

OBITUARIES

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WILSON, Otis Reg - 93, Truro, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 7, 2024, at The Mira Long Term Care Facility, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Bert and Hannah (Bilby) Wilson. Reg was a former supervisor for Brookfield and Scotsburn Ice Cream. He is survived by niece, Katherine Kavalek; nephew, Wayne Watson; special cousins whom he loved very much, Wade Bilby and his wife Rizalina, Diane Bilby; He was predeceased by his wife the former Frances Crowe; brother, Stanley Wilson, sister, Hazel Watson, sister, Ina Wilson, brother, Earl Wilson, sister, Betty Wilson, sister, Etta McAleer, sister, Shirley Wilson. A private family graveside service was held at Plains Road Cemetery in Debert. Donations in Reg's memory may be made to the IWK Health Centre Foundation. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

PARIS, Doris Marie - Age 84, Truro, passed away on Friday, June 21, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Maxwell and Grace (Mentis) Halfkenny. Doris worked for the Colchester School Board for many years as an Education Assistant. She was a member of Zion United Baptist Church in Truro. Doris enjoyed listening to music and was very interested in her family's genealogy. She loved her grandchildren; they meant the world to her. Doris is survived by her husband of 63 years, Albert; sons, Shane, Craig (Brenda), Scott and Derek, all of Truro; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters, Verna and Avis. Donations in Doris's memory may be made to the Zion United Baptist Church. Visitation was held June 28th from 1 - 2 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life at 2 p.m., all in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Interment followed in Truro Cemetery. Webcasting is available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MILLER (FINCK), Jo-Anne Hazel - 69, Upper North River. With broken hearts we share, her very unexpected passing on June 21, 2024. Born in Truro on February 16, 1955, to the late Ralph Finck Sr. and Dorothy Finck (Fitzgerald). Love of his life to Duncan McGuire, fur mom to Lucky the cat, mom to Crystal Miller (Les), Nan to Carissa Brimicombe, closely bonded since birth (Donovan) and J.B. Nanny to Skye Paul, and fur nanny to Kitler, Opie, Bailey and Brutus. Sister to Sandra Coulter (Philip Hughes), Vickie Worsley, Lena Atkinson, Herbie Finck Ralphie Finck (Elsie), Keith Finck (Linda), sister-in-law, aunt, cousin and friend to many. Chosen family to Iris Penney Johnson, Fran White and Sam Chapman. Predeceased by chosen family, Billy Boudreau. Mom loved adding to her many collections such as magnets, miniatures, unicorns, swords, dvds and spoons. She also enjoyed listening to favorites, Reba McEntire and Johnny Reid, watching movies, gardening, yard sales, puzzles, diamond art, playing cards, bingo, fishing, and handfeeding the squirrels. Mom was our rock of support many times, she was there for others. Will be sadly missed and loved by many. By mom's wishes no visitation or service. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro. Condolences may be made by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com. Donations may be made to Carma Cat Rescue, Maritimes - Colchester Chapter, 14 Court Street, Suite #200 - 133, Truro, Nova Scotia, B2N 3H7 (colchestercarma@gmail.com)

SYLLIBOY, Norman Lester Age 71, Millbrook. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved brother, uncle and friend on June 23, 2024, after a short but very courageous battle with cancer. Lester was a friend to all, always helping someone, and never letting anyone go without. He loved his home and you could often find him watching game shows or sitting at his table with friends, playing dice, or a card game (sometimes following the rules, sometime not!). Lester always had the most positive attitude and best sense of humour, even in bad times, often being the light in any situation. Surviving him are his sisters, Rose Prosper, Whycomomagh, Freda Simon, Sipekne'katik, Ida Simon, Sipekne'katik, Joanne Waugh, Dartmouth, Christine Saucier (Rob), Millbrook, Patsy Burton (Alex), Whycomomagh; brothers, Carl Christie, Truro, Martin Sylliboy, Millbrook, David Sylliboy (Tanya), Millbrook and several nieces and nephews, whom he thought the world of. Lester was predeceased by his father, Martin Lewis Sylliboy; his mother, Rita Mae Stephens Sylliboy and brother, Francis Sylliboy, who passed in infancy. Lester rested in his home at 299 James St., Truro, from Saturday, June 29th at 2 pm until the time of his Funeral Mass on Monday, July 1st at 11am in Sacred Heart Church, Millbrook. Father Andrew Rembarczyk officiating. Salit  to follow in the Millbrook Community Hall. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

JOKELA, Elizabeth Jean - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Elizabeth Jean Jokela, age 79 years, of Londonderry, NS, on June 24, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro from acute leukemia. Elizabeth was born January 21, 1945, in Upper Stewiacke, NS to parents, the late Harry and Winnifred Fulton. In 1963, she married Robert Calvin Jokela, and they went on to raise three children in New Brunswick. They were happily married for over 56 years and lived in many locations across Canada before his passing in 2020. She was a homemaker and seamstress. Elizabeth was predeceased by her husband, Robert; siblings, Herman, Douglas, James, Ina and Roy; sisters-in-law, Yvonne, Francis and Sharon and brother-in-law, Stan. She is survived by three sons, Stephen (Maureen), Timothy (Coral) and Benjamin (M lanie); grandchildren, Kael, Ethan, Kian and Elisa; siblings, Bryant (Beth), Donald (Sue), Mary (Harold), Lealand (Hanna), Theodore, Gerald (Carol), Leslie, John and Betty; sister-in-law, Shirley; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. No visitation or service by request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

McLELLAN, Catherine Pearl - It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Catherine Pearl McLellan on June 25, 2024. Cathy was born in Truro on October 23, 1949, to the late Mary R. (Redmond) and James A. McLellan. She is survived by Pat Boomer (Brian), Jimi-Jane, David, Debbie, Janice Verney and Betty Totten and sister-in-law, Kathy Langille as well as many nieces, nephews, greats and great greats whom she cherished. Cathy was predeceased by her sister, Tammy and her husband, Dale White; her brother, Nick; brother-in-law, Andy Verney and half-sister, Carol Powell. Cathy received her Food Service Supervisor Certification in 1971 and happily spent her career in the kitchen at the Grace Maternity Hospital in Halifax, allowing her to be present for the birth of some of her many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend a special thank you and acknowledgement to Dave and Jesse Aulenback for their longstanding friendship and support to Cathy along with niece, Karen Verney who went above and beyond for Cathy, especially this last year. The family would also like to thank the staff at the Dartmouth General Hospital who lovingly cared for Cathy these last six months. There will be no service by request. A family graveside service will be held in the Falls Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

SELDON, Carter, Layton - Age 84 of Shubenacadie East, Nova Scotia passed away on June 25, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro surrounded by his loving family. Layton was the son of the late Addie McLellan and Seldon Carter of Brookfield, Nova Scotia. Layton is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Joan; his children, Darlene Garden (Joey), Greg Carter (Leanne), Brenda Wong (Tom); his grandchildren, Jeremy, Erin, Jacie, and Cheri; step granddaughter, Tasha; his great grandson, Carter; step great grandchildren, Alana, Keira, and Charlotte and honorary family member, Isaac. He is also survived by his siblings, Madeline Davis, Stena Cook, and Lyle Carter (Susan) and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by father-in-law and mother-in-law, William and Muriel Fielding and brothers-in-law, John Cook and Harold Davis. Layton joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1957, where he was trained in telecommunications. From there he went on to have a successful career at Environment Canada's Weather Service. He was also instrumental in developing the weather radio system. He retired from his position of Atlantic Regional Telecommunications Officer for the weather service in 1993. Layton had several passions in his lifetime, but his greatest passion was his family. He met the love of his life when he was seventeen and they spent the next 67 years together and were still in love as much today as the day they met. He adored all his grandchildren and felt blessed to become a great grandfather. He enjoyed all holidays with family and sporting events. Layton coached all his children along with their friends in the Shubenacadie community area. He enjoyed fishing, no matter the weather. He loved bird watching, especially his cardinals, painting, tying fish flies, and family genealogy. Layton took great pleasure in sitting back and looking at his freshly mowed lawn. Special thanks to the staff of E2 and E3 of the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Family flowers only. Memorial donations may be made to the Brookfield Westside Cemetery or Colchester East Hants Hospice Society. Visitation took place on July 2nd from 2-3pm followed by a Celebration of Layton's life at 3pm, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Private family burial.

DARAI, Sheila - Age 82, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully on June 27, 2024, in Truro, NS. Sheila was born in Bras D'Or, Cape Breton, daughter of the late John A. and Marguerite Jessome. Left to dearly miss Sheila is daughter, Kathy (Graham) Bonin, Hilden; sons, Joseph (Cathy), Dartmouth, Stephen (Christine), Great Village, David (Christine) Bass River; grandchildren, Matthew, Cassandra, Taylor (Anna), Jason (Ashlea) and great-grandchild, Everlea. Sheila was predeceased by her husband, Joseph; sister, Pricilla; brothers, Ronnie and Sid. If so desired, donations in Sheila's memory may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A private family graveside service will be held in Bible Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

LYNCH, Teresa Shirley (n e Mullaly), known affectionately as Shirley, passed away on June 30, 2024, in Brookfield, Nova Scotia, at the age of 86. Born on May 20, 1938, in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, Shirley's life was marked by her love for the outdoors and travel. She cherished camping trips with her family and never missed an opportunity for an adventure, whether it was a simple drive or a visit to the local drive-in theatre. Doing crafts and painting was one of Shirley's favorite pastimes. After marrying Patrick and starting a family in Newfoundland, Shirley moved to Ontario to be closer to her sister. The family expanded as she welcomed two more children while living in Brantford. In 2009, Shirley, alongside her daughter Deb and son-in-law Don, relocated to Nova Scotia, where she enjoyed the tranquility of country living. Later in life, Shirley faced the challenges of dementia and spent her final years in a nursing home. She leaves behind a loving family, three of her four children, Richard (Tawnya), Deb Beaton (Don), and Lisa; grandchildren, Christopher, Joelle, Aidan, Devin, Nadia, and Conner; along with many nephews and nieces. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Patrick; daughter, Judy; Judy's infant daughter, Julie; grandson, Jason; her parents, James and Mary Mullaly and siblings, May McKinnon, Bride Gauthier and brothers, Howard, Edward, and Michael Mullaly. Shirley's warmth and adventurous spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Shirley's life will be privately celebrated in Newfoundland by her children. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

LANGLOIS, Joyce Violet Eleanor - Age 87, Halifax, formerly of Debert, passed away on June 29, 2024, in the QEII Health Sciences Centre, V.G. Site, Halifax. Born in Montreal, QC, Joyce was a daughter of the late Silas and Gladys (Pinkney) Carpenter. She is survived by children, Ken (Lee), Halifax, Wendy (Wayne) Wismer, Cole Harbour and James "Sam" (Amy Lee), Calgary, AB; grandchildren, Warren, Danielle; grandchild, Crystal; great-grandson, Kyle. In keeping with Joyce's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Arrangements are under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

JACKSON, Clarence William "Bill" age 82, passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Bill was the second eldest of eleven siblings born to the late Clarence and Evelyn (Mitchell) Jackson of Inglewood, NS. Bill spent more than 30 years working with the Department of Lands and Forests, later known as the Department of Natural Resources. Following retirement, he worked as Commissionaire for a number of years at Colchester Regional Hospital. Bill was a devoted member of Zion United Baptist Church, Truro serving on many of the boards and committees of the church. He was a deacon of the church for more than 20 years. Bill also served as President of the Laymen's Council of the African United Baptist Association for two consecutive terms. He was a founding member of CEA, Community Enhancement Association. He helped coach the local youth ball team in the 80's. In his younger years, Bill was very involved in sports. He coached women's softball and basketball; and was inducted into the Bridgetown Sports Hall of Fame; first in 2016 for Soccer, and again in 2022 for Track and Field. Survived by his wife of 24 years, Beverly (Bond) Byard-Jackson; four sons, Todd Jackson, Troy (El-Farouk Khaki) Jackson, Tory (Joelene) Jackson, Brian Byard; five grandchildren, Talia Jackson, Tajalli Khaki-Jackson, Mandela Jackson, Brian Byard, Jr. and Braxton Byard. He is also survived by sister, Katherine (Orphyr) Theriault; brothers, Lester Jackson, Chris (Eleanor) Jackson, Dean (Jackie) Jackson, and Timmy Jackson; sisters-in-law, Leslie Jackson and Eleanor Carter, Lorraine (Wallace) McNutt, Lesley (Sheldon) Shaw, April (Robert) Gouthro; brothers-in-law, Dwight (Marilyn) Bond and John O'Leary; aunts, Hazel Johnson and Catherine Tucker, as well as many nieces and nephews and cousins. Besides his parents, Bill was predeceased by sisters, Audrey Fisher, Suzanne Hill; brothers, Stuart Jackson, Howard Jackson, Gary Jackson; brothers-in-law, Charles Fisher, Elroy Hill, Bruce Bond, Edward Bond; sisters-in-law, Cheryl O'Leary and Kathy MacDonald. The family extends appreciation and thanks to Continuing Care and Palliative Care Teams, as well as VON nurses and the Red Cross for their assistance in Bill's time of need. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift in memory of Bill to Zion United Baptist Church at 454 Prince Street, Truro, NS B2N 1E7 or e-transfer at zubb@bellaliant.com or to Inglenook Community Centre at 246 Bay Road, Bridgetown, Annapolis County, NS B0P 1R0. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 6:00-8:00pm. Service was held Monday, July 15, 2024, at 11:00am with Rev. Dr. Paul Worden officiating. Both will be held in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro.

CONROD, Gerald Kenneth - Age 82, Upper Onslow. The family of Gerald Kenneth Conrod are saddened to announce his passing on July 3, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, after a short illness. Gerald is survived by his daughters, Sherry Shaw (Aaron) of Trenton, Angela Doody (Frank) of Salisbury, Diane Leger (Edward) of Moncton; grandchildren, Jocelyn, Elizabeth, Allison and Matthew. He is also survived by his long-time partner, Hazel Falconer and her children, Jack (Janice), Janie (Bucky) and Beatrice; sister, Linda; brothers, Bruce, Lloyd and Gary. He was predeceased by his brother, Jimmy. A celebration of life was held on July 9th in the Truro & District Lions Club, 1100 Prince St., Truro. Family interment followed.

MARSH (OUELLET), Mariette "Margo" Nicole - Age 77, Truro. The family of Margo Marsh are saddened to announce her passing on Monday, July 8, 2024. She was a daughter of the late Armand and Blanche Ouellet. Margo is survived by her son, Claude Bretemps; daughter, Denise (Peter) Scammell; grandchildren, Dylan (Jill) Scammell, Bailey (Jeremy) Lynds, Chet Scammell, Bria Scammell, Allyson (Devon) White and Brennan White; great grandson, Levi Luther Lynds; brothers, Zoel Ouellet, Jacques Ouellet and Rino (Denise) Ouellet; sisters, Julette Deschenes and Linda (Roland) Albert as well as many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 36 years, Dave Marsh; brother, Yvon Ouellet; sisters-in-law, Theresa Ouellet, Brenda Ouellet and Carmen Ouellet and brother-in-law, Rio Deschenes. Margo was a woman of many talents. She loved creating through her ceramics business, Tri-Chem and later cooking at Commercial Safety College, where she could often be heard singing her favourite song, "Patio Lanterns." In keeping with Margo's wishes, a celebration of her life will take place on Saturday, August 3rd from 1-3pm at the home of Denise and Peter Scammell, 522 Old Greenfield Road, Greenfield, NS.

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