

OBITUARIES

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FAHEY, Ralph Peter - June 21, 1943 - March 14, 2025. It is with heavy hearts that the family of Ralph Peter Fahey, of Truro, Nova Scotia, announce his peaceful passing on March 14, 2025, at the age of 81 years. Ralph is celebrated as a devoted husband, a loving father, a proud grandfather, and a cherished son, brother and uncle. He lived a full and meaningful life, marked by a successful career, deep friendships and a passion for the great outdoors. In 1968, Ralph embarked on a rewarding career with Wilson Equipment, where his dedication and strong work ethic quickly earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues and friends alike. Rising through the ranks, he excelled as a Territory Manager, earning multiple top sales awards. His leadership and vision eventually led him to the role of President. In 1996, Ralph took the next step in his journey by purchasing the company, steering Wilson Equipment to become one of the industry's top-ranked distributors. Ralph Peter. Involved in many community initiatives over the years, Ralph's trip to El Salvador with Habitat for Humanity was particularly impactful, leaving him with a profound sense of empathy and a deep commitment to helping those in need. Ralph is survived by his loving wife, Doris (Mertinat) Fahey; his children, Peter Fahey (Ronda), Christine Fahey, Bridget Kasprack (Nils-Ole); and his grandsons, Isaac Fahey, Jake and Riley Blair. He is also survived by his brother, Calvin Fahey (Diane); his sister, Sherry Fillmore (Harold); his sister-in-law, Susan Mertinat; and his nephews, Rod Fahey (Dawne), Brandon Fillmore (Hannah), Alex and Jesse Graham. Ralph is now reunited with his beloved son, Jason Fahey, who passed away nine years ago. He was also predeceased by his parents, Robert Fahey and Madeline Fahey-Bigney, and his niece, Lisa Fahey. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ralph's memory may be made to the Palliative Care Unit at Colchester East Hants Health Centre. The Fahey family is forever grateful for the exceptional care Ralph received, with special thanks to Dr. Trevor Locke, his family physician, and Dr. David Henderson of the Palliative Care Unit. A celebration of Ralph's life was held on March 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in Colchester Community Funeral Home. A reception followed in the Truro Golf Club. Cremation has taken place, and a private interment will take place at a later date.

REID, Beatrice - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Beatrice Reid, a devoted mother, grandmother, and steadfast Catholic, who left us peacefully on March 16, 2025, at the age of 88 years. Born on July 17, 1936, to Henry and Mabel Plumadore, Beatrice was a beacon of warmth and kindness. Her vibrant personality and sharp sense of humour endeared her to all who had the privilege of knowing her. She was a woman of remarkable strength and unwavering will, qualities that guided her through life's many challenges. Beatrice was the beloved wife of the late Gerald Reid, with whom she shared many cherished years. Together, they raised their daughter, Angie, who was the light of Beatrice's life. Her grandson, Robbie, held a special place in her heart, and she took immense pride in his accomplishments. Family was paramount to Beatrice. She was predeceased by her brothers, David and Henry, and her sisters, Gladys, Gloria, and her twin, Bernice. She is survived by her loving brothers, Ken, Robert, and Frederick, who shared a lifelong bond with her. Beatrice's legacy is one of love, resilience, and unwavering faith. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to have been touched by her spirit. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia in Beatrice's memory. A Funeral Mass was held on March 24th at 11:00am in Immaculate Conception Parish, 669 Prince St., Truro, NS.

OICKLE, Basil - Truro Nova Scotia, 04/20/1940 - 03/16/2025. It is with deep sorrow and also faith in God's eternal promise that we announce the passing of Basil Oickle, who was called home to be with his Lord on March 16, 2025 at the age of 85 years. He will be sadly missed by his daughters, Cathy Merlin (Joe), Lori Brown (Gordon); his daughter-in-law, Kim Oickle; his grandchildren, Ryan Chmelyk and Marc Chmelyk, Natasha Veenhuis and Cassandra Hudson (Chad), as well as three great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Alma Oickle in 1976/77 and loving son, Brian (Kim) Oickle in 2023. He is survived by his sister, Helen Oliver (Mickey) residing in Perryvale, Alberta. Basil was born in Bible Hill, Nova Scotia to William and Velma Oickle. He married and had three children whom he loved dearly. He drove truck for a few years in Ontario and then with the help of his father, William "Bill," they worked together to build and operate a successful sawmill in Manganese Mines, Nova Scotia. Basil loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He eventually retired and resided in Truro, N.S. A Memorial Service will be held in the near future.

LEAMONT, David Charles - Age 73, Truro, Nova Scotia. It is with great sadness that we share the passing of David Charles Leamont at his home in Bible Hill, N.S. on Saturday, March 15, 2025. Dave was predeceased by his parents, Charles and Margaret (Sterling) Leamont and his siblings, Ellen and Gary Leamont. Left behind with fond and loving memories are his daughter, Margaret Leamont, and his stepdaughter, Melissa Paris, both of Toronto. Left also to mourn is his close friend of many decades, Wolfie Parris and his friend, Sylvia Gail. At Dave's request, there will be no funeral service, rather his ashes will be scattered at a later date by his daughter, Margaret.



MALAIADACK, Aleck Ross - It is with a broken heart that I announce the loss of my dear husband, Aleck Ross Malaidack. Aleck passed away, surrounded by my love, in the Colchester EastHantsHealth Centre on March 20, 2025, the first day of spring. Aleck was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on August 14, 1948, to Helen (Ross) and George Malaidack. Aleck's family on his father's side were of Ukrainian decent. He grew up on Woodland Avenue in Dartmouth with many fond memories of his childhood and friends. At agesixteen, Aleckwent to sea on an Imperial Oil tanker working in the kitchen as a steward. At age seventeen, Aleck worked as an orderly on the maximum-security unit at the Nova Scotia Hospital in Dartmouth. His career continued in 1973 as a Supervisor of Orderlies on evening shift at Camp Hill Hospital in Halifax. He attended Vocational School in 1983 to get his LPN certification. Aleck then excelled as an LPN at Camp Hill Hospital in medicine but mostly in psychiatry. He also drove taxi for a number of years on days off and after work hours. Our adventure began in 1988 in Halifax where we lived until July 2000. Aleck and I then moved into a mini home on a large double lot in the country on the Wallace River West Rd. Eventually, we built a new home and worked together building up the properties and gardens. He loved it there, working around the yard with his tractors, cutting wood and using his tools. Aleck was handy at many things. He enjoyed hunting and was skillful with dogs. He spent many hours with the "boys at the camp" next door - Miles, Wade, Chad, Less, Neil, Daniel, Glenn, and Rob. Aleck had an amazing memory, wit, curiosity and sense of humour. He enjoyed politics, history and seeking information on many practical things. He enjoyed a good glass of wine and a Marguerita. In 2020, we moved into our Bible Hill townhome in the Riverwood 55+ Community. We continued to maintain our home in Wallace where Aleck spent most of his time because he loved the country. That home was sold in 2024. Aleck is survived by his wife, Brigitte (Radojewski), and his brother, Mark Malaidack. He was predeceased by his parents, George Malaidack, Helen (Ross) Nurnber, and sister, Georgia (Malaidack) Gilroy. Special thanks to the amazing palliative care nursing staff, Dr Henderson and other doctors at the Truro hospital who provided exemplary care. Thanks also to all our many supportive friends. Donations in lieu of flowers to a charity of your choice. A visitation was held on Saturday, March 29th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St, Truro, NS. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommuntiy.com

Great Village Fire Brigade to Mark 100TH



By Kevin Bushey

The Great Village & District Fire Brigade is proud to announce the celebration of its 100th Anniversary, commemorating a century of dedication, bravery, and service community. To mark this significant milestone, the Brigade is hosting a Community Day Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We will also be holding a special Fire Fighter Banquet on Saturday, July 5 to commemorate this milestone.

This family-friendly event will be held in Great Village, bringing together residents, neighbours and visitors to honor the Brigade's remarkable history and its continued commitment to protect the community.

The celebration will feature: Display of Fire Trucks and Equipment - Showcasing our fire apparatus. Live Demonstrations - Watch our firefighters in action with live rescue and fire demonstrations. Kids' Activities - Fun and educational activities for children, including a fire safety obstacle course. Historical Display - A curated exhibit

celebrating the Brigade's rich history since its founding in 1925. A community BBQ will be part, the eventful day.

Centennial Ceremony - A special presentation honouring past and present members Fire Brigade. "The Great Village & District Fire Brigade has been a cornerstone of our community for 100 and this celebration is a chance for everyone to come together, reflect on our history, and look forward to the future," said Gregg Kinsman, Fire Chief of the Brigade.

We invite everyone to join us for this momentous occasion. Let's make August 16, 2025, a remember as we celebrate 100 years of service, community spirit, and resilience.

For more information about the event or ways to get involved, please contact: Kevin Bushey kevin-bushey@gmail.com

About Great Village & District Fire Brigade
Established in 1925, the Great Village & District Fire Brigade has proudly served Great Village and surrounding areas professionalism and dedication. Over the past century, the Brigade has grown in both size and capability, continuing provide essential fire and emergency services to the community 8739 Nova Scotia Trunk 2, Great Village NS
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Transforming from On-Site, to Off-Site

According to the Nova Scotia's Provincial Housing Needs Assessment Report (2022) we have a current housing shortage of 27,300 units. Forecasts suggest that we need 71,600 new housing units by 2027 and 104,800 by 2032. This means that, based on the current pace of construction of 6,080 units annually, we will have a shortfall of 41,200 units by 2027 and 44,000 by 2032.

In order to meet the demand, the industry will need to recruit 10,600 workers by 2033. The industry is expected to recruit 7,400 new workers aged 30 or younger from the local population, leaving a shortfall of 3,200 workers. This shortfall is further affected by the fact that according to BuildForce Canada, 16% of construction workers will retire by 2027.

To bring in skilled foreign workers with experience in wood frame construction, is extremely challenging, because outside Northern Europe, the USA, Japan, Australia and parts of South-East Asia wood frame construction is not common.

In essence, we need to get more work done with fewer labourers and transition from on-site, to off-site construction where we can take advantage

of new construction technologies that strip the skill level from the construction process, so that the majority of the required workforce can virtually be unskilled workers.

Building Information Modeling, or BIM, can be used to create interactive 3D digital models of buildings before they are built that can "explode" parts, or sections of a building that can be manufactured in components inside a plant with CNC machinery and assembled and fitted on the job site. Technical issues are addressed in the modeling stage and not on site with experienced and skilled staff.

Automation equipment and robotics supplement the existing workforce and reduce the need for a larger workforce. Other technologies such as AI, drones, construction management software, ERP systems, all help to reduce labour and the required skill level. Training in these advanced construction technologies does virtually not exist in Nova Scotia.

The objective of this Symposium is to create awareness of the many labour challenges facing the industry, the need for a paradigm shift and the technologies that exist that can reduce the labour force and need for skilled labour.

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The Glooscap ATV Trail Riders Club, formerly the Colchester Five Islands Club is looking for Volunteers to sit on the board.

We currently have vacancies for vice president, secretary and trail coordinator. Please come out and support your local club.

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