

# OBITUARIES

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**WELTON**, Ralph Roland, 76, Economy – It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Ralph Roland Welton on October 6, 2017. Ralph was born October 18, 1940 to James “Jim” Welton and Jennie (Kennie) Welton in Pleasant Hills, Economy. Ralph was raised by his mom and chosen father, Leo Webb. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He leaves behind three step-children, Doug (Barbara), Rob (Cathy) and Brian (Shannon) Davis; his beloved dogs, Buddy and Bailey and cat, Susie. Ralph was predeceased by his wife Sandy and step-daughter Susie; his brother, Donald and sister, Greta (Cook) Welton; nephew Bob Matix. Ralph loved animals and a special mention to his dogs, Tramp, Lady, Missy, Rascal and Rusty and cat Sam who predeceased him. Ralph was the owner and operator of Seaboard Painting and Contracting with over 50 years as a business man. He will be dearly missed by his crew at Seaboard. There will be no funeral at Ralph's request. A celebration of life was held November 5, 2017 in the Economy Recreation Centre. Donations made in honour of Ralph Welton or Seaboard Painting and Contracting may be made to the SPCA, Colchester Branch. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home where on-line condolences may be made at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**VAN KROONENBURG**, Cornelius “Kees”, 89, died peacefully at Shannex nursing home in Debert on October 26, 2017. Cornelius and his wife Mia moved from Holland in 1953 and raised four children from very humble beginnings in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Cornelius had a very successful career with Volkswagen Canada and retired 30+ years ago. He was predeceased by his loving wife Wilhelmina (Mia) and is survived by his four children Leo (Donna) Truro, Diane Evans, Calgary, Adrian (Debbie), Calgary and John (Debbie) Waverley as well as eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Kees will be buried with his wife with a family only gathering. There will not be a public service or wake as per his wishes. We wish to give thanks to the wonderful staff at Debert Court for looking after Kees for the past 10 years. We would also like to thank all the friends and family for visiting Dad over the years. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro where on-line condolences may be made at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**REID**, Marilyn Elizabeth (James) - 77, Truro, passed away on October 30, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Great Village, NS on July 31, 1940, Marilyn was the daughter of the late Roy James and Anna (Shirley) Jamieson. She is survived by her husband, John and their three children, Jack (Paula), Shelley (Bob), and Scott (Tracy); and her grandchildren, Brittany, Brianna, Noah, Pierson, and Kai; and sister, Karen (Neale) Stead. She was predeceased by her brother, Don (Linda) James. Marilyn grew up in Truro, NS and became a registered nurse, graduating from the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax in 1961. She was the school nurse at Mount Allison University and in hospitals in Moncton, Amherst, Tatamagouche, and Truro. Marilyn will most be remembered for her kindness, thoughtfulness, and giving, loving heart. In keeping with her wishes, a Private Graveside Service will be held to celebrate her life. Donations may be made to the Arthritis Society in her memory. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**BENNETT**, Hugh G. ‘Hughie’ – Age 89, of Fraserville, and formerly of Williams Lake, B.C. passed away Wednesday, October 31, 2017 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Advocate Harbour, he was a son of the late James Irvin and Beatrice O. (Morris) Bennett. He is survived by his wife, the former Ardis Strong; a daughter, Cathy, Fraserville; a son, Ralph (Doreen), Dartmouth; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by daughters, Beth and Angella; a son, Courtney; sisters, Beulah, Daisy, Claire, Bell, Leola; brothers, Basil, Donnie, Vernon, Bernard, Russell, Wyman, Howard, Roger. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Fraserville Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**ARCHIBALD**, Helen Ilene - 89, Truro passed away on Tuesday October 31, 2017. Helen was the daughter of the late Percy and Gertrude (Brenton) Stone. She was born in Athol and grew up in Westchester. She later moved to Truro in the late 40's where she worked for the Telephone Company. Over the years, she worked for Goodspeeds, operated a B&B and owned a taxi business. Helen is survived by her seven children, Charles Archibald, Stephanie Newell (Charles), Bob Archibald (Louise), Alison Grant (John), Nancy Archibald, Patricia Rafuse, Patrick Archibald (Stephanie). She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Patricia and Jenny, Sara, Erin, and Emily, Ryan and Evan, Sam and Hannah and twelve great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Erma Card (Gordon), and several nieces and nephews. Helen was predeceased by her former husband, Foster Archibald, her brothers, Herbert, Hector and Reginald; sister, Hazel. In later years, Helen resided in Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. By request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Private family interment will be held in Westchester Cemetery at a later date. For those wishing, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia, IWK or charity of one's choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to Helen's family by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**MCALKEESE**, Daniel C. – Age 77, of Amherst and formerly of Parrsboro passed away Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Donald and Dorothy (Falkenham) McAleese. He is survived by his wife, the former Virginia Burke; daughters, Angela O'Brien (Gary), Cardigan, PEI; Cathy McAleese (Jamie Grant), Amherst; brothers, Roscoe (Faith); Fred (Nancy), all of Riverview, N.B.; grandchildren, Daniel, Evan, Kyle, Jenna, Keera. He was predeceased by a son, John Paul; a brother, Murray. Funeral service was held November 3, 2017 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Deacon Howie Goldstein officiated. Burial in St. Brigid's Catholic Cemetery, Parrsboro. Memorial donations may be made to Parkinson's Canada. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**HUTCHINSON**, Walter H. July 31, 1925 – Nov. 2, 2017. Walter (Dad) was born in Truro, Nova Scotia where he raised his family and built a successful business. Dad's early career began at the Brookfield Creamery, from 1940 – 1956, with the exception of a brief absence when he was in the army 1944-46. For many years, he worked as a Dairy Inspector for the N.S. Dept. of Agriculture. In June 1968 he decided to embark on a new venture and become a full time business owner. This new venture would develop into two successful Truro businesses: H & A Travelways and Kingston Aluminum Products Ltd. Walter (Dad) was very involved in the Truro community over the years in various capacities. He served for two terms as Truro Town Councillor from 1980 - 1987. He was a long term Rotarian, past President of the Liberal Association of Colchester County, and a Life member of the Royal Canadian Legion in Truro, Branch #26. He was proud to be named Veteran of the Year in 1976. Walter (Dad) is survived by companion Joan Carrigan; his children: Laura (John) Higgins, North River, N.S., Spencer, Tatamagouche Mountain, N.S.; Jean (Dirk) Knippers, Toronto, Ont.; Brenda (Pierre), Picton, NS; Robbie (Laurie), Shortts Lake, N.S., Earl (Janet), Yellowknife, NWT; and Marilyn, Denmark, N.S. He is also survived by grandchildren Kevin (Pauline), Dawn, Dennis, Shelley (Wesley), David, Samantha (Richard), Victoria (Landyn), Jamie, Michael (Kayla), Daniel, Thomas (Courtney) and Mark; and great grandchildren Hazen, Ryan, Nathan, Mitchell and Madeline. He is also survived by siblings: Ruth (Hugh) Lambourne, John (Beverly) Hutchinson & Shirley Crowell. Dad was predeceased by his parents, his wife Margaret (Robbie) Hutchinson, siblings Lena Cavanagh, Alex MacDonald, Hughie Hutchinson and Earl (in infancy). A Legion Tribute Service was held November 7th. Funeral service was Nov. 8 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Rev. David MacNaughton officiating. Burial in Tatamagouche Mountain Cemetery. Donations in Walter's memory can be made to the Alzheimer Society, Canadian Cancer Society, or a charity of your choice. Online condolences and donations at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**CORBIN**, Estella D. ‘Stella’ – It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our mother, Estella Corbin at the age of 91 on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Gables Lodge, Amherst. Born in Advocate Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Clayton and Hallie (Clark) Morris. She is survived by daughters, Marguerite, Abbotsford, B.C.; Katherine (Rob), Enfield; sons, Lindsay (Sharon), Littleton, Mass.; Garnet, Regina Sask.; Owen, Bedford; sisters, Sylvia, Ruth, both of Amherst; Wanda, West Advocate; 7 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Ivan; brothers, Murray, Glenford, Calvin, Wilfred. Stella was a devoted mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Advocate Baptist Church and church choir, the True Blue Lodge and was president of the Super Senior Club. She was employed at the Bayview Memorial Hospital in Advocate Harbour for 29 years. Funeral service was held November 15, 2017. Burial in the Advocate Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Advocate Fire Department or to the Advocate Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**CHOW**, Wai Chen – 95, Truro, passed away peacefully Saturday, November 11, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Kwangtung, China, she was the daughter of the late Chi Wor Woo and Ho Fui Tse. Wai dedicated herself to the family business, the Chow Family Restaurant in Truro. She is survived by son, Stan Chow (Marie); grandchildren, Anne Ireland (Bill), Sandra Munro (Ted), Michael Chow (Winnie); great grandchildren, Devin and Nicole Munro, Matthew Chow. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Yuen Qwan Chow. A special thank you to the staff at Vimy Court and to the Doctors and nurses of the Emergency and Palliative Care Units of Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. A Family Graveside Service will be held in Robie Street Cemetery, Truro. If so desired, the family welcome donations to the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**FULTON**, Reginald Scotfield – 86, Bass River, passed away peacefully in Colchester East Hants Health Centre on Saturday, November 11, 2017. Reg was born in Everett Mass to Harry Knight Fulton and Hazel Alice (Thompson) Fulton on Sept. 28, 1931. He worked in the woods, on bridges for Highways and was the owner/operator of the Bass River Garage with his wife, Betty. Reg enjoyed the woods and being at the camp, hunting, fishing, gardening and reminiscing with family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, June Elizabeth “Betty” nee Taylor; daughters, Martha (Steve Brown), Bass River, June (Vincent Margiewicz), Bristol, TN, Annette (David Jennings) Masstown and son, Patrick (Jeanette) Fall River; his sister, Alice Fulton, Bass River; grandchildren: Rebecca Brown, Hilden, Taylor Brown, Campbell River, Samantha Moore (Kyle) Old Barns; Vincent, James (Francisca) and John Margiewicz, New York, Lindsay Jennings Greenfield, Kyler Jennings (Lex) Masstown; Jacob and Jaclyn Fulton, Fall River; great grandchildren, Kaden, Charlene, Ava, Connor, Fulton and Mathew. Predeceased by son Jeffery Richard, parents, Harry and Hazel Fulton and brother, Theodore. A family graveside service was held November 16 in Riverside United Cemetery, Rev. Florence Antle-Brison officiated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colchester Branch SPCA or charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be made by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**MCLEOD**, Stella Maie - It's with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Stella Maie McLeod (McSwain), surrounded by family, at Vimy Court, Bible Hill, formerly of College Road. She had a great sense of humour and a smile for everyone and a great love of Hank Snow music. She is survived by her daughter Debbie (Foster) Stewart; son Paul (Shelley); grandchildren Scott (Tasha), Jason (Deborah) Stewart, and Morgan (Brittany) McLeod; great-grandchildren Michael, Lyndsey, Mayce, Jaxen and Avery and sister Mary Boomer; brother Bob (Carol) McSwain. Predeceased by her parents Alex and Mary McSwain, husband Donnie, daughter Joan, and siblings Mona, Rita, Eddie, Neil, and Clyde. Funeral service was held November 9 at Colchester Community Funeral Home with Rev. Donna Lawrence officiating. Donations to the Alzheimers Society. Special thank you to the staff at Vimy Court. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro where on-line condolences may be made at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**BROWNELL**, Gloria J. - Age 65, of River Hebert passed away suddenly on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at home. Born in West Brook, she was a daughter of the late Lawrence and Doris (Pettigrew) Pettigrew. She is survived by her companion, Keith Burbine; daughters, Trina Crandall (Terry), Amherst; son, Mark (Faye), Grand Prairie, Alta.; step-sons, Randy Burbine (Jennifer), Amherst; Jeff, Halifax; sisters, Melissa Davies, London, Ont.; Madeline Pettigrew (Terry), London, Ont.; Carol Proctor (Ernest), West Brook; Valerie Bates (Dave), London, Ont.; Kathy Rector (Charles), Amherst; Shelly Rogers (Jimmy), Southampton; a brother, Larry, Parrsboro; 6 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters, Diana, Margaret; a brother, Robert. A celebration of life gathering was held at the River Hebert Legion November 23, 2017. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**WHEATON**, Sr., E. William, ‘Bill’ - Age 96, of Parrsboro, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 20, 2017 at the Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial Building in Halifax. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Walter and Lottie (Webster) Wheaton. Bill grew up in his home town where he participated in many sports throughout his school years. During wartime, he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. where he served from 1941-1945. Following the war, Bill and his wife Irene returned to Parrsboro where they operated Wheaton's Restaurant from 1945 until it was destroyed by fire in 1962. He then opened Wheaton's Homemade Candy. Following this adventure, he established Wheaton Sales Agencies with his son Billy, representing manufacturers throughout the Atlantic provinces. Bill was very involved in the community which he loved and served so well. He was a member of the Parrsboro Town Council, School Board, Hospital Board, Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, Legion Branch #45, Parrsboro, the Parrsboro Shore Historical Society, was an Honorary Member of the Parrsboro Golf Club, was a founding member of the Parrsboro Art Guild and was a Ham Radio Operator (VE1CFK). In his later years and was most often seen at the Parrsboro Golf Course or The Ottawa House (formerly owned by his parents), regaling friends and tourists with local history and humorous stories. As Parrsboro's leading “Ambassador”, he touched the lives of many and his legacy will live on, especially in his cards depicting ‘Wheaton's Homemade Candy’ which is carried by tourists throughout the world! He was at his best spending time with his family. He is survived by his much loved daughter-in-law, Brenda (Burke) Wheaton; grandsons, Ryan (Tanya St-Pierre), Dartmouth; Patrick (Tahara MacDonald), Bedford; great-grandchildren, Alex and Ella; his special nieces, Lynne Baber, Debby and Kathy Breau, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Irene (Breau) in 2010; his daughter, Brenda Joyce, in infancy; and his son “Billy” earlier in 2017; a brother, Donald and a sister, Marie Reid. Funeral service was held November 25, 2017 in St. George's Anglican Church, Parrsboro, the Rev. Dr. Brian Spence officiating. Burial in St. George's Anglican Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Parrsboro Golf Club for the Construction of the New Maintenance Facility. Arrangements have been entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com).

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