

# OBITUARIES

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**MURPHY, John Edward** - 91, Debert. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved father, husband, grandfather, and great-grandfather on October 24, 2012, surrounded by his family at home. Born in Lameline, Newfoundland, on February 16, 1921, he was a son of the late Peter and Suzanne (Benteau) Murphy. John is survived by his wife of 66-years, the former Lillian Annie Hinchcliffe; brother, Adrian Murphy; step-brother, Tommy Nordkap; daughters, Linda Eagles (Kelly), Nancy Morphet (Dwayne), Margie Nichols, Jessie Cornelius (Ken), Sandra Murphy (Drew); sons, Peter (Shelley), John Michael (Jan), Paul (Wendy); 17 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a twin brother Michael, brothers Placid, Eugene; sister Paulette; infant granddaughter Jill. A celebration of John's life was held Sunday, October 28, 2012, in Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. A private family interment will take place at a later date in the Main Road Cemetery, Debert. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**MOSHER, Stanley Ivan "Bud"** - 86, Truro, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late George and Minnie (Crouse) Mosher. He is survived by son, Mark (Susan) Mosher, Debert; brother, Karl Mosher, Debert; sister, Elaine (Gerald) Whitman, Shubenacadie; grandchildren, Josh (Heather), Natasha, Rob, Lisa; 5 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife the former Joyce McCully; daughter, Leah Ann; sister, Margaret. Funeral service was held Saturday, November 3, 2012, in Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, Reverend Kym Burke-Cole officiated. Interment was held in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert. Full obituaries and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**WHIDDEN, Gladys Evelyn** - 96, Central Onslow, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family Friday Morning, November 2, 2012. Born December 29, 1915 in Nether Wallop, Hampshire, England, she was a daughter of the late Alfred and Louisa (Canning) Hawkins. In 1945 Gladys arrived in Halifax as a war bride, where she then settled in Central Onslow. She enjoyed camping and fishing with her husband and family. She is survived by her loving children John Whidden, Kemptown; daughter Shirley (Robert) Hall, Greenfield; loving grandchildren Gloria Nelson (Ricky Fleck), Kim (Richard) Keizer, Susan Whidden (Jodie), Rodney Whidden, Troy Whidden; very loving great-grandchildren Stephanie (Godfrey), Mychal (Brandon), Bailee, Mya, Dennis, Jennifer, Corey, Alexis; extended family Denise Hall (Rick Munro), Lorenda (Joe) Harper, Brittany, Jason and special friend Cathy Blaikie. Along with her parents she was predeceased by her soul mate and husband Gordon, brother Walley, grandson Stephen and daughter in-law Nancy. At her request no visitation will be held. A private family gathering will take place at her home. Arrangements are entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Condolences may be made at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**ALEXANDER, Mary "Ellen" Moffatt (Murray)** - 92, Masstown. We the family of Mary Ellen Moffatt Alexander (Murray) regret to announce the passing of our loving Mum on Sunday, November 4, 2012 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro, with her family at her side. Born in Bonnie, Edinburgh, Scotland, February 16, 1920, she was a daughter of the late James and Elizabeth Murray and loving wife of the late Angus Alexander. Ellen and Angus met in Scotland during the war and were married November 6, 1943 before arriving in Canada at Pier 21 in Halifax aboard the "Aquatania" with Bonnie lass Elizabeth in tow. She is lovingly survived by her children, Elizabeth (Ralph), Judy, John (Peggy), Beverly (Gordon), Murray (Thelma), Caroline (Ronnie), Darlene (Mike) and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews in Canada and Bonnie Scotland. Also survived by sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Ileen Alexander, Betty Crossman, Glenda Young, Eileen Giddens and Ken Smith. She was predeceased by her grand-daughter, Tina Marie Blair, step-grandson, Lenny Irving, son-in-law, Peter Beazley. Ellen worked at the Masstown Market for many years beginning in 1972 and made numerous friends within the community and was loved by many. Funeral service was held November 9, 2012 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, Pastor Bill Martin officiating. Interment in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. Donations in her memory may be made to The War Amps or a charity of choice. On-line condolences and donations at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**FERDINAND, Carson Leon** - It is with broken hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved angel Carson Leon Ferdinand on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at the Colchester Regional Hospital Truro. Born on December 30, 1940, Londonderry, Nova Scotia, he was the son of the late Charles and Grace (Rushton) Ferdinand of Westchester Station. Carson is survived by his best friend and soul mate, Jackie (Walsh); his loving children, Michelle (Scott), Kentville; David (Robin), Fredericton; Darren (Michelle), Truro; and Jaclyn (Tony) Hendsbee, Truro; his ten precious grandchildren, Paige, Brett, Madeline, Blake, Matthew, Carson, Shea, Payton, Luke and Raylee; his sister, Brenda (Jim) Fisher, Hilden; his sister-in-law, Polly Ferdinand, Westchester Station, along with many nieces and nephews and close family members. He was predeceased by his brothers, Willis and Winston and his sister, Roberta. Mass Of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, November 10, 2012, at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 669 Prince Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**COLPITTS, Conrad A.** - 58, of Halifax and formerly of Parrsboro passed away Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the Infirmary Site, QEII, Halifax. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Paul Colpitts and the late Maureen (Morris) (Colpitts) Power. He is survived by a daughter, Malaika Colpitts, Halifax; a son, Chansé Colpitts, Halifax; brothers, Vaughn Colpitts, Seattle, Wash.; Mark Arents (Diane), Nampa, Alberta; step-father, Robert Power, Parrsboro; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by a sister, Juanita Heffler. Funeral service was held November 12, 2012 in the Parrsboro Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Greg Doyle officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**MackKAY, Margaret E.** - 96, of Parrsboro passed away Monday, November 12, 2012 at All Saints Hospital, Springhill. Born in Moncton, she was a daughter of the late Leslie and Laura (Miller) MacMurdo. She operated, with her husband, Fraemar Enterprises in Parrsboro for many years. She was well known throughout the area for her handcrafted jewelry, having supplied many craft shops and shows throughout the region. She is survived by daughters, Jeanne Smith, Judy Morris (Gary), Parrsboro; Laura Mackay (Ron Kneis), Sechart, B.C.; sons, John (Ann Marie), Lake Wylie, SC; Les (Carol), Halifax; Gerry (Brenda), White Rock, B.C.; Jim, Dartmouth; 12 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Fraser in 1991; twin daughters in infancy; a son in law, Bud Smith; a great-great granddaughter, Chelsea; a sister in infancy; brothers, Jewel, Reginald, Harry, Beecher, Jack. Funeral service was held November 16, 2012 at Trinity United Church, Parrsboro, Keith Selwyn-Smith, DLM officiating. Burial in the Parrsboro United Cemetery. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**MORRIS, J. Loretta** - 73, of West Brook passed away on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Harrison Settlement, she was a daughter of the late Chester and Irene (Nicholson) Gilbert. She is survived by her husband, Dallas; daughters, Kathy Gallant (Bert), Southampton; Christine Morris (Randy Weatherbee), Fenlon Falls, Ont.; Sherrie Morris, Halifax; Debbie LaRue (Bob), Maccan; Starr Smith (Troy), Springhill; a son, Myles (Anne Marie), Southampton; sisters, Bernice Brown (Ken), Riverview; Pearl Quinn, Springhill; Phyllis Simmons, Amherst; brothers, Gordon Gilbert, West Brook; George Gilbert (Jeanie), West Brook; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild. She was predeceased by a sister, Vera; brothers, Frederick, Kenneth. Funeral service was held November 20, 2012 with Rev. Greg Doyle officiating. Burial in the West Brook Cemetery. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**JOLLYMORE, Barbara Ann** - 49, Truro passed away November 19, 2012 in QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax. Born in Mill Cove, she was a daughter of the late Colin and Ruth (Banks) Jollymore. She is survived by her spouse, Richard "Dick" McClellan; stepchildren, Rachel and Rebecca McClellan, both of Truro, Kenny, Kemptown, Sarah (Darren), Petrie, Crowes Mills; step-grandchildren, Alexis and Chayse Petrie; sisters, Valerie (Dale) Kaiser, Chester, Cynthia (Paul) Dominey, Deep Cove, Christine (Ronnie) Zinck, Chester; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother and sister. Funeral service was held November 22 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Carol Gillard officiating. Interment in Masstown Cemetery. On-line condolences and donations at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**WILE, Mary Maxine** - 74, Truro passed away November 19, 2012 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born at Three Mile Plains, she was a daughter of the late Ralph and Ada (Ettinger) Caldwell. Mary retired from the Best Western Glengarry then took up the hobby of bass fishing. Mary is survived by daughter, Linda Montana; sons, Howard, Dean, Gary (Doris), Scott (Lucy), all of Truro, Terry, Alberta; brothers, Clarence (Shirley), Paul (Lynn), both of Windsor, Bill (Sandy), Ont.; sisters, Helen Wile, Windsor, Sharon (Dave) Pratt, Belmont; sons-in-law, Eric (Sharon) Sandeson, Ken DeCoste; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by husband, Murray; daughters, Christine Sandeson, Janet Robben; brothers, Hermon, Johnny, Hallie; sisters, Jean Barkhouse, Mabel Hart; grandchildren, Jason Wile, Stacey and Roddy Sandeson. A memorial service was held on November 24 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Rev. Larry Harrison officiating. Interment in Belmont Cemetery. On-line condolences and donations at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**JOHNSON, Eva Marie** - 78, Truro went to be with the Lord on November 19, 2012 with her beloved husband Harry at her side at Wynn Park Villa, Truro. Born in Colchester County, she was a daughter of the late Homer and Ada (Dart) Weatherbee. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Harry, East Mountain; sons, Dwane (Valerie), Prescott, Garfield (Bev), all of East Mountain, Kevin (Annemarie), Dartmouth; sister, Beatrice (Gary) Hingley; brothers, Leland, Ross (Linda), Raymond (Mary); grandchildren, Danielle, Melina, Kristina, Samuel, Lacy, Simeon, Jonah, Sarah; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sister, Zelda Harvey; brother, Ivan. Special thanks to Sue Scott for her compassionate care for Eva over the past two years. Funeral service was held November 23 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Rev. Denn Guptill officiating. Interment in Crossroads Cemetery, Valley. On-line condolences and donations may be made at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**WORKS, Betty B.** - 78, of Truro, and formerly of Parrsboro passed away Monday, November 19, 2012 at the Mira Long Term Care Facility, Truro. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Clarence and Gwen (Hughes) Works. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed crafting and baking. She survived by her children, Crystal Seaward (Randy), Edmonton; Bruce Works (Grace), Brampton, Ont.; Paul Works, Truro; Cindy Bates, Truro; 12 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; brothers, Junior (Mary), Valley; Keith (Pearl), Truro Heights; Bud (Dot), East Mountain; Lloyd, Calgary; Don (Teresa), Peterborough, Ont. She was predeceased by her common-law husband, Floyd Patterson; a sister, Eileen Cameron. There will be no funeral service by her own request. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**RATCHFORD, Merriam L.** - 74, of Spencer's Island passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at Bayview Memorial Health Care Centre, Advocate Harbour. Born in Spencer's Island, he was a son of the late Laurence and Mary (Spicer) Merriam. Ratchford started his professional life with Swift Canadian. In 1960, he started his first business as a hearing aid audiologist on Quinpool Road in Halifax. In 1964, he joined Mutual Life of Canada where he remained until his retirement in 1999, at which time he returned to Spencer's Island. In 2000, he put his name forward as a municipal councillor, and had just recently entered his fourth term serving the constituents of Cumberland County, District 10. He is survived by his wife, the former Winnie MacLeod; a daughter, Shelley, Spencer's Island; sons, Brian (Maria), Halifax; Brent (Debbie), Diligent River; sisters, Thelma Traill (Jim), Amherst Shore; Pat Merriam (Barry Small), Oakville, Ont.; grandchildren, Matthew, Laura and Sarah. All were invited to join the family for a public reception at the Advocate Fire Hall on Sunday, November 25, 2012. A private family committal service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

## I Heard It At The Company Store

By Wendy Cox

Do you know what I heard...I heard there will be a tree lighting of the Bass River Heritage Park on Dec 7th at 6:30...come on out and get some hot chocolate and cookies and see the park light up.

In the spirit of Christmas, the school is having their Christmas concert on Dec 18th at 7pm so come on out and get in the spirit of the season and enjoy all the hard work the students and staff have put into their concert.

I am happy to say some of the playground equipment for the Bass River Community Playground Park is now installed. We, now, have a large piece of climbing apparatus in which is called the Cosmo, and a set of swings and a couple other pieces will be installed before snowfall. The surface of this will be wood carpet which is an accessible surface. This allows people with wheelchairs, strollers and walkers easier accessibility to the equipment.

The grade 8 and 9 student of West Colchester Consolidated School are fundraising for their trip to Ottawa in the spring. The students are selling Christmas Wreaths, farmers cheese and they are also having a Fun Fair on Dec. 6th from 7-9 which will have a variety of things for sale and things to do for all ages. You may be able to pick up a few Christmas presents there too. Sounds like a fun time for all ages. If you want to order wreaths or cheese give

the school a call.

There will be a soup luncheon at Riverside United Church on Dec. 2nd at 11:30 all are welcome. The Christmas Eve service will be held at the Economy United Church this year. And New Years Eve dance in Economy at the rec center.

We had a beautiful fall day to celebrate Remembrance Day, a large turnout to all the services in the area. I went to the Veterans Park service and it was a very nice service with lots of people of all ages in attendance. The school had their Remembrance service at the park the Friday before...the students did a great job with the service. It's always nice to see the students get involved and remember why we stop and remember.

As I reported last month, the Silica Lake Nursing Home Camp in Castlereigh was burnt last month. I am pleased to report the camp has been rebuilt. The support from the friends and family and even strangers that went into the rebuilding of this camp has overwhelmed Danny and Dave Wood and their families.

There was a donation jar at the company store and we raised over \$100, more than enough money to get a new sign made for the camp. Thanks to Bruce Shields for making the sign. The hearts and concern from a small community is shown again. Remember you heard this at the company store...and if you want to see it hear let me know. Have a safe and Happy Holiday.

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