon as well as the D.O.T. who assisted the family in getting to the hospital. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life was held March 4th followed by a brief service in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, N.S. Eileen Corah officiating. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MINGO, Grant William – Age 72 of Valley. It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of Grant on February 28, 2024, in the Palliative Care Unit, Colchester East Hants Health Centre with his family by his side. Grant was born in Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia and was the son of the late Clair and Norma (Murdock) Mingo. After graduation and then studying to be an Oil Burner Mechanic, Grant began his working career with Irving Oil and then went on to become Grocery Manager with CO-OP in Tatamagouche. His wonderful rapport with the customers was noticed by management with General Foods and he was approached to become a Route Sales Representative with Hostess Potato Chips (later Pepsi Co.). Grant spent 32 years as a full-time Sales Representative with Hostess/Frito-Lay and after retirement was requested to return to work and then spent another thirteen years working part-time with the Company. Grant is survived by his wife of 48 years, Verna (Barkhouse) of Valley; son, Mark (Stephanie) of Tatamagouche; daughter, Stacy (Peter) Currie of Enfield; son, Wayne (Myra) of Sackville and his grandchildren, Connor, Laura and Nicole Mingo, Bria Currie, Phoebe and Connor Waugh. Besides his immediate family, Grant is also survived by his Uncle Sammy Murdock, Aunt Phyllis Murdock, many nieces and nephews, sisters and brothers-in-law, and many treasured cousins. Besides his parents, Grant was predeceased by his brother, Ronald. Much appreciation and a sincere thank you to Dr. Blaauwendraat, Dr. Rowe, Dr. Smith and the Palliative Care team, the VON/CCA team and the nurses at the Oncology Unit of the Truro hospital. An extra special thank you to the Murdock family and the Arbuckle family for your unwavering support, phone calls and visits during this extremely difficult time. Donations in memory of Grant may be made to the Colchester East-Hants Hospice Society of Truro or the Palliative Care Unit at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. A celebration of life for Grant was held in the H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, 69 Pictou Rd., Bible Hill March 21st. A private family interment will be held in the Crossroads Cemetery, Valley at a later date. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St. Truro, N.S. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Vance, Arthur (Art) Kelvin, Age 69, Dartmouth passed away peacefully Saturday February 24, 2024 at home. Born in Debert, he was a son of the late Elmer and Una (Giddens) Vance. Art worked for over 25 years as an electrician for the Irving Ship Yards. Art enjoyed grabbing a drink with friends at the local pub. Art also enjoyed his daily word puzzles. In Art's free time, his favorite place to go was his cottage in Portauquique. He is survived by sisters Bette Inglis, Toronto; Barb Adams, Sackville; Marsha (Ray) Bull, Eastern Passage; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sisters Vivian, Gayle and Tanya and brothers Keith and Robert. Donations can be made to the charity of your choice. Online condolences can be made to www.eastcoastmemorial.ca

O'LEARY, Shea Alexander – Bible Hill, died suddenly on February 29, 2024, at the age of 35. Angelic in looks but not in attitude, Shea remained rebellious at heart throughout his life. Shea struggled in his teenage years. He caused suffering, but also suffered greatly. Only the people who knew him best saw his kind and loving side. He was politically astute, he fought for what he believed in and he had a close relationship with God. He was an unfailingly and loyal friend, flashy and polite. He worshiped his family. Shea was as tough as nails and despite his struggles, he considered his life blessed. His wisdom, wit, generosity, spirit and laugh will be missed by all who knew him. Shea is adored by his parents, Bob and Erin; his brother, Brendan (Leah); his gram, Barbie Reynolds and fur-baby, Ty. His heart was overflowing with love, admiration and gratitude for Amelie and her family and Meagan, Mia and Legend. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Shea was predeceased by his nan, Alice O'Leary; his grandpa, Ray O'Hara; his cousin, Ashley and fur-baby, Chum. Special thanks to Josh Lane, EHS (all of them), Aunt Sue, Uncle Shawn, Aunt Heather, Randy and Clay (Avid Energy, Alberta). Donations in Shea's memory may be made to the Canadian Mental Health Association. Cremation has taken place. A service was held Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 2 pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Minister Marty Clark-Ettinger officiating. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

CLUSIAUX, Myrna Gloria (Rushton) – Age 82 of Truro Heights, while surrounded by family, Thursday February 29, 2024, God in all His mercy and wisdom called our mother home. Born on August 8, 1941, Myrna was the eldest daughter of L. Eldon and Ida Rushton, Westchester, NS. She is survived by her loving daughter, Donna-Jean (David) Bauer, Pikeville, NC; devoted son, Robert (Abby) Clusiaux, Londonderry, NS; three cherished grandchildren, Ashley, Grayson and Cy (Bill); two treasured sisters, Carolyn Rushton, Truro and Jean (Carl) MacDonald, Truro Heights; two sisters-in-law, Marilyn E. Rushton and Leona Foley; eight nieces, Heather, Karen, Barb, Debbie, Darlene, Cindy, Jeannine and Kelly and seven nephews; Donald, Deverne, Rodney, Mark, Gerry, Bill and Brian; an uncle, Hubert, PEI; an aunt, Georgie and many adored cousins. Myrna was predeceased by her parents and a brother, Gerald D. Rushton. After graduating from Great Village High School, Myrna furthered her education by attending and successfully completing studies at Bethany Bible College. She began her communications career at Maritime Tel & Tel, but the city life soon "called" her and she ventured to Toronto, ON where she rose through the ranks at Bell Canada, retiring in 1994. Returning to Nova Scotia, Myrna spent her time with those she loved, doing things she enjoyed. Verna was a talented seamstress making or mending our clothes. Myrna was our family's matriarch, a strong, wise woman, who loved us beyond measure. Dedicated to her children, she laid the foundation for honesty, respect, and empathy. A compassionate daughter, Myrna cared for her mother until she passed in 2008. As a sister, she was always someone to turn to who would lend an ear and keep an open heart with a positive attitude. We would like to thank her church family for their continued prayers and encouragement. The residents at Bayview Homestead for their friendship to our mom over the years, the nurses, CCAs and meal deliverers at the VON for services provided, and also her medical team and their staff in Truro and Halifax for providing care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Truro Heights United Baptist Church, The Thirsty Church, Colchester SPCA or a charity of your choice. Cremation has taken place, a visitation was held March 8th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Her life was remembered and celebrated on March 9th in the Truro Heights United Baptist Church, 343 Truro Heights Road, Truro Heights, NS with Rev. Connie Stewart officiating. Online condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

Feeley (Lingard), Alice Muriel died on Wednesday March 6, 2024, in Truro at the age of 83 with her family by her side. Alice was born on April 13, 1940, in Moose Brook, Nova Scotia and lived most of her life in Truro, Nova Scotia. Alice was a daughter of the late Ray and Myrtle (McCulloch) Lingard. Alice grew up on the family farm in Moose Brook and attended school in the area. When she left Moose Brook, she headed to the big city, Truro where she started working for Bentley's. While in Truro, as fate would have it, she ran into a couple Feeley girls and they introduced her to their brother, Bernie, and Alice and Bernie hit it off and started a life together. Alice was very close with her side of the family, and with ten brothers and sisters (George, Anderson, Norman, Ralph, Don, Minerva, Maggie, Nora, Annie, Louise) there was always some excitement to be had. She was also equally close with Bernie's family and with his eight brothers and sisters (Joe, Charlie, Johnny, Anne, Sally, Romaine, Helen, Jeannie) there was also lots going on. Nieces and nephews number over a hundred, and for that reason, we will not be writing down all the names but know that she loved all of you. Alice and Bernie were happily married for 60 years and lived in the same house on Hingley Avenue all of those years, where they raised three boys (Jim, David and Paul). If you couldn't find her at home, all you needed to do was look up towards Victoria Park where you could find her on the tennis courts, and if you were looking for her in the winter season, you could find her on the slopes in Wentworth. Alice is survived by her loving husband, Bernie and sons, Jim (Julie), David (Marsha), and Paul (Daniela). She is also survived by five adoring grandkids, Kara, Natasha, Adam, Clara, and Max. No flowers at family's request. A Funeral Mass was held March 12, 2024 in the Immaculate Conception Church, 669 Prince St., Truro. A private family interment will be held at a later date. Alice has requested no viewing or gathering. As always, if you want to pop by the house in the coming weeks and have a visit, please do so. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

STARRATT, Elizabeth "Betty" Martha (Evans) – Age 92, Truro. It is with heavy hearts we announce the peaceful passing of Elizabeth "Betty" M. Starratt at home on March 3, 2024. Born in North Sydney, Betty was the eldest child of the late Leo and Elizabeth (Adair) Evans. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth; her sister, Jean Bragg (Jack); her brothers, Leo "Bud" (Marjory) and Robert. Betty is survived by her sister-in-law, Donna Evans and former sister-in-law, Lorna Tucker. Betty will be deeply missed by her daughter, Constance Elizabeth (Sheldon) Scott; son, John Kenneth (Tara); her grandsons, who were her pride and joy, Evan (Alexandra) and Brenden. She was a very devoted grandmother and a huge part of their whole lives. Only two months ago, she was blessed with a great granddaughter, Ellie Elizabeth. Even with her failing health, she was able to meet, hold and unconditionally love her namesake. Betty was lovingly known as the matriarch of the family. Betty moved to Truro in 1950 to attend Normal College. While boarding in Truro, she met her future husband, Kenneth. They were married in North Sydney in 1952 and were happily married for just over 50 years until Ken's passing in 2002. She was a member of the St. John's Anglican Church in Truro and a member of the NSTU until her passing. At this time, we would like to thank Dr. Stephen Ellis, Dr. Jamie Grandy, Dr. Cortney Smith and the Palliative Care team as well as the VON (RNs). We would also like to thank the team of private caregivers, Jane, Margo, Valerie, Anne, Deb and Millie, who all provided the best and devoted care possible which allowed her to remain in her own home until her passing. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice. A visitation was held March 10th. A funeral service was held March 11th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Rev. Lori Ramsey officiating. www.ColchesterCommunity.com

RUSHTON, Carolyn Ruby – Age 77, Londonderry Station / Truro. It is with great sadness and much love that we say good-bye to our dear sister, aunt and friend, who passed away on March 5, 2024, in Cedarstone Enhanced Care Nursing Home, Truro, NS. Carolyn was born on April 14, 1946, in Westchester, NS. She was a daughter of the late L. Eldon and Ida Rushton. She is survived by sister, Jean (Carl) MacDonald, Truro Heights; sister-in-law, Marilyn E. Rushton, Murray Siding; nephews, Donnie, Deverne and Rodney Rushton and Robert Clusiaux and nieces, Donna-Jean Bauer and Heather Buchanan as well as several cousins. Besides her parents, Carolyn was predeceased by her brother, Gerald D. Rushton and sister, Myrna Clusiaux. Carolyn, in May 2023, gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized, what a glorious day it was for us all. She was a member of Truro Heights United Baptist Church. We would like to say thank you to her two special friends, Connie Stewart and Donna Johnson, who came faithfully to sing and play guitar for her in her room at Cedarstone each week. We know Carolyn so enjoyed it. Thank you to Cedarstone for the care and kindness that you showed to Carolyn and also to us, her family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colchester SPCA, Truro Heights United Baptist Church or a charity of choice. By Carolyn's request, there will be a graveside service in Eagle Hill Cemetery, Westchester Station in the spring of 2024. Rev. Connie Stewart officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

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