

# OBITUARIES

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**TYNES, Heather Ann** – Age 65, Truro. It is with incredible sadness that the Tynes family announces the death of their beloved family member, Heather Tynes on June 21, 2023. She was born in Truro on May 22, 1958. Heather was predeceased by her mother, Marie Tynes (Mentis); her father, Ronald Tynes and her sister, Frances Tynes. She is survived by her beloved son, Chayo Tynes (Toronto); sisters, Brenda Mentis (Truro), Joanne Reddick (Mulgrave), Laura Tynes (Montreal), Misty Moore (Dartmouth), Emma Neeves, (London), and Ronda Jones (Toronto); her brothers, Gregory Tynes (Truro), Brad Tynes, (Montreal) and Raymond Tynes (Truro). She is also survived by her many loved and cared for nieces and nephews. Heather was a steward with CUPE Local No 4400 as well as a faithful Lions Club member in Toronto. She was a long time Early Childhood Educational Assistant for children with special needs with the Toronto District School Board. Heather was adored by all the students and children who passed through her classes and who enjoyed her academic and emotional support in the classroom. She was well respected and loved by all whom she encountered in her positions with the schools. Heather was also extremely passionate about genealogy and spent many years researching and collecting every branch on the family tree. The family would like to thank Dr. Smith and her team, as well as the VON that cared for Heather. A special thank you to the palliative care team of Colchester East Hants Health Centre with extra recognition to Dr. Henderson, Brittany, Janet and Keisha. The above and beyond support from Brenda, Misty, Kimmie, Marie, Sherlon and Vanessa is greatly appreciated by the family. Thank you to Terry for driving "Miss Daisy" everywhere. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate that donations be made to the Zion United Baptist Church and CEHHC "We Care About Cancer". A visitation was held June 29<sup>th</sup> with a funeral service on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Rev. Dr. Frank Guinta officiating the service.

**HARRISON, John R.** – Former Blandford (Nova Scotia) resident, John Harrison, at the age of 83, passed away on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer Disease. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Diane (Milton); his children: daughter, Kelly (Cameron); son, Terry; granddaughter, Kristina; several great-grandchildren; brother, Mitchell (Diana); numerous friends and family members. He was predeceased by his parents, Raymond and Mildred "Bunny" (Carter) Harrison; brother, F/O Paul Harrison; sister, Caralee Collins. John taught school for several years in Nova Scotia before taking his young family on the journey of their lives to Aklavik, NT., then on to Pine Point, NT. where the family remained until the children graduated from high school. Other interests included travelling, fishing, golf, and social gatherings, especially during the Christmas season when the entire family were together. A 'Celebration of Life' for John was held July 22, 2023 at the Harrison Cottage (230 Cottage Road) in Diligent River. Memorial donations in John's memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia or to a charity of choice. The family would like to thank the staff of South Cumberland Community Care Centre in Parrsboro for their care of John during his stay there.

**BRENTON, Susan "Sue" Iris** – 86, Bible Hill passed away on Monday, June 26, 2023 at Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Born in Old Harry, Magdalen Islands, she was a daughter of the late Russell and Erma (Johnson) Dunn. Sue is survived by her sons, Jay (Becky), Crowes Mills and Paul (Janelle), Valley; granddaughters, Erica (Thomas), Lower Sackville and Laura (Tudor), Toronto, Ontario; sister, Frances, Bible Hill; brothers-in-law, Colin and Ralph, both of Truro; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Kent; sisters, Vera and Kathleen; brother-in-law, Charles, Wilf, Jack and Ken; sisters-in-law, Hazel, Shirley and Marion. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the family received friends Thursday, July 6, 2023. If so desired, donations to Truro Curling Club or Golden Age Bowling are welcomed. A private family burial will be held in Middle Stewiacke Cemetery at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**MacDONALD, Basil "Bud" Melvin** – Age 93, Truro. It is with saddened hearts we announce the peaceful passing of Basil "Bud" M. MacDonald on June 28, 2023, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Bud was born in Wentworth to the late Hugh and Annie (McNutt) MacDonald. He is survived by his daughter, Shelly MacDonald; grandson, Gaven MacDonald and daughter-in-law, Rhonda Wallace-MacDonald. Besides his parents, Bud was predeceased by his first wife, Joan (Langille); his second wife, Myrna (Davis); sons, John, Gary and Bruce and brother, John MacDonald. Bud joined the Canadian Air Force when he was eighteen years old as an aircraft mechanic and after five years, changed to a flight engineer. His job was to help the pilots fly large airplanes which had a lot of mechanical systems. Their task was to search for submarines by flying over water for many hours at a time. He achieved the rank of Master Warrant Officer and truly enjoyed the military life making many good, lifelong friends. He was a member of the Military Flight Engineers Association, a lifetime member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #26 – Truro, the Royal Canadian Air Force Association as well as an adherent of Trinity United Church in Upper Onslow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bud's memory may be made to the SPCA, Truro Legion #26 or charity of choice. A visitation was July 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm with a Legion Tribute at 6pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A private graveside service will be held at a later date in Wentworth United Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**HENNIGAR, Lois "Loie" Carolyn** – Age 74, Upper Onslow, formerly of Maitland, passed away peacefully at home on June 27, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. Lois was born July 25, 1948, to the late Don and Catherine (Dunn) King and raised in Maitland. The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Mom. She loved a game of Yahtzee with friends and a glass of wine in hand. Mom found beauty in the spring flowers, enjoyed a good book, for many years Dad and Sean would grow beautiful gardens and we would all reap the rewards, from Mom's beautifully home cooked meals to all the pickling and canning that she did. She loved holidays, Christmas, Hallowe'en, St. Paddy's Day and usually had decorations up to celebrate, with earrings to match. Mom and Dad loved a good old-time dance on Friday and Saturday nights and went to many country music concerts over the years – Mom's favorite being Johnny Cash. Her pleasant personality was contagious to everyone she met, and she truly enjoyed working with the public and meeting new people at the Post Office in Maitland for 35 years. Lois is survived by her daughter, Tammi (Matt); granddaughter, Grace; sister, Bonnie; sisters-in-law, Linda, Adrienne, Corina and Sandra; brothers-in-law, Randall, Roger, Warren, Melvin and Trent and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Besides her parents, Lois was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Gary, just four short months ago; her only son, Sean; sister, Wanda; brothers, Kenny, Ray, Theodore; brothers-in-law, David and Kenny and sister-in-law, Cindy. She will be remembered for all the heart she shared with her friends and family. She truly loved each of them – and if you knew her, you knew it. When her time came, she carried herself with dignity, strength, and full of love for those who went before her. A heartfelt thank you to Reverend Natalie for the love and compassion she has shown to our family, it will never be forgotten. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the VON homecare for all of their kind and loving care, Dr. Lorraine Pelley for all of her care over the years, Dr. Rebecca Hawthorn for going above and beyond, by always keeping in touch and answering my many questions and for her support. Special thanks to Mom's sister, Bonnie for being there every step of the way and to all family and friends who have reached out during this difficult time. Donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Lung Association or the charity of your choice. Family and friends attended a graveside service on June 30<sup>th</sup> in the Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery, Maitland, with Rev. Natalie Buchanan Rutherford officiating. All are welcome to attend a farewell gathering in the Maitland Fire Hall following the service. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**WRIGHT, Irene Glennie** – Age 90, Truro, passed away peacefully at home on June 28, 2023. Irene graduated from CCA in 1951, where she enjoyed playing basketball, badminton, and tennis. She later graduated from the VG School of Nursing in 1954 where she made many lifelong friends. Irene was a labour and delivery nurse in Truro for 30 years and then was the school nurse at NSAC for two years before doing private nursing. She loved nursing and all her patients. She was a lifelong member of the First United Church - Truro and was in Unit N of the UCW. She collected for both the Canadian Cancer Society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation in her younger years. Irene enjoyed many happy times with her friends and family at the cottage in Brule. It was truly her happy place. She loved looking out at the ocean and at the beautiful sunsets and until recent years, loved swimming, no matter how cold the water was. Irene also enjoyed baking, playing bridge, cards and travelling. She was predeceased by her parents, W. Glennie and Jessie (Lawson) Hamilton; husband, LeRoy Wright and sister, Margaret Hamilton Howe. She is survived by her sisters, Kathryn Smith (Terry), Thunder Bay, Anne Hamilton, Montreal; children, Shelly Wright (Alan Moser), Bible Hill, Bruce Wright, Truro, Diane Wright Coolen (David Coolen), Halifax; grandchildren, Alex Johnson (Jessica), Ian Johnson (Alexandra), Blake McInnis (Sharan), and Andrew McInnis (Lyndsay); great grandchildren, Nash, Thane, Glenn and after 30 years of grandsons, she was thrilled last year to welcome her first great granddaughter, Lyza; many nieces, nephews and Byers' cousins. Special thanks to Geline Byers, who has been a blessing to us all during these difficult times; dear friends, Beth Smith and Jean Ann Athanasiou and caregiver and friend, Verna Smith. Special thanks to Dr. S. Singh for his care and compassion. Donations may be made to CNIB or Steps On Arthur. A visitation was July 9<sup>th</sup> with a funeral service on July 10<sup>th</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Leland MacLean officiating. Reception followed. Private family interment. Condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**ELLIS, Brenda Lynn** – On July 6, 2023, we lost one of the strongest women we know. She was a loving mother, sister, aunt, nanny and a very dear friend. Mom was born in Truro and had the pleasure of growing up training and racing horses. She had the biggest heart when it came to taking care of all her fur babies. Her biggest worry was making sure all her babies and fur babies were fed before she was. That was just the selfless woman she was. She made sure everyone in her life came before she did with no complaints. Her laugh was so contagious you couldn't help but smile every time you heard it. Mom had many dear friends with whom she reconnected through the years and more recent ones that she made while working this past year, they will always hold a special place in her heart. Mom will forever be remembered for being the most thoughtful, most outspoken, caring person that she was, for always going overboard on holidays and birthdays, making sure everyone around her felt love on their special days, for always making every special occasion a one to remember, for her love of pasta and pizza and the way she always made sure everyone had more than enough. Mom loved her children and her partner, Russell, whom she spent the last 30 years by each other's side, more than anything. Mom's wishes were to not have a funeral, instead we will be holding a private celebration of life in honour of her.

**LeBLANC (Sievert), Zina Zoe** – Age 58, of South Branch, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 30, 2023, at home. Mom grew up in Dartmouth, where she cherished the simple things in life, such as listening to music, watching her favorite soap operas, and knitting. She also enjoyed engaging in various crafts and knitting which she often sold at local markets. As a devoted stay-at-home mom, she took great joy in supporting her children, attending all their sports games and extracurricular activities when they were young. Mom had a remarkable spirit of generosity, always opening her doors to those in need of a helping hand or a temporary place to stay, be they family or friends. No matter the situation, she always found a way to make space for them or help in any way she could. One of Mom's other passions was discovering hidden gems and overlooked items that she could breathe new life into and resell. She often utilized Facebook Marketplace to showcase their hidden potential. Mom was predeceased by her parents, Julius, and Lillian Sievert, as well as her siblings, Paul Sievert, Julie Cross, Helena (Snookie) Ogaick, and Carol Jones. She leaves behind cherished memories as a loving mother, grandmother, and wife. Surviving her are her husband of 27 years, Alvin LeBlanc; her children, Shelby Sievert, Steven Sievert (Skye Jensen), Jordon LeBlanc (Jess Potter), and Cody LeBlanc, and her beloved grandchildren, Jesse, Aiden, and Dawson. She is also survived by her sister, Joan Graves (Bob). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Lung Association, or a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A private celebration of Zina Zoe LeBlanc's life will be held at a later date to honour her memory.

**LYNDS, John "Stewart"**, 91 of North River – The family are saddened to announce his passing on July 2, 2023. Stewart was born in North River to the late John "Rankin" and Prudence (nee Sharpe) Lynds. Besides his parents, Stewart was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Lola (nee Cummings); brothers, Warren Lynds and Soley Lynds; sisters, Georgia Frizzell and Marjorie Gogan. Left to miss him are daughter, Cindy (Todd) Handren; sons, John Lynds and Marcel (Lynn) Lynds; grandchildren, Quinn (Angela), Drew (Lauren), Trevor (Lindsey), Jeremy (Bailey), Taylor, Kelsey, Meghan (Brandon); great grandchildren, Aidan, Molly, Nora, Elodia, Jaxon and Luke; brother, Eric (Anna) Lynds, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. At age 23, Dad and his young bride moved to Florida where he worked for his great uncle. Family illness called them back to Nova Scotia, however, part of their hearts remained in Florida. He then started his lifelong sales career with Heinz Food Company as well as building and operating Lynds Grocery (The Store) in North River with Mum. Dad soon found his niche with Prudential Insurance of America starting as sales agent then branch manager, district manager and inspector. He received many awards and trips in recognition of his achievements. Dad and Mum also owned and operated JN Campbell Insurance Agency for a number of years. Dad came out of retirement to revisit sales, working part-time for a couple of years. He used to say, "Old salesmen never die, they just 'SALE' away." Dad was involved with community ranging from Scout Leader, sitting and chairing various committees and boards, volunteering for a couple of service clubs, serving as deacon at Aeon Baptist Church, working tirelessly for elections at community, provincial and federal levels. He acted as president of the Local Chapter of the Liberal Association. He formed a few action groups in the community, including Canada's first Concerned Citizen group. Dad enjoyed spending time outdoors gardening, fishing, camping, road trips and dogs. Dad loved dogs and dogs loved him! Best of all for Dad, was spending time with his cherished grandchildren. Many hours were spent cooking up projects with Grampie. Donations in Stewart's memory may be made to Aeon Baptist Cemetery Fund. A visitation was held July 12<sup>th</sup> from 1pm until time of funeral service at 2pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS, Pastor Steve Adams and Pastor Josh Fillmore officiating. A reception followed the interment in the North River Fire Hall.

**MORRIS, Pauline B.** – Age 84, was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at the South Cumberland Community Care Center, Parrsboro. Pauline raised her 3 daughters as a military wife, based in Germany, Petawawa, Calgary, and Oromocto before returning to her beloved hometown of Parrsboro in the late seventies. She worked in the service industry, with the Parrsboro Telecoms Company, and finally with Oxford Frozen Foods before her retirement. Pauline was an active community member, including previous involvement with the Fundy Auto Club, the Lionesses, the Legion, and the Anglican Church. She was an avid knitter, who for many years thoughtfully donated her creations to infants at the IWK. Among family her "Nanny Miits" were legendary. Pauline had a warm heart and a feisty personality. She could always be counted on to give big hugs and make sassy remarks that endeared her to family, friends, and members of the community. Pauline will be deeply missed by those who knew her and had the privilege of experiencing her love and humour. Pauline is predeceased by parents, Madeline "Maudie" and George Kay, daughter Janet Hiltz, and siblings Bill, Maryann, Rebecca, and Roderick "Pete." She is survived by her long-time partner John Dunbar; siblings Frances "Betty" Jeffers and Merton "Nuke" Kay; daughters Linda Morris (David) and Michele Morris (Thearon); grandchildren Candice (Sean), Cassandra (Noël), Colton, Michael (Alissa), Dylan (Emma), Madeline "Maddie" (David), Emma (Devon), Samuel; great-grandchildren Lucy, Polly, DJ, Asher, and Fox; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. Funeral service was held July 8, 2023 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Rev. Lorraine Street officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia or to a charity of choice. The family would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to the staff at the South Cumberland Community Care Center for the excellent care and exceptional kindness shown to Pauline in her final months.

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