

OBITUARIES

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WILLIGAR, Florence K. – 97, of Parrsboro and Amherst passed away Thursday, June 30, 2011 at Gables Lodge in Amherst. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Janie (Sears) Kendrick. She is survived by a daughter, Patricia "Pat" Gouchie, Amherst; a sister, Josephine Yorke, Elliott Lake, Ont.; 3 grandchildren, Jeffrey Gouchie, Amherst; Jennifer Gouchie, Moncton; Janice Landry (Greg), Amherst; 7 great-grandchildren, Justin Landry, Samantha Landry, Colton Dempsey, Amelia Gouchie, Brandon Dempsey, Natasha Gouchie, Tyler Landry; daughter-in-law, Florence, Glace Bay; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Capt. Karl Willigar; a son, Carl "Corky"; son in law, Earl J. Gouchie; several sisters and brothers. Funeral was held Monday July 4, 2011 at St. Brigid's Catholic Church, Parrsboro, Father David MacDonald officiating. Burial in St. George's Cemetery, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

SAMAD, Dr. Ahmad, Truro, Nova Scotia passed away Friday, July 1st, 2011 in St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, British Columbia, where he had been hospitalized since April 21st, 2011. He died, as he led his life, with dignity. Cancer and acute renal failure led to his demise, and he faced both illnesses with tremendous courage. He was a gentleman, beloved of all who knew him for his intelligence, vision, compassion and humour. Ahmad was born August 23rd, 1924 in Peshawar, Pakistan, eldest son of Dr. Abdul and Bilquis (Begum) Samad. He was the first Ophthalmic Surgeon east of Montreal to perform Intraocular Lens Implant Surgery for cataract patients, which is now common practice. Ahmad worked till age 81. After his retirement, he divided his time between Truro and Vancouver. He is survived by wife Jeannie (Scott) of Truro, sons, Kamran Samad, Dr. Imran Samad (Joanne), Dr. Osman Samad (Seemi) all of Vancouver, Dr. Arif Samad, Halifax, daughter, Rubina Khair of Islamabad, Pakistan, grandchildren, Idris, Ilyas, Isa, Aliya, Owais all of Vancouver. He is also survived by stepdaughter, Mona of Londonderry, father-in-law, Shepard Scott of Sutherland's Lake and brother-in-law, Kevin Scott (Sylvia) of Debert. Beloved of his sisters, Surraya Hameedullah, Jamila Khair, brothers, Gen. Afzal Samad (Qudsia), Capt. Masood (Azra) all of Pakistan. Cherished by many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his first wife and mother of his children, Wasima Begum. A Muslim ceremony was held on July 3rd in Vancouver, and burial took place on July 9th at the Muslim Cemetery, 533 Pictou Road, Bible Hill. Following the burial, friends and former patients are invited to join the family at a reception at the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

CLARK, Earl Douglas "Doug" – 77, passed away July 3, 2011 at Colchester Regional Hospital in Truro. Born April 14, 1934 in Great Village, he was a son of the late George and Thelma (Redden) Clark. He is survived by his three children, Nancy (Ron) Baillie, Bible Hill; Kelly Seeton, Harmony, Tim Clark (Shelley Chown), Kemptown. He is also survived by his former wife, Georgina Delaney, Truro; grandchildren Scott (Stephanie Beaton) Baillie, and Trevor Baillie, Amy and Sarah Seeton, Shelley's son Michael, and his only great-grandchild, Drew Baillie; brothers, Walter (Edna), Lloyd (Carol), Brian (Cathy), Carl (Jackie), Robin, half brother Sandy; sisters, Marie Weatherbee and Linda (George) Boyce. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Ronnie, George-Neil, Gene, and 2 brothers in infancy. Dougie worked at the Nova Scotia Teachers College in Truro from 1976 – 1994 and at Ryan's IGA Truro for many years. He loved horse races, and was an avid bowler. Dad always kept his sense of humor and enjoyed life. He especially loved his trips to Kingston with Walter and Edna. Cremation has taken place and no service by request. A celebration of Dad's life was held July 6th at Colchester Community Funeral home 512 Willow Street, Truro NS. On line condolences and donations to the Canadian Cancer Society may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

PERRY, Clyde E. – 69, of Parrsboro passed away Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at the Moncton City Hospital with his wife, Bev at his side. Born in Collingwood, he was a son of the late Edgar and Bertha (McCarthy) Perry. Clyde operated Perry's Esso in Parrsboro for more than 30 years. He was a member of the Parrsboro Lions Club for 42 years. Clyde enjoyed many sports but in particular he loved golf. He is survived by his wife, the former Beverly Paris; a daughter, Charlene Smith (Matt), Parrsboro; a son, Richard (Tanya Allen), Calgary; sisters, Greta Wood (Gary), Kolbec; Geraldine Stevens (Glendon), Collingwood; brother, Blaine (Audrey), Parrsboro; grandchildren, Brianna, Colton and Kylee Smith; Gabriella Hacault-Perry and Tiah Allen-Perry; several nieces and nephews. A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations to the Parrsboro Lions Club. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

Dickie – Janet Sara Dickie of Brooks, Alberta, beloved wife of the late Ray Dickie, passed away peacefully in Calgary on July 6th, 2011 at the age of 92 years. Janet was born to John & Barbara (Walker) Phillips in Calgary on July 19th, 1918. She moved with her family to South Tilley, New Brunswick and then to Margaree Valley, Nova Scotia where Janet received her schooling. Janet attended Normal School for teachers in Truro, Nova Scotia and taught school for several years before marrying Ray in 1942. They resided in Little Bass River, Nova Scotia for over 30 years, where they raised their family and Mum resumed her teaching career. Mum taught school for 26 years in Nova Scotia before retiring at the age of 60. She and Dad moved to Brooks permanently in 1990. Mum loved her family, travelling, reading, handwork and learning. Mum will be remembered for her love and devotion for her family, her thoughtful and giving nature and her quiet strength. She was predeceased by an infant daughter Janet Susan, husband Ray, three brothers and one sister. Mum is survived by her loving family of 5 children, Brian and his wife Anne of Calgary, Wendy Gongal and her husband Karl of Duchess, Betty Lou Mercer and her husband Jim of Strathmore, Gordon and his wife Lynn of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and John and his wife Maggie of Burlington, Ontario; 12 grandchildren Heather Sherry, Karen (Chris) Monner, Greg (Glynis) Dickie, Susan Gongal, Lisa (Vince) Callas, Patricia Gongal, Teresa Gongal, Alison Mercer, Jim Mercer Jr, Caroline Dickie, Colleen Dickie, Laura Hinds; 8 great grandchildren; sister Babs Phillips and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 13th at 2:00 PM from Smith Memorial Chapel, 204 – 3rd Avenue West, Brooks. Rev. George Edmonds officiating. Interment to follow at Brooks Cemetery. In memory of Janet, if friends desire, memorial tributes may be made to Brooks and District Health Foundation, Bag 300, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B3. Funeral arrangements in care of SMITH FUNERAL HOME, BROOKS. Telephone 403-362-4636.



RUSHTON, Mildred Mae – 78, Bass River, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2011 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Londonderry, she was a daughter of the late Perley and Anna (Fisher) Cooke. She is survived by daughters, Barbara Burns (Robert), and Nora Faulkner (Chesley), both of Bass River; sons, Vernon (Joyce), Londonderry, Layton, Portapique, Darrell (Lisa), Masstown; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Ralph Cooke (Elizabeth), Lornevale, Kenneth Cooke, Pickering, ON; sister, Mrs. Phyllis MacLean, Londonderry; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Bamford Rushton; sister, Muriel; great-grandson, Gregory C. Tanner. Funeral service was held Thursday July 14, 2011, in Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, Reverend Florence Antle-Brisson officiated. A private family interment followed. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

McNUTT, Allan Ralph – 63, Upper North River, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 11, 2011 at home, surrounded by his loving wife and family. Born in New Glasgow, he was a son of the late Elwood and Mary (McLean) McNutt. Allan was a former employee with the Department of Transportation as a heavy duty mechanic. He loved fishing and tinkering in his garage and garden. He is survived by his wife the former Leona Verta Huey; son, John (Tracey) McNutt, Debert; daughter, Angie McNutt, North River; sisters, Carol (Edwin) MacQuarrie, Susan McNutt, Jean (Doug) Frizzell, brother, David McNutt, all of the North River area; grandson, Alexander John "AJ"; grand-daughter, Charley Jean; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two sisters in infancy. A gathering of family and friends to celebrate Allan's life was held on Sunday afternoon, July 17, 2011, at the home of Allan and Leona. Interment will be held at a later date in the Blackmore Memorial Cemetery, Upper North River. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MacPHEE, Donald Franklin – "80", Belmont. It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we his children announce his passing on July 12, 2011 at his home. Born April 20, 1931, he was a son of the late Frank Augustis and Laura Jean (Crowell) MacPhee. Dad was the patriarch of our family. Dad enjoyed his life in Belmont where he worked as owner of a meat shop. He was also a carpenter foreman for B. O. Robichaud and Sons Contracting until his retirement. Don is survived by his children, Donnie MacPhee, Donna Bowman, Debbie Lindsay, Betty Simms, Bev Beaton, Cathy Fisher, Parker MacPhee; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Percy MacPhee; sister, Yulla Weatherbee. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his loving wife, Shirley Joan (Shearer); daughter, Shirley Joan MacPhee; son-in-law, Tony Beaton; two grandsons; brothers, Gerald Bruce, Alfred Augustis; sisters, Sharon McNutt, Edna O'Connell, Olive Mae. Funeral service was held July 16 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Larry Harrison officiating. Interment in Belmont Cemetery. Don's children would like to thank Cindy and Dr. Berghuis for their personal touch and the Colchester Community Funeral Home for their sympathy and understanding in our time of need. On-line condolences and donations at www.colchestercommunity.com

LARGE, Violet Lillian – 79, Lower Truro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Saturday morning, July 16, 2011, at Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born April 27, 1932, in Economy, she was a daughter of the late Laverne and Marjorie (Elliott) Perry. She was an adherent of Old Barns United Church. Violet is survived by her loving husband of 37 years, William Allen Large; step-daughters, Louise Gill, Betty Russell, Ontario; sister, Barbara Gorman, Truro; brothers, Elson (Mary) Perry, Bible Hill; Wilfred (Isabel) Perry, Truro; sister-in-law, Leota Perry, Bible Hill; three step grandchildren; five step great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Annie Ida and Linda Joyce, in infancy; Marie Yorke; brother, Malcolm Perry. Funeral service was held Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, Reverend Ian Harrison officiated. Private family interment was in Old Barns Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

CONGDON, Kenneth Waldo "Kenny" – 86, Great Village, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Sunday afternoon, July 17, 2011, at Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born July 26, 1924, in Great Village, he was a son of the late James and Elizabeth (Johnson) Congdon. Kenny is survived by his children, Gregory (Karen), Aulac, New Brunswick; Douglas (Judy), Keith (Margaret), Great Village; Dianne (Gordie) Forshner, Enfield; grandchildren, Ainsley, Holly, Erin, Megan, Devon, Christopher, Danica, Caitlin, Tyler, Michael, Ciara; great granddaughters, Danica and Brianna; sister, Frances Cobham, Saint John, New Brunswick; sisters-in-law, Helen Congdon, Truro; Jean Schaschl, Amherst; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Audrey Anita Gordon (2010); son, Alan; sister, Muriel Bartlett; brothers, John, Robert, Donald. Funeral service was held Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at Saint James United Church, 47 Great Village Lornevale Road, Great Village, Reverend Richard Meredith officiated. Interment was in Mahon Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GAMBLE, Florence Beatrice – 84, Debert, passed away Monday, July 18, 2011 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Wentworth, she was a daughter of the late Leonard and Lettie Hughes of Londonderry. She is survived by sons, Aubrey (Christine), Lower Onslow, Michael (Kimberly), Peace River, Alta.; daughters, Carol (William) Pictou, Thelma (Murray) Alexander, both of Debert; sisters, Elizabeth Hiltz, Chester Basin, Muriel Hughes and Bernice Hughes, both of Halifax. Mom was blessed with six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren who gave her much joy and many smiles. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by husband, Carl; infant daughter, Judith; sister, Marian Jennings; brother, Lewis Hughes. To allow time for all family members to come home, funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 27th at 2:00 pm with visitation preceding the service on Wednesday from 1-2 pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Don MacQueen officiating. Reception following the service. Interment in Hillcrest Cemetery, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

OGDEN, Charles Vernon – 78, Truro Heights and Tarpon Springs, Florida, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Tuesday morning, July 19, 2011, at his home in Tarpon Springs. Born December 22, 1932, in Moncton, New Brunswick, he was a son of the late Charles, Sr. and Florence (Keith) Ogden. Charles and his deceased wife Gerry owned and operated the Canadian Tire Store in Truro for 25 years and also started the Canadian Tire Store in Yarmouth. Charles is survived by his second wife, Gail Ogden; children, Stephen (Debbie), Dartmouth; Linda (Gary) Smith, Yarmouth; Blaine (Karen), Truro Heights; Robie (Joyce Patriquin), Waverley; Sherry (Larry) Davis, Ontario; sisters, Elayne Ayles, Leona LeBlanc, Lynn Ogden; sisters-in-law, Joyce Ogden, Elizabeth Ogden, Ruth Ogden, all of Moncton; brother-in-law, Louis LeBlanc, Montreal; 13 grandchildren; one great grandson; several nieces and nephews; Gail's children, Kimberly Hill, Mississippi; Christopher Lyth, Virginia. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Geraldine "Gerry" (DeLucry) Ogden; sisters, Eileen Ogden, Veda Ogden; brothers, Morris Ogden, Arnold Ogden, Ted Ogden. Funeral service was held Saturday, July 25, 2011, at Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Interment was in Robie Street Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

LeBLANC, Raymond Joseph – 81, Lower Harmony, Colchester County, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on July 21, 2011 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born March 19, 1930 in Dieppe, New Brunswick, he was a son of the late William and Lucy (LeBlanc) LeBlanc. Raymond worked for the CNR for 36 years (1950-1986) and was active in community service all of his life. He was a life long member of the Salmon River Fire Brigade, a recipient of The Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal awarded by the Governor General of Canada. He was recognized by The Canadian Red Cross for his commitment to the blood donor program and received an Award of Service from The Navy League of Canada. He was President of the Emerson Club CN Pensioners, and a member of the Truro Legion, Branch 26. Raymond is survived by his son, William "Bill" (Sharon), Truro; daughters, Joanne (Bruce MacEachern), Halifax, Sherri (Perry) Richard, Lower Harmony, Betty Joy, Vancouver, B.C., Michele (John Totten), Debert; brothers, Roger (Doris) Bible Hill, Gerald (Joan) Hanmer, Ont.; sisters, Lorraine (Albert) Legrand, Quebec, Doris Mazurek, New Mexico, Jackie (Jack) Swift, Truro, Pat (Joe) Toole, Brookfield; grandchildren, Andrea, Brent, Dylan, Kelsey, Josh, Drew, Luc and Raymond's dear friend, Kathryn MacEachern. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 50 years, Pearl V. (Smith); brothers, Ivan, Rene "Bebe", Laurie. Funeral service was held July 25th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Larry Harrison officiating. On-line condolences and donations at www.colchestercommunity.com

HARNISH, Kenneth "Kenny" Edward, 53, Onslow Mountain, passed away at home on July 22, 2011. Born in Truro he was the son of the late James and Barbara (Andrews) Harnish. Kenny was always young at heart. In his early years he worked as a weaver at Polymer International. He is survived by his loving wife, Heather (Wile); daughter, Tiffany (Kyle Turner) Harnish, Belmont; sisters, Debbie (Francis) Ledwedge, Enfield, Wendy (Charlie Crombe) MacDonald, Shubenacadie, Mona (Reg) Bowser, North Port, Susan (Kirk Hatrick) Harnish, Shubenacadie; brother, David (Bonnie), Bible Hill; grandchildren, Courtney, Mitchell, Kiersten Cummer; many in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service was held July 26th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Pastor Paul Vanderkooy officiating. Interment in Belmont Cemetery. On-line condolences and donations may be made to: www.colchestercommunity.com

WILCOX, James Cecil -75, of Parrsboro, Passed away Saturday, July 23, 2011 at South Cumberland Community Care Center, Parrsboro. Born in West Bay, Cumberland County, he was the son of the late George Wilcox Myers. He is survived by his wife Mary Hirtle Wilcox, a son Darrell (Glenda); step granddaughter Chantal, brother Gerald (Patricia) Myers, several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sister Doris Ward, and her husband Ronald, Brothers Banford and Calvin. A private family service will be held at a later date. Donations to South Cumberland community Care Center, V.O.N., or Charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

Truro Raceway Gears Up FOR FASTEST WEEK OF RACING

By Diane Daniels

Truro Raceway is a buzz with activity as management, staff, volunteers and members of the horse community gear up for what is often referred to as the fastest week of harness racing at Truro Raceway, Atlantic Grand Circuit Week.

Established in 1982 by former Manager Brent MacGrath of Somebeachsomewhere fame, the event kicks off on Sunday, July 24 and run through to and including Sunday July 31. In addition to five cards of thrilling harness racing showcasing the best Atlantic Canada has to offer, the schedule includes a golf tournament, Family Fun Day, Baseball game, and BBQs.

Traditional events include the running of Truro Raceway's signature event, the 24th annual Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Cup

Invitational as well as the top two and three year old pacing and trotting stars in the Maritimes.

Race goers will enjoy a unique experience with great harness racing, super food, and new this year live musical entertainment in the out door Tarmac Lounge.

Also new for 2011, the AGCW Committee is planning a walk about by the Exhibition Cup Challengers on Saturday, July 31 in the Raceway Center Field. Folks will be privy to an up close look at the heavy weights of harness racing while enjoying a BBQ. Visitors will also be able to meet with trainers, drivers, and owners during the hour-long reception.

Details and a complete schedule are available on the Truro Raceway Website or by calling the office at 902-893-8075.

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