

# OBITUARIES

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**BLOIS, Brian Lee** - 71, Truro. It is with broken hearts we announce the peaceful passing of Brian on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at home. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Isaac and Inez (Carter) Blois. He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Betty Lou (Stronge) Blois; son, Lee Blois, Truro; daughter, Karla Blois (Mike), Truro; son, Jason Blois (Jane), Truro; grandchildren, Austin Gillis, Emma Cummins, Addison Blois; brothers, Keith (Martha) Blois, Salmon River; Wayne (Carol) Blois, Onslow; sisters, Avis (Ernie) Chapman, Ontario; Joan (Logan) Fulton, Truro; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Gerald, Graham and Logan. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a Fire-fighter's Tribute Service was held Saturday, November 2, 2019. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**Fraser, Reid M.** - Age 68, of Parrsboro passed away Monday, October 28, 2019 at the East Cumberland Lodge, Pugwash. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Ruth (Blenkhorn) Fraser. He is survived by his companion, Frances (Pettis) Taylor; a son, Ian Fraser (Laura), Halifax; a granddaughter, Emma, Halifax; a sister, Cheryl Goodwin, Amherst; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Blaine and Bruce. A gathering to celebrate Reid's life will be held from 2-4 pm on Friday November 1, 2019 at the St. George's Anglican Church Hall, Parrsboro. All are welcome! 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).

**BESHELY, Hazel Mary** - 64, Debert. We the family are sad to announce the peaceful passing of Hazel on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Glace Bay, she was a daughter of the late Murray and Irene (Billard) Wadden. Hazel is survived by her husband, Frederick "Fred"; sons, John Inch (Gail), Jason Inch (Nanette); stepsons, Tommy Beshely (Joanne), Cory Beshely (Ashley); grandchildren, Ethan, J.T., Brooklyn, A.J. James; brother, Timmy Wadden (Susan); sister, Karen Pettipas (Jack); several nieces and nephews; mother-in-law, Anna Beshely. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a Celebration of Life was held Thursday November 7, 2019. Interment will be held at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery, Glace Bay. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**Callaghan, Sheila Doris** - 82, of Truro, NS, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, November 2, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Onslow Mountain, she was a daughter of the late Eugene and Ethel (Crowe) Fielding. Sheila was a lover of all things in life - nature, animals, people and especially babies and children. She volunteered many years for Kane's Kitchen in Immaculate Conception Parish, Truro. Sheila is survived by her husband of 48 years, Joseph Pius "Kelly" Callaghan; daughter, Tammy Longard (Ryan); sons, Eldon Wood (Wendy Furlotte) and Joey Callaghan (Barbara Dow-MacSwain); grandchildren, Danielle Wood (Steven Bruce) and Brennan Callaghan; great grandchildren, Jenna Lee and Keaghan; sister, Julia Blackmore; dear brother, Jack Fielding; nephew, Todd Fielding (Patty) and several other nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her daughter, Elizabeth Wood in infancy; son, Robert "Bobby" Wood; sisters, Reta Rice, Hazel Delaney, Barbara Atkinson, and Marilyn Waller; brothers, Fred, Russell, Gerald and Sherman. As per Sheila's wishes, cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated November 8, 2019 in Immaculate Conception Church, 669 Prince St., Truro with Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiating. Interment will be at a later date. Donations may be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul c/o Immaculate Conception Church. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Palliative care staff and the VON nurses. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**MacNeil, Catherine (Kay)** - Bass River, N.S. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dear mother on Sunday, November 3, 2019 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. She passed peacefully in the presence of her son, Joseph and good friend, Erma Cox. Born in Sydney Mines on January 26, 1932, she was a daughter of the late Hughie and Lillian (Enion) Costello. Kay had worked for years at the old Co-Operative in Sydney Mines and later worked in the laundry at the old Sydney Mines Hospital. Kay is survived by sons, Donald (Pat) Whalen, North Carolina, Richard (Valerie) Whalen, Lower Sackville, Michael Whalen, Bass River, and Joseph (Brenda) Whalen, Bass River; daughters, Eileen (Ernie) Leblanc, Sydney Mines, Paulette (Alex) Moore, North Sydney and Bernadette Whalen, Toronto. She is also survived by sisters, Lillian (Jack) Proctor, Jessie MacKeigan, Patsy (Nicky) Melnik, Betty (Norman) Pye and brother, Gerald Costello as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Kay was predeceased by her husband, John Bernard MacNeil and sister, Eileen (Jim) Sullivan. There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Special thanks to Dr. Karen Ewing and the VON Staff for all of their support. Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**LYNDS, Elizabeth Anne "Betty"** - 79, Belmont, passed away suddenly on Monday, November 4, 2019, at Parkland Estates, Truro, where she had been residing since June 2019. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Howard and Eunice (Graham) Pierce. Betty is survived by her brother, Elwin Pierce, Ottawa, Ontario; many in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Foster Leroy Lynds; son, Stephen Lynds; brother, David Pierce. Graveside service was held Sunday, November 10, 2019, at Belmont Cemetery, Belmont, Reverend Glenn MacLean officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**KNOWLES, Kenneth Manning** - Age 92, of Bridgewater (formerly of Bedford), went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 9, 2019. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Vilda (Spencer) Knowles; children, Linda (Carman) Webb, Russell (Nancy), Keith (Calora) and Peggy (Jim) Abriel; 8 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; sister-in-law Shirley Knowles. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Hazel (Brydon) Knowles; his brothers, Merlin (Shirley), Clarence, and Ron (Elizabeth) and a grandson Philip Knowles. A memorial service was held November 14th at Full Gospel Church, 2256 Larry Uteck Blvd, Bedford. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice. There will be a private burial at a later date. For a detailed obituary, please go to the website of Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**SIMPSON, James Douglas (Doug)** - Truro. It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of James Douglas (Doug) Simpson on November 9, 2019 after a two-year battle with esophageal cancer. Born on May 12, 1940 in Debert, Nova Scotia to Gordon and Evelyn Simpson. Doug especially loved sailing with Ian McPherson and the Hiflite crew, and golfing in Debert with his lifelong friends. Professionally, Doug was one half of Nova Ignition, a Truro automotive business that he owned and managed for three decades with his cousin and close friend, Grant Putnam. Doug is survived by his partner, Betty Amon, his children and grandchildren Janelle Simpson Finnegan, her husband Martin and their daughters Jill, Bex and Ruby of Rothesay, NB; Jason Simpson and his wife Christine and Pascal, Ariana and Paloma of Invermere, BC; his first wife Caroline Simpson; Betty's son Michael Cooke, his wife Cheryl and their daughters Taylor and Sophie of Debert, NS, and his siblings Barbara (Tom, deceased), Gerry (Linda), Bob (Gaye) and Brenda (Dave). He was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Evelyn (McCully) Simpson of Debert, NS. The family would like to offer heartfelt thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Palliative Care Unit at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, and to the many family and friends who kept him company during his stay. Memorial Service was held November 12 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Rev. Carolyn Wilson - Wynne, officiated. Donations may be made in Doug's name to the Cobequid Salmon Association or to a charity of your choice. Online Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**COOKE, Harold William "Red"** - 84, Lornevale, Colchester County. It is with heartfelt sadness we announce the sudden passing of Harold William "Red" Cooke on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at Aberdeen Regional Hospital, New Glasgow. He was the son of the late Harold and Jane (Quilty) Cooke, and twin brother of the late Gerald Thomas Cooke. Harold is survived by and will be sadly missed by daughter, Marie Faulkner, grandchildren, Sally and Thomas Faulkner, along with Charlotte MacVicar, Andy Faulkner, co-worker/friend Gordon Richards, many cousins and friends. A service to celebrate Harold's life will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, November 30, 2019, at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 669 Prince Street, Truro, Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiating. Interment will be immediately after in the St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church Cemetery, Londonderry (weather permitting). Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**DeCOSTE, Pamela (Peggy) Marguerite (Barter)** - 70, Debert. It is with great sadness and broken hearts that the family announces the sudden passing of Peggy DeCoste, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, on November 17, 2019. Born in St. Stephen, N.B., she was a daughter of the late Clayton and Marguerite (Kelly) Barter. Peggy is survived by her husband, Dan; son, James, Debert; sister, Theresa Seamans (late Ashley), Fredericton, N.B.; brothers, Tom (Connie), Kouchibouguac, N.B.; Jim (Debbie), Fredericton, N.B.; Bob (Marion), Ft. Myers, Florida; sisters-in-law, Betty (Barry) Merlin, Hilden; Doris Anderson, Lower Truro; numerous nieces and nephews; her constant companion, her little dog Maggie, who is sure missing her Mommy. Besides her parents, Peg was predeceased by her sister, Dorothy Zinck; brother, Timothy (in infancy); mother and father-in-law, Cil and Art DeCoste; brother-in-law, Ashley Seamans. Funeral service was held Monday, November 25, 2019, at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 669 Prince Street, Truro, Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiated. Interment at a later date in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**McELHINNEY, David 'Dave'** - Age 60, Central Onslow, Colchester Co., passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer. He grew up in Central Onslow and was the oldest son of Walter and Jean McElhinney (Bruce). Dave was a long-time building inspector with the Municipality of Colchester County and member of Uechi-Ryu karate in Truro for 15 years. He was also a skilled carpenter who took pride in making custom pieces for his loved ones. Among his good friends, there were special four-legged companions that Dave loved most; Rottweilers - Taz, Bud, Koko, Rosie and Gertie. He is survived by his partner, Anne Marie Leblanc; stepdaughter, Meghan Skinner (Justin); siblings, Margie Andrews (Bill) of Riverdale; Bruce (Sharon) of Halifax; Ian (Tania) of Central Onslow; Donna Gertridge (Dennis) of Peterborough; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by infant twin brothers. A special thank you to Dr. Carmen Giacomantonio, Oncological surgeon and Dalhousie University researcher, with whom Dave formed a close bond throughout his treatment, Dr. Jennifer Melvin, Oncologist and her nursing staff, Dr. Robert Graham, Dr. Donald Rowe and the nursing staff of the Immunology and Chemotherapy Unit (Julia and Dianne) in Colchester East Hants Health Centre. A celebration of life was held November 24th in Onslow Belmont Fire Hall, 12355 Nova Scotia Trunk 2, Belmont. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, where full obituary and online condolences are available at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

## Consultations on Open Adoption Records

Local community information sessions on adoption records will be held at NSCC Truro Campus, 36 Arthur St., Truro, Forrester Hall, Room 229, Monday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Millbrook Community Hall, 72 Church Rd., Truro, Monday, Dec. 9, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

An online survey was launched on Nov. 13, to ask Nova Scotians what they think about open adoption records. The deadline for the online survey is January 3. The in-person consultations are another way to participate in the discussion.

To see the online survey, details on the information sessions and how to provide feedback via mail or email go to, <https://novascotia.ca/adoption-records-consultation/>

## Tear Soup - December 4<sup>TH</sup>

An initiative for individuals, friends & families to create a "Tear Soup" recipe for holidays & grief will be held at The Peg, across from Masstown Market from 4:30 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 4th. The event with Serena Lewis, MSW, is open to all ages and free will include supper, movie and conversation.

Those wishing to attend must pre-register. RSVP to confirm seats at: (902) 890-8995, or: [Serena.Lewis@nshealth.ca](mailto:Serena.Lewis@nshealth.ca)

## Cumberland 8 Districts

The agenda for Cumberland's municipal council meeting tonight (November 27th) will include the contentious issue of how to re-align boundaries in preparation for October 2020 municipal election. As reported in other stories elsewhere in this issue, the Municipality of Cumberland is going through the process of re-aligning district boundaries to accommodate the decision to reduce the number of districts from ten to eight.

The councillor information package contained the following item:

Electoral Boundary Review: Staff have provided documentation outlining prospective boundary divisions for 8 districts and are now requesting discussion and a decision from Council regarding the two proposed boundary changes.

At the next fall's election residents will vote for eight councillors, plus a major. Following almost a year-long study involving public input through public meetings online surveys, staff analysis plus council discussion election there was overwhelming support to switch to an elected mayor. Under the Warden system, councillors chose who would be Warden.

Other items on the agenda, but not limited to, include: First reading on amendment to Land Use ByLaw to rezone 11 Brook Road, Port Greville and a separate first reading on amendment to Land Use ByLaw to rezone 13394 Hwy 4. Wentworth. Staff has provided information on both matters and are requesting Council approve First Reading of the proposed rezoning.

