

# OBITUARIES

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**STEPHENS, Mark Yuri** – Age 51, Millbrook. A beloved father, husband, son, brother, cousin and best friend, passed away at the age of 51 at his residence on July 3, 2024. He was born on May 21, 1973. His loss leaves a profound void in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. Mark was a guiding light for many, offering support and wisdom during life's toughest challenges and sharing in the joys of happier times. His boundless love touched the hearts of all who crossed his path, and his generous spirit knew no bounds. A man of remarkable intelligence and adaptability, Mark tackled every task with skill and determination. His willingness to learn new things solely to assist a friend exemplified his selflessness and unwavering devotion to those he cared for. His quick wit and infectious laughter brought joy to those around him, particularly his beloved wife, Evangeline. Together, Mark and Evangeline welcomed their daughter, Trinity, into the world. Mark had an array of careers throughout his life. He worked as a logger, ITT Sheraton Casino in Nova Scotia as a blackjack dealer and supervisor, at Treaty Gas Enterprises, in a call centre at Convergys, a DJ, an elementary teacher's aide, a fisherman, among other roles. Lastly, he worked as a long-haul truck driver for Easson's Transport Limited. Mark is survived by his wife, Evangeline Dedam; daughter, Trinity Stephens (Owen Sutter) of Millbrook; son, Cameron Miller; mother, Theresa Stephens (Bernard Savoie) of Millbrook; grandmother, Doris Abram of Millbrook; brother, Vance Stephens of Millbrook; his three nephews, Josiah Stephens, Kluskap Stephens and Kinap Stephens; his niece, Raine Stephens and Theresa Hardgrave, who was like another mother to him. He was predeceased by his father, Cyril Stephens and brother, Kurt Stephens. Mark rested in the Millbrook Seniors' Centre, 841 Willow St., Millbrook from July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm until time of Funeral Mass on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Sacred Heart Church, Millbrook. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**WILSON, David Vaughn** – Age 65, Brookfield, passed away on July 7, 2024. Born in McNamee, NB, David was a son of the late Vaughn and Jean (Black) Wilson. David was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed his work in the powerline field as well as his trips to Cains River. He is survived by his son, Martin of Brookfield. Besides his parents, David was predeceased by his brothers, Wynn Wilson and Wayne Wilson. Donations in David's memory may be made to the SPCA. As per his request, there will be no service or visitation. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

**LEWIS, June** – 84, Truro, formerly of Glenholme, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Shannex Debert Court, Debert. Born in Lower Economy, she was a daughter of the late George and Evelyn (Smith) Simpson. Lorna is survived by her children, Derald Lewis, Debert; Heather (Tony) Ward, Debert; Donald "Donnie" Lewis, Lac La Biche, Alberta; Mary Lindsay (Dana White), Hammonds Plains; grandchildren, Tyler Lewis, Ashley Lewis, Jennifer Lewis, Angela Ward (Dylan Ellis), Monica Ward (Drew Hennigar); brother, David Simpson, Truro; many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Harold Carleton Lewis; extended family, Wayne and Helen Dunphy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Friday, July 19, 2024, Pastor Ken Fillmore officiated. Interment was held in Folly Village Cemetery, Glenholme. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**BOUDREAU, Ian** – beloved husband, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend to many, passed away tragically on July 15, 2024, in Truro, NS. He was born on October 23, 1998, in the town of Antigonish, NS to parents, Brad and Lisa Boudreau, whose pride holds no bounds for their son. Ian's departure has left a void that can never be filled, and he will forever be missed by those who knew him. He had many adventures on the open dirt road with his friends and his father-in-law, Tony Archibald. Ian was the biggest supporter of anyone that he held dear. He loved playing paintball with his friends, taking his pups to the lake and gaming with his friends, brothers and nephews. He created and ran his own business and was also a devout employee of Berry's Furniture for several years. Ian loved life and worked hard, recently buying a new house for him and his wife. Ian leaves behind many left to bear the world without him including, but not limited to the love of his life, Jennifer Boudreau (Abbey, Sadie) who will be waiting to see him in her dreams; his parents, Brad and Lisa Boudreau; brothers, Gregory Boudreau (Marsha, Ellie, Dawson, Sophia), Taylor Boudreau (Meghan, Bane, Koal) and Alex Boudreau; his father-in-law, Tony Archibald (Juanita Whidden); mother-in-law, Amanda Munroe; his sisters-in-law, Brandice Munroe-Churchill (Mark, Skyleen) and Courteney Archibald and brother-in-law, Steven Archibald (Brittany). He also leaves behind his grandmothers, Marlene Boudreau (Gus MacDonald) and Mary Richards; cousins (but better known as siblings), Ashley Boudreau (Adam, Jordan, Jayden), Jessika Boudreau (Tyree, Treyvon, Alliyah), Marcus Boudreau, Zachary Boudreau (Nicole Boudreau) and beloved aunts and uncles, Brian and Lauralee Boudreau, Vernon and Nicole Boudreau (Keirsten Boudreau), Janice Boudreau and Sid Hart (Dillen Boudreau, Shelby Boudreau), Jason Richards (Nathan Richards, Rebekah Richards and Robert Richards (Dalton Richards)). Ian was predeceased by his Uncle Billy Boudreau; his Pup, Vernon Boudreau and his Pup, Barry Richards, all of whom will welcome him with open arms, singing to George Jones. His grandmother-in-law, Bernice Deal; stepfather-in-law, Sterling McRae and grandmother, Bentine Richards will also be waiting for Ian at the gates of heaven. A celebration of Ian's life was held July 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-2 pm for immediate family and from 2-4pm for friends both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

**WEATHERBEY, Irene June** – With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Irene June Weatherbey, 91 years, on July 19, 2024, in Debert Court, Debert, N.S. Irene was born on March 27, 1933, in Pugwash, to the late Ivan and Elsie (Layton) Forshner. She was a member of the Westchester United Baptist Church in Westchester, and over the years was actively involved in the UCW. She was a lover of animals of all kinds, especially her beloved dogs and cats. Mom was a talented seamstress, knitter, and quilter. She and her late mother made many beautiful quilts together. These quilts would become tokens of love to her family. It was a regular sight to arrive at Mom's house to see a quilt in progress. She enjoyed gardening and had a love for vibrant coloured flowers; a hobby she shared with her late husband, Allen. Baking was another of Mom's passions. Mom is survived by her daughter-in-law, Marcia Mattinson, Lawrencetown, HRM; her children Billy Mattinson, Pugwash, Ronnie (Mary) Mattinson, Pugwash, Carol-Lee (Eric) Dotten, Lantz, Kelly Ann (Steven) Parker, Pugwash and Jeannie (Walter) Allen, Collingwood; her stepchildren, Marc (Barb) Weatherbey, Debert, Edward (Pascal) Weatherbey, Quebec, Sharon (Luc) Rodrigue, Crossroads, Alberta, Melanie (Daniel) Siple, Wetaskwin, Alberta, Tanya (Douglas) Weatherbey-Wile, Bible Hill, Alene Weatherbey, Tatamagouche and Elsie Beal, Tatamagouche. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Donna Lake, Bible Hill, Betty Stout, Maine, and Joy Weatherbey, Truro, as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her former husbands, Roy Mattinson and Gerald Fredericks (Joe); her husband, Edward Allen Weatherbey; her son, Ivan Roy Mattinson; her brothers, Layton Forshner (Sonny), Earl Forshner; sister-in-law, Margie Forshner and stepson-in-law, Barry Beal. A very special thank you to all the staff at Debert Court nursing home. Your care and compassion has been very much appreciated. For those wishing to make a donation in memory of Mom, donations to Eagle Hill Cemetery would be appreciated. A visitation was held on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm with a funeral service at 2:00pm, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Reception followed. Burial took place in Eagle Hill Cemetery, Westchester following the reception. Online condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**LAWRENCE, John Stanley** – Of Great Village, passed away on July 21, 2024 at the age of 89. John is survived by his spouse, Freda (Shay); his children, Debbie (Roy Keddy), Gary (Joy Davis), Sandy (Robert Thompson), Pamela and Gordie (April Messenger); grandchildren, Bette (Chris Geldart), Jenny (Matt Mccarthy), Brittany (Josh Sroka), Tyler (Stephanie), Janelle (Jeremy Connor), Jamie, Rachel (Josh) and Lucas; great-grandchildren, Taylor (Dee), Jordan, Mia, Kai, Cru, Ryker and Max; great great-grandchildren, Dawson and Jaxon; his only brother, Ross (Linda) of Oshawa, ON; as well as many nephews and nieces. Memorial service was held on July 27, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall 183 Waller Drive, Truro. Friends and family are also invited to a Celebration of Life to be held on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 2 p.m. at 76 Old Trunk Road, Elmsdale. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the charity of your choice. [www.arimatheafuneral.ca](http://www.arimatheafuneral.ca)

**STANFIELD, F. Thomas "Tom"** – Age 81, Truro, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on July 23, 2024, in Truro, Nova Scotia. Tom was born on July 16, 1943, in Truro, Nova Scotia, to the late Frank T. Stanfield and Emma Elizabeth (Matheson) Stanfield. Tom is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Beth (Fleming) Stanfield; as well as children, Jennifer Stanfield, Jill (Andrew) Sears, Jon (Sue) Stanfield; grandchildren, Emma Stanfield, Rachel and Rowan Sears, Gabrielle and Jaxon Stanfield. He is also survived by special in-laws, Barb and Frank Chisholm; nieces and nephews, Suzanne Zohorsky, Allison, Amy and Andrew Chisholm, and Meghan, Ian, and Brian Covert. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Francis Robertson and Patricia Covert; brother, Paul Stanfield; nephew, Paul Robertson. Tom attended King's Collegiate School in Windsor, Nova Scotia. He received his undergraduate degree in 1964 from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. His education journey then led him to Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, where he received his MBA in 1966. Tom returned to Truro in 1966. Upon the sudden death of his father in 1967, he was appointed Chairman, President and CEO of Stanfield's Limited. Tom continued to lead the business for 51 years until his retirement in 2018. In retirement, he served the Company as a Special Advisor and Honorary Director until his passing. Tom dedicated his life to building Stanfield's Limited. There were an unlimited number of challenges that he overcame in the apparel manufacturing sector. As a 4th generation leader in the business, his drive, determination and care for his employees allowed the business to adapt during his time as CEO. He was committed to supporting and growing his community. Tom's three community pillars were economic development, health care and education. Tom was appointed as the inaugural Chair of Nova Scotia Business Inc. He worked with others to establish a new path for economic development and business attraction in Nova Scotia. He served as Chair of the Truro Industrial Commission in his early days back in Truro and served as a Truro Town Councilor for many years. He was past Chair of the Colchester Regional Hospital. He was the first Chair of the Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation. Tom led the Capital Campaigns for the expansion of the old hospital and the construction of the new Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Tom was dedicated to education. He was instrumental in leading the amalgamation of King's Collegiate School and Edgehill School for Girls into the modern King's Edgehill School in Windsor, NS. In the end, there is just not enough space to share Tom's impact on the community and these are a small footprint of Tom's legacy. He was inducted into the Junior Achievement Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame in 2004. Tom is a Paul Harris Fellow recognized by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Tom's crowning and most important personal achievement was his appointment to the Order of Canada in 2011. Tom enjoyed his Friday golf foursome, summer in Smith Cove, hosting NYE parties at the House, wintering in Lakewood Ranch, skiing the Rockies, Christmas with Family, boating adventures on the Northumberland Strait, reading books regarding business icons, traveling, Bearcat games, a ballpark frank and a good cigar. As a husband, father, and grandfather, he had unwavering devotion to his family. We will be forever grateful for his love and support. He was the ultimate family man. Tom was the glue to maintain connection to his immediate and broader family. He will be missed. Tom's legacy lives on through his family, friends and business colleagues, whom Tom supported with quiet generosity for his entire life. Tom's sharp sense of humour always brought smiles to people's faces through good and bad times. His sense of humour prevailed during his final days through to the end of his life's journey. Special thanks to those doctors who have a special place in Tom's life over the years especially the most recent decade; Dr. Tim Brown, Dr. Mark Taylor, Dr. Stephen Zeitels, Dr. Frank Slipp, Dr. Amanda Webster, Dr. David Henderson and the Palliative Care Team, VON and Home Care Team. Words cannot describe the appreciation and admiration he had for these people. Family flowers only. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation with specific attention to the Palliative Care Unit. Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 7th from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, August 8th at 11 am in St. John's Anglican Church, 23 Church St., Truro. Private Family burial to follow immediately after the service. Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Tom's Life in Truro Golf Club, 86 Golf St., Truro from 1-4 pm. Online condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)



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