

OBITUARIES

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Manley, Joyce May (Hutchinson) – Age 84, Truro, passed away on Friday, May 21, 2021 at home. Born February 28, 1937 in Windsor, NS, she was a daughter of the late Waldo and Laura (Thompson) Hutchinson.

Joyce would like to let you know that her work here is done. She received an invitation she couldn't refuse. It was a reunion with family and friends she has not seen in a long time. They said the reunion came with certain benefits. Laughing, dancing, listening to real country music, bowling and reading were guaranteed. She accepted the invitation but had a few conditions - the curtains had to be beautiful, she didn't have to do the cooking and there needed to be plenty of yard sales along the way. At 8:30 p.m. on May 21st she accepted the invitation. She wanted you to know she is survived by her husband of 50 years, Vernon; daughters, Cindy (Roger), Little Dyke, Donna (Martin), P.E.I.; sons, Rick (Maggie), Glenholme and Kevin, Bible Hill. She is also survived by sisters, June, Comox, BC, Bette (Jim), Scotsburn, NS, Doreen (Dwayne), Harmony; brothers, Ivan, Huntsville, ON, Freeman, Bible Hill, Ronnie, Stewiacke, Freddie (Sylvia), Shortts Lake, Bobby (Helen), Valley, Steven (Ruth Ann), Onslow; eleven grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Sandra (Ray), Shubenacadie; sister-in-law, Donna (Paul), Sudbury, ON; brother-in-law, Floyd, Shubenacadie and brother-in-law, Kevin (Valerie), New York. Besides her parents, Joyce was predeceased by her son, Kenneth; sister, Marjorie; son-in-law, Roger Ryan; sisters-in-law, Betty and Carol. Some of you might remember her smiling face behind the counter at the Metropolitan for years. And you might even be wearing some of her handy work from Stanfield's. Joyce wants to let the girls from her bowling team know that she felt it was time to let some of you finally win. We, her family, would like to extend the most sincere thank you to the nurses of the V.O.N., staff and Drs. of Palliative Care. Your kindness meant everything. Donations in Joyce's memory may be made to the SPCA. A private graveside service was held in Bible Hill Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

SANDESON, Catherine Elsie "Kay" – 99, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, June 16, 2021, at Wynn Park Villa, Truro. Born in Amherst, she was the daughter of the late William and Elsie (Hilder) McWilliam. Kay is survived by her children, William "Bill" (Helen) Sandeson, Angevine Lake; Shirley Lewis, Truro; Darrell (Marjorie) Sandeson, Greenfield; Bruce (Heather) Sandeson, Dartmouth; Clayton (Sandi) Sandeson, Crowes Mills; grandchildren, Timothy Lewis, Dartmouth; Sonya (Elmer) Shearer, Greenfield; Sheryl (Joel) Dauphine, Three Mile Plains; David Sandeson (Melissa Champagne), Winnipeg, Manitoba; Christopher Sandeson, CFB Greenwood; Pamela (Kyle) McKinley, New Maryland, New Brunswick; granddaughter-in-law, Oulay Lewis; 14 great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Charlotte McWilliam, Corner Brook, Newfoundland; niece, Shelley (Greg) Cassidy, Corner Brook, Newfoundland; nephew, Robert (Sharon) McWilliam, Valley. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Frederick William "Fred" Sandeson; son-in-law, William Frank "Bill" Lewis; grandchildren, Scott Sandeson, Tony Sandeson, Trevor Lewis; great grandsons, Dustin and Austin Shearer; siblings, Richard (Marion) McWilliam, Donald McWilliam; nephew, Allan McWilliam. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Friday, June 25, 2021, April Hart officiated. Interment in Old Barns Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GREGORY, Marguerite Rose – 79, Great Village, passed away Thursday, June 24, 2021 in the QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax, surrounded by her family. Born in Alma, New Brunswick, she was a daughter of the late Randall and Dorothy (Bannister) Jordan. Marguerite is survived by her loving children, daughter, Nancy (Clayton) Williams; son, Mark (Krista) Gregory; grandchildren, Jordan, Nathan, Connor, Cole and Sarah; bonus grandchildren, Erin and Carrie Barclay; sister, Darlene Jordan; special uncle, Edmond Jordan. She was predeceased by her husband, Upert Gregory; sisters, Phyllis and Paulette Rushton, Linda Jordan in infancy; brothers, Gary and Donald Jordan, Jackie Jordan in infancy; granddaughter, Taylor Gregory. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Wednesday, June 30, 2021, The Reverend Lori Ramsey officiated. Interment at a later date in Folly Mountain Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MacRAE, Eleanor Kathleen Mary "Ellen" (Roode) – 74, Belmont, passed away Monday, June 28, 2021, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Carl and Kathleen (Cator) Roode. Eleanor is survived by her husband of 38 years, Peter; very special friend, Duke; son, John Berfelo; step-daughter, Elizabeth (Jake) Wing; step-son, David (Shauna) MacRae; grandchildren, Kenzie, Samuel, Katy; brother, David (Joanne) Roode; niece, Marissa Roode; nephew, Matthew Roode. Interment will be held at a later date in Belmont Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MACNEIL, Mitchell "Mitch" Dale – Age 29, Great Village, passed away suddenly as a result of a car accident on July 10th, 2021. Born in Halifax on March 17, 1992 to his loving parents, Valerie Meredith (Highland Village) and Dale MacNeil (Great Village). Mitch is survived by his sister, Valene (Jordan), Truro and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, two nephews and his beloved dog, Otto. Mitch was predeceased by his grandparents, Tom and Valerie Meredith and John and Betty MacNeil and his uncle, Tom Meredith. Mitch grew up beside his Granny and Grandad's farm where his love for the outdoors and farming grew from the time he was a little boy. He loved to be involved in any activity that was taking place on the farm, especially if it involved a tractor. Mitch spent a vast amount of time farming with his Uncle Tom. Regardless of the season, you could find him at Tom's side. In recent times, Mitch could be found at his Mum's side in the barn. Whether giving a bottle to lambs, forked out hay, or shoveling manure, Mitch was there. His love for her farm animals was extremely apparent in the care that he gave them. Mitch also had a love for cars and mechanics which was fostered by the numerous hours spent with his Dad in the garage. Mitch became a very talented mechanic who carried his knowledge with him and used it time and again to repair and restore vehicles and equipment for those that needed his help. In years gone by, Mitch was also the proud owner of a Dodge Dart and traveled outside of the province with his Dad and sister to compete in drag races. Mitch was a wonderful brother to his sister, Valene. He always had her back and made it clear to everyone that they didn't mess with his little sister. Mitch was also a great uncle to his nephews, Jordy and Ollie. Whether playing blocks with Jordy, completing puzzles or going on a hunt for "bumble bee" ice cream, his smile when with these little boys said it all. Mitch loved spending time with all of his family members. He spent many enjoyable hours with his cousins as a child playing board games, tobogganing and just digging in the dirt. He enjoyed exchanging stories and laughs with all his uncles and Mitch's love for the outdoors led to a very special bond with his Uncle Stan. You could often find them hunting, clearing brush, burning grass or tackling whatever task came their way together. Nothing made Mitch happier than spending time with Uncle Stan. Along with farming, Mitch's love for the outdoors led him to careers in surveying as well as lawn and landscaping. Mitch's sense of adventure took him from the Nova Scotia shores to the mountainous Rockies. Mitch was an extremely loving and caring son, grandson, brother, nephew, uncle and true friend to so many. His love for his Granny and Grandad always shined through along with his love and devotion to his Uncle Tom. Mitch never let the world forget who Uncle Tom was. Mitch was a man with amazing courage and determination and a man who was always true to his word. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the endless number of people that have reached out and shared stories and offered words of support. Cremation has taken place and as per Mitch's wishes, there will be no service. Donations in Mitchell's memory may be made to a wildlife or children's charity of choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Mitch, as you kick back with Granny and Grandad and Uncle Tom, may you know how much you were loved and will be missed. A day will never go by when you will not be thought of and remembered for the incredible man you were. Your smile will live in the hearts of many and your strength and determination will be the inspiration for us all.

HAMILTON, Gregory Ward "Greg" – 57, Amherst, passed away on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at his home. Born in Halifax, Greg was the son of Edsel Hamilton and the late Kathryn (Roper) Hamilton. Greg is also survived by his birth mother, whom he had lovingly reconnected with, Irene Milbery, of Elmsdale; sister, Melanie (Michael) MacBean, Onslow Mountain; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Private interment will be held at a later date in Terrace Hill Cemetery, Truro. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

ANDERSON, Elizabeth A. "Betty" – It is with great sadness that the family of Betty Anderson announces her passing on Thursday, July 1, 2021 after a brief illness. Betty was a resident of High-Crest Long Term Care Facility in Springhill for many years. She died peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Betty will be sadly missed by her family and friends, and lovingly remembered for her sense of humour, beautiful smile and laugh. She was a generous, kind and happy person who loved to travel and spend time with her children and grandchildren. She was a wonderful mother who always made sure her children were taken care of and knew they were loved. Betty is survived by her six children, Roger Anderson (Krystal), Thomas "Tom" Anderson, Darren Anderson, all of Ontario; Elaine Hale (Shawn), Truro; Tracy Leights (Timmy); David Anderson (Trudy), both of Parrsboro; 7 grandchildren and a great grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas "Tom" Anderson; her parents, Arthur and Jessie Sharpe; a brother, David Sharpe and a granddaughter, Shaunticy Smith. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at High Crest and the Palliative Care team of the Cumberland Health Centre for the care and compassion they provided for Betty. Due to the current COVID 19 restrictions on travel from outside the region, a public 'Celebration of Life' service will be announced for a later date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

LITTLE, Dolores Mary – passed away on Sunday, July 11, 2021, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, at almost 87 years of age. Dolores was born in Halifax to Norman Floyd Eisan and Lillian Ellen Spears. She was the devoted wife and road trip companion of Bernard William Little for almost 59 years until his death in 2017. Dolores was also a loving mother to Susan (Edward Javinsky), Kevin (Cheryl Ellis), and Michael (Gia Klironomos). It was our good fortune to have her as our mother. Dolores loved spending time with her grandchildren, Matthew Little, Tori-Rose Javinsky, Benjamin Javinsky, Nicholas Little, Alexander Little, and Lillian Little and she enjoyed being foster grandmother to Renae Watters. She is survived by sisters, Heather Cutten (Mark), Rosalee Dyer (William), as well as many nephews and nieces. She is also survived by step-grandchildren, Trevor Cloney (Lisa), Chris Cloney (Kellie), and Cloney step-great grandchildren, Julia, Ella, Charlie, Owen, and Amy. She was predeceased by her siblings Marjorie Garrison (Cecil), Floyd Eisan (Harriet Jenkins), Karen West (Willie), and Joanne Eisan. Bernie and Dolores ran the B&D Little Convenience Store in Debert for many years before they retired to live in Ottawa with their daughter's family in 2001. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Monday, August 2, 2021, Jane Magrath officiating. Interment was in Watson Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

HARDING, Reverend Russell Leon – 93, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Little Harbour, Shelburne County, he was a son of the late Harold and Honora (Thorburn) Harding. He retired in 1993 and moved to Bible Hill and continued to serve pastoral charge appointments in Maitland, Upper Londonderry and Rawdon. Russell is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Paula (Telfer); son, Arthur Harding (Marian Fulton), Hantsport; grandchildren, Ashley Harding (Kaitlin Fraser), Riverport; Evan Harding, Vancouver, British Columbia; great granddaughter, Lily Gibson; "bonus granddaughters", Jennifer (Joey) LeBlanc, and their children, Kyle and Corryln, Beaver Bank; Terri (Shaun) Crockett, and their children, Andrew and Mary, Ontario; sister, Mabel Harding-Arnold (Peter Arnold), Alameda, California. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Cynthia "Cindy" (Fraser) MacIntosh; brothers, Harry (Eva) Harding, Ralph Harding. Funeral service was held Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at St. David's United Church, Bible Hill, April Hart officiated. Interment at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery, Little Harbour, Shelburne County. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

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