

OBITUARIES

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MCCULLY, Doris I. - 89, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2016 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Milton, Queens Co., she was a daughter of the late Percy and Lillian (Lesley) Hartlen. Cremation has taken place. A family interment will take place in Masstown Cemetery with Rev. Carolyn Rushton, officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to Doris' family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

ATKINSON, Florence Geraldine - 75 of Truro, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2016 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, March 10th, 1941 she was the daughter of the late George and Greta (MacCabe) Wynn, Truro. She was the wife of the late Frank Watt Atkinson. She was survived by her three sons, Earle (Shelly), Ross (Sandra), and Joseph (Susan); grandchildren, Alisha, Alan, Matthew, Melissa, and Bret, and her brother, Joseph (Susan) Wynn, and several nieces and nephews. Florence enjoyed spending time with her family and was very involved with St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Lower Truro Road. Not only was she a devoted member of the church she also was an active member of the Women's Guild, and belonged to the choir. If Florence was not enjoying a Blue Jay's game, she spent her time in her gardens, or watching humming birds visit her feeders. Florence was an avid crafter and a very talented knitter. She will be sadly missed, but not forgotten, by all. By family request, there will be no visitation or service. Interment to take place at a later date at Robie Street Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, the Colchester East Hants Health Centre or a charity of your choice. Special thank-you to the doctors and nurses of Colchester East Hants Health Centre for the care shown to Florence, as well as the V.O.N. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Messages of condolence may be sent to Florence's family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

CAVANAUGH, Brandyn Mitchell - 22, Truro, passed away suddenly doing what he loved to do on June 26, 2016. Born in Truro and worked as a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union (Local 409). Brandyn also worked as a carpenter alongside of his father, Randy. Brandyn had a passion for BMX, Motorcross, Streetbikes as well as Snowboarding. He enjoyed being around kids, as well as animals, in particular his puppy, Krew. Brandyn was a talented cook and enjoyed sharing his skill with others. He received awards for his artwork, an interest that he had a great love for. Brandyn was a high energy guy who was well loved by all and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Brandyn leaves behind his father, Randy (Vicki) Cavanaugh; mother, Sherri (Warren) Benoit; girlfriend, Ceanna Mardian; sisters, Maddie Cavanaugh, Mirandya Cavanaugh, Nichole Bryson, Brittany (Jon) Brown, Sammy Winters, Jenny Baines, Becky (Brandon) Baines; brothers, Dylan and Joshua Benoit; grandparents, Claudia Cavanaugh, Edward and Sylvia Hatch, Finton and Irene Benoit; great grandmother, Annie Rennie. Brandyn is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by grandfather, Leonard Cavanaugh as well as great grandfather, Gerald Rennie. A Celebration of his Life was held June 30 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. (In honour of Brandyn and how he lived his life, wear bright colours, please and all bikes are welcomed) A Reception followed. Interment in Crossroads Cemetery, Valley. Donations in Brandyn's memory may be made to the Truro Skate Park or to the SPCA. Online condolences at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

YUILL, Devon Alfred - Halifax. It is with profound sadness that the family announce his passing on June 27, 2016. Born in Halifax on November 18, 1966, he was the youngest son of the late Corinne Margaret (Adamson) and Dr. George Brenton Yuill. Devon is survived by his two beloved sons, George Walker Devon and Ian Tucker Irving of Halifax; sister Tamzen Black (Geoff); brother, Bradford (Carolyn Otto); nephews Liam and Bryant Yuill; nieces Celeste; Rhea and Meryll Black; his aunt Lavonne Thompson, Antigonish; and many cousins. Devon was a graduate of Cobequid Educational Centre, in Truro and Acadia University, in Wolfville. Devon enjoyed a career in the financial and commercial real estate industries. Cremation has taken place under the direction of the Colchester Community Funeral Home. The family received friends to celebrate his life at the Holiday Inn, 437 Prince Street, Truro on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. A private interment will be held at another time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Devon's memory to Laing House, 1225 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS B3J 1Y2. Condolences to the family may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MATHESON, Katherine Manonia "Kay" - 86, Truro, passed away Monday, June 27, 2016, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Tatamagouche, she was a daughter of the late William E. and Margaret M. (Higgins) Stone. Kay is survived by her sisters, Edith Lemmon (Victor), Bible Hill; Muriel Crawford, Brampton, Ontario; sons, Bill Stone (Violet), Onslow Mountain; Bob Stone (Carolyn), Lower Onslow; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Wayne Matheson; grandson, Laurie; brothers, Charlie, Russell; sister, Cynthia; brother-in-law, David Crawford. Graveside service was held Thursday, June 30, 2016, in The Falls Cemetery, The Falls, Reverend Morley Bentley officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

BLAIR, Chester Everett "Chet" - 90, North River, passed away Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Everett and Catherine (McLeod) Blair. Chet was a member of Trinity United Church, Onslow. Chet is survived by his daughter, Barbara (Chris) Roberts, Spring Bay, Ontario; son, Peter Blair, North River; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Joan Stewart (Butcher) Blair; sisters, Bessie (Victor) Ellison, Pearl (Carl) Matthews; brothers, Ralph (Evelyn) Blair, Jimmy (Truena) Blair. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Monday, July 4, 2016, Reverend Glenn MacLean officiated. Interment was in Watson Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

RUSHTON, William Roy - 79, Lower Debert, passed away Friday, July 1, 2016, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Lower Debert, he was a son of the late Burton and Kathleen (Selwah) Rushton. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Myrtle Alice (Johnson) Rushton; daughters, Pearl Bouley (Joe), Trenton, Ontario; Heather Baker (Glenn), Acton, Ontario; Wanda Vidito (Tim), Annapolis Valley; Stephanie Rushton, Lower Debert; grandchildren, Joanne, Jennifer, Evan, Victoria, Allison, Dawson, Eliza, Matthew; brother, Victor, Lower Debert; sister, Shirley Soley (Paul), Economy; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by a grandson, Jacob; sister, Joyce; brothers, Harold "Heddy" and Joe. A celebration of Roy's life was held Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at Faith Baptist Church, Great Village, Pastor Steve Adams officiated. Interment was in Folly Village Cemetery, Glenholme. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GRAHAM, Clifford Kent "Cliff" - 89, Great Village, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2016, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born and raised in Debert, he was a son of the late Alfred and Stella (Barry) Graham. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Ruth Fraser; sons, Percy (Joy), Great Village; Stephen (Deanna), Little Dyke; daughter, Elizabeth (Betty) MacNeil, Great Village; step-children, Michael, Valerie, Penny and Victoria, all of Ontario; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; sister, Jeanne (David) Large, Port Joli. Along with his parents, Clifford was predeceased by his first wife, Alfredda Spencer; younger brothers, Vaughan, Claire and Clarence. Graveside service was held Thursday, July 7, 2016, at Mahon Cemetery, Great Village, Reverend Dan Gunn officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MACKAY, Jean Layton (Spence) - Debert. It is with broken hearts accompanied by a deep feeling of thanksgiving and celebration for the gift of her life, that our family announces the death of Jean Layton (Spence) MacKay. She died peacefully in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, on July 10, 2016, at the age of 86. Daughter of Harry & Eliza Fisher, Londonderry, she was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Jean is survived by her beloved husband Dale MacKay; daughters, Bettie (Larry Alexander), Linda (Edward) Barnhill, Patti (Leo) Mooring, Donna (Ron Hall); sons, Ken (Deanna), Bob (Bev), Jim (Gwen), David (Cathy); step children, Dean, Paula, Natalie & Greg MacKay. 21 grandchildren, 11 Great Grandchildren. Jean was predeceased by daughter-in-law, Ruth Spence as well as great-grand daughter Layla Margaret Spence. Jean retired from Snook's Save Easy/Atlantic Superstore. She was a member of Debert United Church, UCW, volunteered with Colchester Stroke Club as well as with the Colchester Hospital Auxiliary. Cremation has taken place with no visitation by request. A Memorial Service in thanksgiving for Jean's life was held July 13 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, with Rev. Carolyn Rushton, officiated. Private family interment followed the service in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert. Donations may be made to the Colchester Stroke Club or the SPCA. Online messages of condolence at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com Mum was the foundation of our family. Her kind spirit, unwavering strength and stubborn warmth is carried in each of us - she will live forever in our hearts and memories.

MACLELLAN, Muriel Agnes - 84 of Truro passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on July 11, 2016 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Elmer "Pat" and Mary (Peterson) Brenton. She was the last surviving member of her family. Muriel went to school while raising her family and became a hairdresser, working at local salons until she went to Hillcrest Manor and worked as a hairdresser until her retirement. She loved tole painting and also did crocheting, knitting and needlepoint. She enjoyed bowling with the Seniors League of Bible Hill. Muriel loved all animals, cats, dogs, deer, etc. She especially loved being at her cottage in River John. Muriel will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, James; children, Larry (Tammy), Ronald, Mark (Toni Kennedy), Jane Hart, Kathy Burgess, Jamie (Douglas) Crockett, Kelly (Phil) Malinas; grandchildren, Ryan and Jamie Burgess, Nathan, Jason and Adam MacLellan, Tiffany and Rebecca MacLellan, Amanda (Scott) Verge; step grandsons, Jason and Matthew Crockett; several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Peter; sisters, Alma, Sis and Marie. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia or the SPCA. On-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

DONCASTER, John K. - Age 47, of Grande Prairie, Alta., and formerly of Oxford, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at home. Born in Springhill, he was a son of Russell Eric and Margaret (Mattinson) Doncaster, Collingwood. He was employed with Xerox for more than 25 years. Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, the former Sharon Wood; a daughter, Jennifer, Oxford; a sister, Evelyn Doncaster, Collingwood; a brother, Michael (Karen), London, Ont.; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral service was held July 25, 2016 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, with Rev. Lloyd Bruce officiating. Burial in the Parrsboro United Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

GEDDES, Donald B. "Donnie" - Age 62, of Parrsboro passed away Thursday July 14, 2016 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late George and Hazel (MacDougall) Geddes. Donnie is survived by many friends and care providers. Funeral Service was held July 20, 2016 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Rev. Emmanuel Mutale officiated. Burial followed in Parrsboro Baptist Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the South Cumberland Community Care Centre Foundation or the Adult Day Program of SCCCC. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

HIGGINS, Grant Elmer - 81, Shortts Lake. We are saddened to announce the passing of Grant Elmer Higgins on Thursday, July 14, 2016, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born and raised in Crowes Mills, he was the son of the late Albert Esson and Grace Mae (Barnhill) Higgins. He is survived by his loving wife, Jill; his children, son, Stephen, Truro; daughter, Kenda (Brad), Ottawa, and his grandchildren, Kayla, Sara and Zachary; daughter, Tonda (Wade), Crowes Mills, and his step grandchildren, Alex and Brandon. He is also survived by his step children, Tracey, Todd and Tara and his step grandchildren, Alex, Brandon, Faith, Joe, Cooper, Owen, Maxine and Cash. As well, he is survived by his sister, Marlene (Donnie) MacKinnon and his brother-in-law, Robert (Bev) Murray, along with several nieces and nephews. As well as his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Rona and Ruth. Funeral service was held Tuesday, July 19, 2016, in First United Church, 711 Prince Street, Truro, Reverend Larry Harrison officiating. Interment was in Belmont Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

HARTLING, Donald Phillip, Truro. It is with very heavy hearts to announce the passing of Donald "Monkey" Phillip Hartling at the age of 55 on July 17, 2016 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro surrounded by family. Born in Halifax on July 16, 1961, Donnie grew up and spent his early years in Stellarton. He was the son of the late Gordon and Ruth (MacLeod) Hartling and was raised in the loving home of Kenny and Sheila Robinson. Donnie was greatly loved and will be sadly missed by the love of his life, Tammy (DeAdder) Hartling; sons, Michael (Viki) Bridgewater, Dale (Becca) Truro, Chad, Truro as well as his best friend and grandson, Harley Gorman. Donnie also leaves behind his sister, Margaret (Stanley) Holland, Westville, in-laws Floyd and Mary DeAdder, Truro; sisters-in-law, Darlene DeAdder, Truro, Elisha (Dwight) Lynds, Truro; brothers-in-law, Michael (Angie) DeAdder, Debert and Shawn (Lisa) DeAdder, Edmonton; many nieces, nephews as well as a great niece and nephew. Funeral service was held July 21 at 2pm both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, with Rev. Virginia DeAdder, officiating. Reception followed in the funeral home. Donations in Donnie's memory may be made to his family. Online messages of condolence at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

CROWE, Michael Ross age 54, passed away from this life on July 19, 2016 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Palliative Care, Truro. With all his being Michael fought a valiant battle with cancer, a fight his family and friends can only be inspired by, this being the last gift he gave to the many that loved him. Michael was born and lovingly raised in Lanessville, Nova Scotia by his parents Ellen (Hartling) Crowe and the late Elmer "Andy" Crowe. Sundays will be recalled by Kim and the children of days spent close together with Michael as he cooked up some wild and tasty concoction while keeping a close eye on the NASCAR race. Another great love of Michael's was Cape Breton Island where he spent a lot of time simply enjoying life whether sitting around a fire, boating on the Bras D'Or lakes or snowmobiling with Daniel in the Highlands; he embraced it all. He studied at the Nova Scotia Community College and earned a diploma in heavy duty mechanics. Through life's twists and turns small engine repair, with a specialization in boats and snowmobiles, is where he honed his career skills. Unwavering dedication was shown by the best friends a person could hope for- Jerry, Janice, Nick, Randy, Allan, Patty, and Steven. Thank you is all we can say, thank you! Dave Holder you stand in a class all your own, no words could describe all that you did for Michael and his family. Michael is survived by his rock and the love of his life, Kimberly (Donovan) Crowe, his adoring and cherished children, Amanda (Jeffrey) Ellis, Mary-Sarah, Daniel; grandson, Brodie Ellis; his adored and loving mother, Ellen, his siblings whom he loved dearly, Pat (Colin) MacLeod, Dennis (Andy) Crowe, Ricky (Diane) Crowe, Joanne and sister-in-law Marjorie Law; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Michael was predeceased by his brother Jimmy Crowe and his father, Elmer "Andy" Crowe; father-in-law, Joe Donovan. A celebration of life was held July 23rd in the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Rev. Mary White officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Colchester Hospice Society, the "We Care About Cancer" Fund % Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation, and Colchester East Hants Health Centre Palliative Care. Online condolences at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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