

OBITUARIES

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NEWCOMBE, Bernadette Elaine — Age 59, Salmon River. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our mother, Bernadette Elaine Newcombe, who passed on July 2, 2026, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. She was born in Halifax to the late Robert and Jean (Sheaves) Newcombe. Bernadette loved her children and grandchildren immensely. She enjoyed the simple things in life and will be remembered for her laugh and always having a smile on her face. Bernadette will be especially missed by her sister and best friend, Annette. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Charlene, Audrey and Christene; brother, Bobby and a sister in infancy, Marlene. Bernadette is survived by her sons, Devon (Jamie-Lynn). Nicholas, Johnathon and Justin; grandchildren, Donovan, Channing, Hannah, Alexis, Aaliyah, Ronan, Adalynn, Jax and Jackson; sisters, Deborah, Susanne, Annette and Kelly and brothers, Aubrey and Vernon. A family graveside service will take place at a later date in Mount Hermon Lawn Cemetery, Dartmouth.

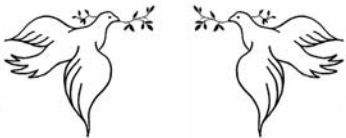
EMBREE, Harold, 84 of Valley, Colchester County passed away July 9, 2026 after a lengthy battle with Parkinsons. Born in Truro he was a son of the late Ivan and Elizabeth (Cook) Embree of Truro. He was loved and will be missed by his wife Leona (McCallum), a son Marc, a daughter Jill and a granddaughter Bridget, as well as all his “in-laws”, whom he loved and considered his own family. Harold was a proud and private man who worked hard all of his life. In his early years he enjoyed the sport of boxing, as well as hunting, fishing and family camping trips, which always included a campfire. In later years he and Leona travelled, with a Viking Cruise in Paris being a highlight. He enjoyed summer kayaking and relaxing at their summer place in Braeshore. Harold was self employed as an accountant and contractor, having built multiple houses and apartment buildings in and around Truro. I would like to sincerely thank the staff of Mayflower at the Mira Nursing Home for all their loving care and respect given to Harold and his family during his short stay there. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be announced and held at a later date.

Augustine, Nora Jane - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Nora Jane Augustine, who passed away on July 9, 2026, in Truro, Nova Scotia, at the age of 58. Born on September 25, 1967, in Providence, Rhode Island, Nora was the beloved daughter of Earle William McNally and Margaret Annie McNally. She was the cherished widow of Joe Augustine and a devoted mother to Joseph, Marygayle, Shelby, and Amanda. She is also lovingly remembered by her seven sisters, six brothers, extended family, and many dear friends whose lives she touched with her kindness and generosity. Nora's life's work was being a mother. She dedicated herself wholeheartedly to raising her children, always placing their happiness, well-being, and dreams before her own. Her love for her family was unwavering and unconditional, and it was the foundation upon which she built her life. Nora had a remarkably creative spirit. She found joy in photography, paper quilling, gardening, cooking, and any opportunity to create something beautiful. She had a gift for making ordinary moments feel special and a house into a home. Whether she was preparing a meal, tending to her garden, crafting thoughtful gifts, or her boundless hospitality, everything she did was filled with love. She was known for her infectious sense of humor, her compassionate heart, and her willingness to help anyone in need. Nora believed deeply in seeing the good in people and never hesitated to stand up for those in need. She took pride in proving people wrong when they underestimated her (especially the doctors). Her strength, resilience, and fierce love for her family inspired everyone who knew her. Among her many proud accomplishments were becoming a cheerleader in her youth, completing a 5-kilometre run in Rhode Island following her kidney transplant—a testament to her perseverance and courage—and creating cherished family traditions that continue to bring loved ones together. Christmas was especially meaningful to Nora. Her legacy lives on through “The Big Feast,” the family's annual food bank donations, and the beloved Christmas tins filled with homemade goodies that she lovingly prepared and shared with friends and family each year. These traditions were never just about food or gifts; they were about sharing love and kindness. Nora found comfort and community through Truro Alliance Church, where her faith and friendships were an important part of her life. Though our hearts are broken, we take comfort in knowing that Nora's love will continue to guide us. She taught us the importance of compassion, generosity, resilience, and family. The memories she created, the traditions she began, and the unconditional love she gave so freely will remain with us forever. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, July 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in Truro Alliance Church, 195 Truro Heights Rd., Truro Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Truro Alliance Church or to the Dialysis Unit at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, in honor of Nora's life and care. Forever loved. Forever missed. Forever in our hearts.

CHAPMAN, Vincent R., Nov. 1965-July 2026 - It is with deep heartbreak that the family of Vince announce his sudden passing on July 10, 2026, at the age of 60 years. Vince is survived by his spouse of 40 years, Lynn McNutt; son, Dwayne Chapman; daughter, Ashley (Steve Oldford); granddaughter, Hayley; grandson, Landyn; brother-in-law, Devin; Pat Dodsworth (Vince lovingly called Mom); sisters, Donna and Jennifer and nieces and nephews, along with special cousin, Roy Greenhorn. He was predeceased by his Mom, Lorina Chapman; Peter Dodsworth (whom he lovingly called Dad); sister, Lynn Dodsworth and a brother in infancy. From an early age, Vince loved being in the woods hunting or fishing. He spent many hours being surrounded by nature and the solitude it provided him. He loved camping in the woods or on the beach. Even when he forgot the tent poles, he figured something out. He loved his daughter and son with all his heart and was very proud of their achievements. He was blessed with the sweetest grandson, whom he enjoyed teasing and spending time with. If you were Vince's friend, you could always count on him to be there for you. To many of his friends, he was their brother from another mother. There will be no funeral service. Donations may be made to Heart & Stroke Foundation or SPCA.

BELL, Lois Margaret (McCallum) - It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Lois Margaret (McCallum) Bell, of Onslow, on July 11, 2026, with her loving husband by her side in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Lois was born in Truro on January 20, 1959. She was the daughter of the late Lester and Lois (Delaney) McCallum. Lois loved her husband and her cats more than anything in the world. She enjoyed playing cards with friends, going to bingo, watching cooking shows and she also enjoyed going on “bologna tours” with her friends. Lois worked at the Palliser Restaurant for many years, as well as A&W and Tim Hortons. She will be deeply missed by her husband of 46 years, William “Bill” Osborne Bell and her friends, Tammy Atkinson (Gordie and their daughter, Kathleen) and Carol Lynk (Bruce Laird), and so many more friends and family that loved her. Besides her parents, Lois was predeceased by her grandparents, Fred and Margaret McCallum, Lou and Jean Delaney, and her very close cousin and friend, Nancy Crowe. A heartfelt thank to Dr. Sarbjit Singh, and the nurses in ICU, E2, and Palliative care for taking such great care of Lois. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colchester SPCA. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St. Truro, NS. A graveside service for family and friends will be held at a later date in West Branch Cemetery, North River.

St. Jean, Betty Jean (Bird) — of Bible Hill. It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Betty St. Jean on July 12, 2026, at the age of 74. Betty will be remembered for the love she shared with her family and friends, as well as her never-ending smile and infectious laughter. She cherished traveling with her beloved husband, Tim, creating many treasured memories along the way. Betty also had a great love for NASCAR, rarely ever missing a race day. She found joy in quiet moments spent reading, the fun and camaraderie of playing bingo, and her special times sharing tea with Carrie. Her legacy of love, kindness, and joyful spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Betty leaves behind her devoted husband, Tim St. Jean; her loving son, Nicholas Murray (Kathleen Waugh); her stepdaughters, Marie Loughead (Lester) along with their five children, and Rachel St. Jean. She is also survived by her brothers, Robert Bird (Ralene) and Allen Bird (Agnes); her sisters, Kora Plinder (Chuck), Reta Parsons (Gerald), and Monica Mitton (Danny). Betty was predeceased by her beloved sister, Verna, sister-in-law, Ralene and her parents, Willina and Garnet Bird. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who offered their love, support, and compassion during this difficult time. A celebration of Betty's life was held Friday July 17th at 1pm in the Truro Horsemen's Club, 288 Main St., Bible Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CEHHC Foundation or CEHHC “We Care About Cancer”.





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WEATHERBEE, Marie Isabel (Clark) - It is with sad hearts we share that Marie Isabel (Clark) Weatherbee, age 88, of Truro, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 16, 2026. Marie was the soul mate of the late Ivan Eugene Weatherbee. Born in Upper Musquodoboit, she was the daughter of the late George and Thelma (Redden) Clark. As a teenager she worked at Lewis' Hat Factory and then later she could be found working the register at Sobeys with her friendly smile. Marie is survived by daughters, Debbie Chelli, Bridgewater, Thelma (Terry) Stone, Truro Heights; sons, Wade (Sheila) Weatherbee, Calgary, Charles (Kathy) Weatherbee, Shortts Lake, Ted (Francis) Weatherbee, Truro Heights. She is also survived by her sister, Linda (George) Boyce, North River; stepsisters, Muriel, Lois; brother, Lloyd, Massachusetts; stepbrother, Frank and half brother, Alexander (Sandy). Her spirit will be carried on by her grandchildren, Crystal, Cindy, Luke, Autaun, Chantry, Pam, Lisa, Mitchell, Camden, Nick, Jared and great grandchildren, Jordan, Taylor, Hudsyn, Scarlett, Charlie, Maddy, Eloise, Ben, Owen, Lillia, Lennox and Waylon. Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her stepsister, Patricia; her brothers, George Neil, Walter (Georgina), Doug (Georgina), Ronnie (Phyllis), Gene (Isabelle), Carl (Jackie), Leo Brian (Kathy), Rob and stepbrother, Jack. Marie cherished the friendships she made throughout her life and enjoyed many happy hours playing crib and volunteering with the Golden Girls at Cedarstone. Her faith was the cornerstone of her life, and she was a devoted member of Truro Heights United Baptist Church. For more than 60 years, she and Ivan lovingly made their home in Truro Heights, where they raised their family and created countless treasured memories. Marie was the family's storyteller and unofficial historian, always able to recall the people, places, and events that shaped their lives. She loved sharing those memories whenever someone was looking for an answer or a story from years gone by. A passionate fan of the Toronto Blue Jays and the Toronto Maple Leafs, she rarely missed a game and delighted in talking with her grandchildren about the latest scores, standout plays, and her favourite players. There were a few important lessons we learned from Marie: always be kind and giving to those in need and love everybody unconditionally and never turn down a game of crib. Viewing was held at 1pm until time of funeral service at 2pm on Tuesday, July 21st, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Pastor Greg Porter presiding. Burial to follow in Truro Heights United Baptist Cemetery, 343 Truro Heights Road, Truro Heights with reception following in Truro Heights United Baptist Church.

CAMPBELL, Kenneth “Ken” John - The family of Kenneth “Ken” John Campbell of Truro, NS is saddened to announce his sudden passing on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at the age of 43 years. Ken will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed by his wife and life partner of 22 years, Crystal; daughter, Kenzie and son, Alex; along with numerous friends and coworkers from Aggregate Equipment and Oak Lee Equines. Ken was predeceased by his parents, John and Janet (nee Johnson) Campbell. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Horse First Initiative. A visitation was held Tuesday, July 28, 2026, from 2-4 pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro NS, B2N 5H2.

Province Invests in Rural Development, Innovation Across NS

The Province is supporting rural economic development projects that include an initiative to connect employers with skilled international post-secondary graduates, a pop-up business zone and a startup competition for entrepreneurs. Seven organizations have received nearly \$890,000 total from two provincial funding streams that aim to help communities and sectors become more competitive through innovation and collaboration.

“Rural communities are full of ideas, talent and opportunity, and these investments will help turn that potential into real economic growth,” said Colton LeBlanc, Minister of Growth and Development. “Through the Community Economic Development Fund, we are supporting projects that build stronger regions, grow local businesses, attract investment and help more Nova Scotians see a future in the communities they call home.”



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