

# OBITUARIES

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**MURPHY, Eloise Evelyn (Stevens)** – Age 85 of Onslow. It is with heavy hearts that the family of Eloise Evelyn Murphy announces her passing on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Born in Debert, she was the daughter of the late Lloyd and Hilda (Roode) Stevens. Eloise was a long-time registered nurse, graduating in 1959. She worked at the Aberdeen Hospital, the Colchester Regional Hospital and Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, eventually retiring from York Manor in Fredericton, New Brunswick. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Herman; daughter, Janice Dore; sister, Carol Hudson; grandchildren, Frances, Rose Marie and Shaun. Besides her parents, Eloise was predeceased by her sister, Judy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VON, Colchester East Hants Branch or Brunswick Street United Church. A visitation was held March 7, 2024, from 1 p.m. until time of service at 2 p.m., in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St, Truro. Rev. John Parsons officiating. Online condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**DUNPHY (Davis), Helen Dale** - Age 75, of Lower Onslow, passed away Wednesday morning, March 6, 2024, in Shannex Debert Court surrounded by her loving family. Born April 24, 1948, in Five Islands, she was a daughter of the late Basil Davis Sr. and Lillian Evelyn Davis. Helen worked for the CIBC in Truro for more than 30 years. She enjoyed crocheting, music, and spending time with family and friends. In her spare time, she enjoyed going to community dances with her darling late husband, Wayne and socializing with the numerous friends that they had made over the years. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Wayne Dunphy of Port Greville; brother, Basil "Junior" (Linda) Davis of Five Islands; niece, Morgan Lee Davis, and nephew, Tyler Alan. She is survived by her daughters, Angela Dunphy of Onslow and Shelley (Troy) Nelson of Calgary, Alberta; grandchild, Brayden Charles Dunphy; siblings, Carol Canning of Edmonton, Donna Davis of Five Islands, William (Doris) Davis of Five Islands, Debbie (Bob) Murphy of Dartmouth, Karen Davis of Oxford and many other loving nieces, nephews, and relatives. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Peniel United Church Cemetery or War Amps Canada. A visitation was held March 15<sup>th</sup> from 1pm until time of service at 2pm in Peniel United Church, Five Islands, Marty Clark-Ettinger and Rev. Glenn MacLean officiating. Interment will follow in the Peniel United Church Cemetery. Well-wishers may visit with the family in the Five Islands Fire Hall following the interment. Online condolences may be made at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**FIELDS, Isabel Grace** – Age 86, Truro. The family of Isabel Grace Fields announces her peaceful passing on March 9, 2024, just two days after her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday in Truro. Born in Hillside, Pictou County, on March 7, 1938, she was the cherished daughter of the late Garnet and Gertrude (Cook-Hennessey) Smith. In her teens, Isabel moved to Truro, where she met and married the love of her life, George Aubrey Fields. Together, they shared many years, first in Bible Hill and later in Upper Onslow before his passing in 2010 due to stroke complications. Isabel was a former member of St. George's Anglican Church, Bible Hill, where her melodious voice was a well-known presence in the choir. Isabel is survived by her loving family: two sons, Kevin (Donna) Fields of Truro, and Timothy (Karen) Fields of Onslow Mountain; three daughters, Lisa (Michael) Swinimer of Lower Sackville, Patricia (Brian) Wynn of Ottawa Brook, and Suzanne MacNeil of Truro. She will be dearly missed by her grandchildren, Devin Hutchinson, Ryan Isenor, Kally Swinimer, Tyler Fields, James Dennis, Corey Fields, Rachel Charette, Colby Wood, Shelton Swinimer, Samuel Dennis, Benjamin Dennis, and their partners. Isabel is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Isaac Isenor, Brooklyn Hutchinson, Phillip and George Charette, Harrison, Theo, and Holden Fields, and Charlie Dennis and Noah Swinimer. Additionally, she leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews. Isabel was predeceased by her parents-in-law, George and Audrey Fields, and her siblings, John and Lawrence Hennessey, Alfred and Gerald Smith, as well as sisters, Betty Pollock and Thelma Cavanagh. A special thanks to Suzanne, Kevin, Donna, Tim, and Karen for their help in keeping Isabel in her home for as long as possible. If so desired, donations in her memory can be made to the VON. In accordance with her wishes, there will be no visitation. A graveside service will be held in Bible Hill Cemetery at a later date to honour and remember Isabel's life. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**WEATHERBEE, Terry Lee**, of Bible Hill, NS, passed away at the age of 67 on March 10, 2024. Terry grew up in the Pictou Road/Valley Crossroads area. He purchased his first dump truck at the age of 24 which was the start of growing his excavation business. TR Petroleum grew with the help and support of his wife of 40 years, Katherine. They were never very far apart as best friends should be and his presence in her life will be truly missed. TR Petroleum outgrew its original location on Vimy Road to Farnham Mill Road in 2005. We have always admired Terry's work ethic, which was instilled in his son, Brad (Monica Hunt), who shares his father's skill and passion for "digging in the dirt". Brad has worked alongside his father since the age of sixteen and in more recent years, took a leadership role to allow Terry to enjoy a semi-retirement. His oldest daughter, Laura (Edwin Reynolds), shared his quick wit and younger daughter, Alana, had a similar soul that enjoyed the simple life and the outdoors like her father. His five grandchildren, Olivia, Elle, Emily, Robbie and Abigail, who affectionately referred to him as "Grumpy" or "Bunkie", lit up his life and we are so thankful to have the wonderful memories with him. Terry loved the outdoors and grew up hunting and fishing. We want to acknowledge his fishing buddy of over 50 years, Mr. Steve Faulkner, who will now be able to catch the biggest fish. His camp buddies, Ken MacAulay, Rob MacPherson and Brad Olender, who faithfully spent seven long, long weekends with him during deer hunting season in Riversdale. Terry is survived by siblings, Glenn Weatherbee, Irma McCallum and Faye Lennerton and countless family and friends. To anyone who shared a story, laugh or drink of rum - we appreciate you. A visitation was held March 17, 2024, in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Donations can be made in Terry's name to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26 (Truro).

**TATTRIE, Allan Frederick** – Truro, passed away, Saturday, March 9, 2024; one day after his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Born in Tatamagouche on March 8, 1949, he was the son of the late Fred and Dorothy Tattrie. Allan had many jobs over the years, his last being with Thermo Cell Ind. Allan liked going for rides on his motorcycle and spending time at Sunset Watch Campground. Allan is survived by his wife, Velma (Daye) Tattrie; daughter, Tracy (Dwayne), Onslow; granddaughters, Stephanie (Brett) Wilmot, Amber Perry and Emily Perry; great grandchildren, Austin, Brylee and Ireland, grandson, Aiden Perry all of Truro; step grandson, Tyler Hutchinson, Onslow; sons, Michael (Cindy); grandson, Nicholas, Salisbury, Randy (Lindsey); granddaughter, Dakota. He is also survived by sister, Beverly, Truro; brothers, Dougie (Kathy McKay), Donnie (Wendy MacDonald) and Cecil, Tatamagouche. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by sisters, Emily and Maletia; father and mother-in-law, Percy and Mary Daye; brothers-in-law, Jim Daye and Sam Rafuse. A visitation to celebrate Allan's life was held March 16 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Condolences to the family may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**BERRY, Debra Ann** - 1949 – 2024. Debby enjoyed reading, watching tv and baking especially at Christmas. She was a huge fan of Elvis Presley and collector of all things Elvis. She loved flowers of all kinds, didn't matter the type. She was very strong willed and independent woman. In the summer time and even on cold days, she loved spending time at the beach with her toes in the sand. Debby was a long time member of the O'Rouke Group in Springhill. She worked many years at Gordon's Greenhouse and Oxford Frozen Food. She will be remembered for her laughter and love of life. She loved spending time with her siblings and her fur baby Maci. Debby will be dearly missed by her two sons, Michael and Cecil; daughter Ruby; grandchildren Matthew Casey, Derrick Gouchie and Shawn Hannah; great-grandchildren Keidan, Victoria, Gage and Ryder; sisters Ethel Rogers and Dora Bourgeois; brother Joe (Mary) Arseneault. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by brother Peter and sister Sandy. Arrangements have been entrusted to A H Brown Funeral Home, 5 McFarlane St., Springhill, NS (902-597-2361) where a Celebration of Life was held March 22nd, 2024. Those wishing to make a donation in Debby's memory may do so to the Cumberland Regional Health Care Foundation. Sharing of memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the online memorial at [www.brownsfuneralhome.com](http://www.brownsfuneralhome.com) or through the A H Brown Funeral Home Facebook Page.

**MATHESON, Colin "Kim" Kimbel** - 1933 – 2024. With great sadness and gratitude for a life well-lived, we announce the passing of **Colin "Kim" Kimbel Matheson**, age 90, of Truro, formerly of Springhill. Kim passed away on Monday, March 11, 2024 at the Colchester East Hants Health Care Centre. Born in Springhill, he was a son of the late Kenneth (b. Isle of Sky, Scotland) and Mary (b. Bochum, Germany) (Older) Matheson. Kim spent 25 years in the Royal Canadian Air Force as an airframe technician, retiring in 1984. During his career in the RCAF, this allowed him to travel the world to places like Africa, Australia, Europe, the US, all over Canada and even was posted in Dar es Salaam for a year peacekeeping. Kim played Old Timers hockey up until his mid-60's and also loved to golf, refining his golf skills late in life, only starting to play at age 40. Kim enjoyed playing cribbage, which was a tradition at family get togethers. He enjoyed blueberry farming with his family in his retirement, enjoyed the outdoors and visiting the maple woods. He will always be remembered with much love and will be dearly missed by his wife Eleanor (Hayden); his daughter, Lee-Ann; sister Carol White and his son Steven Rogers. He also had a special bond with his grand-dog, Sophie. As well, he will be dearly missed by other family members, friends and neighbors he has met over the years. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a sister Marilyn, a brother Douglas and brother Roger. Arrangements have been entrusted to **A H Brown Funeral Home**, 5 McFarlane St., Springhill, NS (902-597-2361) visitation will be held April 6th, 2024 from 1 PM to 1:30 PM followed immediately by the funeral service with Ruth Gamble, DLM presiding, followed by a reception. The family encourages everyone to wear their best golf shirt or hat to honour Kim and his love of the game. Those wishing to make a donation in Kim's memory may do so to the Canadian Cancer Society. Sharing of memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the online memorial at [www.brownsfuneralhome.com](http://www.brownsfuneralhome.com) or through the A H Brown Funeral Home Facebook Page.

**BRAY (FLETCHER), Lois Emma** - age 95, passed peacefully March 15, 2024, at St. Vincent's Nursing Home, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Lois rests with her husband, Alan Gresham Bray, together again after so many years. Lois was born in Great Village, Nova Scotia, September 21, 1928. She was the daughter of Doris Anna (Hatfield) and Lawrence Melvin Fletcher, the eldest of eight children. She married Alan Bray, P. Eng., on June 30, 1951 in Calgary, Alberta. Lois is survived by her four children: Hugh and Christiane Bray of Dartmouth; Deborah and Edward Felt of Salt Lake City, Utah; Rebecca and James Colwell of Dartmouth; and Gregory Bray and Jennifer Smack of Squamish, BC; her grandchildren and great grandchildren: Kirsten and Adam Rees (Taren and Logan); Andrew and Morgan Bray (Hadley); Alana Felt and Gabriel Wilson (Naya); Christopher Felt and Andrea Hoffman (Hazel); Jordan Colwell and Leanne Gouthro; Trevor Colwell and Heather Nairn; Megan Colwell; her youngest and well-loved grandchildren Kya Skye Bray and Brysen Bray; her sisters: Ruth Burry; Dot Jennings; Margot and Art Guenther; sister-in-law Jeannine Fletcher; and her many wonderful nieces and nephews. The family thanks the dedicated professionals and staff at St. Vincent's Nursing Home, Halifax, for providing Lois' care over these last two years. We are truly grateful. Memorial donations may be made to St. Vincent's Nursing Home, Halifax or a charity of your choice. A private family interment will be held at a future date in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village, Nova Scotia. Share your memories and moments that capture the essence of her spirit at her online memorial: [bit.ly/Lois\\_E\\_Bray](http://bit.ly/Lois_E_Bray)



## New Public Housing for Bible Hill

Dave Ritcey, MLA for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River, on behalf of Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister John Lohr, announced on March 15, that seven units of new public housing will be built at the site of Allison Place, 40 Allison Ave., in Bible Hill that will give up to 20 people a place to call home.

The new building will have two storeys with a mix of one, two and three-bedroom units. The first floor will be fully accessible. Construction will begin in spring 2025 with a targeted completion date of fall 2026.

"This commitment to public housing by our provincial government, highlighted by several announcements this week, is significant," said Mr. Ritcey. "We're moving quickly to create more safe and affordable homes for Nova Scotians, and I'm pleased that Colchester County will benefit from this investment."

The new housing units are part of the 222 units for the province announced in September. There will be 150 new units in Halifax Regional Municipality, at the sites of Sackville Manor in Lower Sackville and Ahern Manor and Uniacke Square in Halifax. Another 11 units will be at the site of Hilltop Manor in Kentville, 21 units will be built at the site of Pineview Apartments in Bridgewater, 22 units will be constructed at the site of the John Dan Complex in Glace Bay and 11 will be built at the location of Bellevue Apartments in Grand Étang, Inverness County.

The sites were selected based on: suitability of the property; capacity to add more units to existing public housing sites; need for public housing and accessible units and proximity to services and amenities such as grocery stores and public transit.

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## More Funding for Community Mental Health

The government is providing one-time funding of \$1 million to the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia's Community Grant Program, which funds projects by charities, community groups and organizations. Nova Scotians will now have better access to mental health, wellness and addictions support in their communities.

The foundation's Community Grant Program awards up to \$25,000 each to projects focused on mental health services and supports. The program supports a range of services for youth, families, newcomers and underrepresented groups.

Budget 2024-25 includes \$6.7 million for a new community wellness framework that supports community-based organizations that provide mental health, addictions and wellness services. Like clinical care, counselling services, peer support and more, these services are available to all Nova Scotians as part of the government's commitment to universal mental health and addictions care.