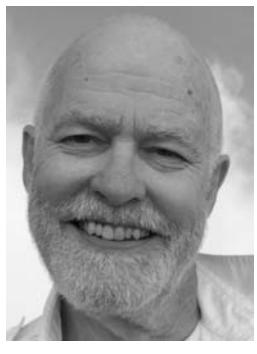


# OBITUARIES

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**Charles van Duren**, Economy - Those we love do not go away, they walk beside us every day. Charles passed away unexpectedly at his home in Lower Economy October 29, 2022. He was born December 22, 1947 in the Netherlands. The family immigrated to Canada in 1960 and settled in Guelph Ontario. In 1969, while studying at the University of Guelph, he met his wife Judith.



They were married a year later and after graduation began a life together that saw them live and work in several places across Canada. Eventually they returned to Guelph for further studies and Master's degrees which resulted in both of them working at the University of Athabasca in Alberta. Island Village became home for the next 21 years. They were avid gardeners and worked with the Communities in Bloom committee that earned the Town of Athabasca the "5 Blooms" designation in 2005. Although they had no children, Charles became involved in youth soccer, a sport he had played growing up in the Netherlands. To escape the long, cold, dark northern winter, Judith and Charles started travelling to Mexico and learning the Spanish language. Upon their retirement in 2007 they moved to Nova Scotia. Charles was a cyclist and enjoyed exploring the back roads of Colchester County with his friend Mike. A lifelong learner, he would often be found absorbed in his reading. He was equally at home with a spade digging in the garden or construction tools working on projects around his property. Charles was predeceased by his wife Judith (2018), parents, Klaas and Klaasje, brother John, sister Stella Gils, and nephew Charles Gils. He will be greatly missed by his siblings Henk (Hennie), and sisters Carol Felius (the late Dick) and Johanna (Bill Carter), and nieces and nephews in Ontario and BC. Also feeling the loss are his adopted family in Oaxaca, Mexico, friends he made over the years and his tabby cat Friday. The family is immensely grateful to all the friends and neighbours in Nova Scotia for their support of Charles and Judith over the years. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 on December 11, 2022 at That Dutchman's Cheese Farm, 132 Brown Road, Upper Economy.

**PIRRIE**, Daniel J. Lieutenant(N) (Ret'd) – 73, Malagash Mine, passed away following a brief illness on Friday, October 14, 2022, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Corunna, Ontario, he was a son of the late John and Eliza (Parsons) Pirrie. Left to grieve Dan's passing along with his many friends, shipmates, and extended family are his wife of 49 years, Brenda (Murray); sons, Andrew (Danielle) and Daniel (Lori); his cherished granddaughters, Sienna, Jocelyne, Alexis, Kayleigh and Lyla; and brothers, Jock (Cathie) and Dave (Sharron). A celebration of life and committal of ashes will be held at a later date. 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)

**MAHONEY**, Brian Michael, - June 3, 1947 - Oct 22, 2022. It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Brian Michael Mahoney of Truro, Nova Scotia. Brian was born in Woodstock, New Brunswick and raised in the village of Bath. He was the oldest son of the late John & Rita Mahoney and made Truro his home in 1970. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years and best friend Lucille (Aucoin) Mahoney, and his children Michael (Cynthia) Mahoney of Painesville, Ohio; Steven (Alexis) Mahoney of Halifax, NS; Louise (V.J.) MacDonald of Windsor Junction, NS, and his special grandchildren Kathryn & Jackson Mahoney, and Cormac, Breton & Flora MacDonald. He is also survived by his siblings Colleen (Eric) Peake of Calgary AB; John (Eva) Mahoney of Los Cabos, Mexico; Sharon (Bob) Lampard of Red Deer AB; and Rosemary (Brian) Brennan of Bath, NB. Family was always the most important thing to Brian with a loving and beautiful extended family of in-laws, nieces and nephews, cousins, and many more relatives and friends. Farming and gardening were Brian's life, and he attended the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro to earn a Diploma in Plant Science in 1968 and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maine in 1980. It was those early days of dances between the NSAC and the Nova Scotia Teachers College that Brian and Lucille met, making Valley/Truro their home, building their house, and raising their family. Brian worked for the NS Department of Agriculture for his entire career and when he retired, kept on working in various endeavors helping others, including driving a school bus for 10 years. Brian was a devout Catholic, a past volunteer member of the Valley-Kemptown Fire Brigade, served a term as President of Truro Minor Hockey Association, canvassed for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, volunteered for senior tax reporting, continued to be an avid curler at the Truro Curling Club, and enjoyed his annual Cape Breton fishing trip. Brian was a huge believer in donating blood, and did so over 100 times in his life receiving a special recognition of the generosity of giving of himself so that others could live. The Mahoney and extended family would like to thank the incredible ICU team at the QEII for their compassionate care, and kindness to our family while Dad was in the hospital. Visitation was held at the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro NS on Thursday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. A Celebration of Life Service, presided by Father Billy Brennan was held on Friday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. A reception followed at Immaculate Conception Parish in Truro, NS.

**HEBB**, Nancy Carol - The family of Nancy Carol Hebb, age 80 of Central North River, wish to announce her passing on Sunday, October 23, 2022 surrounded by her family at her home. Nancy was the third oldest daughter of the late Claude and Blanch (Baker) Slack. She was born in Folly Mountain where her mother gave birth to her on her own. After high school, Nancy



continued her education at Success Business College (Truro). Prior to graduating, she was offered a position at London Assurance for A.G. MacPhail which she started right away. One of her greatest joys was marrying Lester Hebb on August 22, 1964 (even though she was late for her wedding). In 1969, she had her daughter, Carol and in 1971 she had her son, Harold. In 1990, grandson Kyle was born, whom she loved dearly. All her life, Nancy was devoted to church and Sunday school. At age 4, she started Sunday school, then onto Explorers and finally C.G.I.T at the age of 12. Once she finished C.G.I.T., she became a Sunday school teacher at Debent United Church. Once married, she taught at the Onslow United Church. When her children were old enough she began teaching at the North River United Church from 1973-1982. From 1982-2002 she was the superintendent of the North River United Church Sunday School. During this time she grew the attendance from 12-15 children to 125 children. The annual Christmas concerts were looked forward to by the young and old. As a member of the North River Church choir, she performed at various venues throughout Colchester and Pictou County. In 2002 due to health issues Nancy had to retire from both her passions. Nancy looked after her oldest sister, Rosalie for over 18 years after their mother passed away. Then when both Nancy and Rosalie's health deteriorated, Nancy made one of her hardest decisions in life. Rosalie went to live at Wynn Park Villa until December 2014. Nancy is survived by her husband, Lester; daughter, Carol (Thomas McClelland), Beaverbrook; son, Harold, Central North River; grandson, Kyle (Catherine), Alberta; sisters, Kay (Ed) Franklin, Central North River; Claudia (Bill) Smith, Avonport; Barbara (Dale) Jollymore, Lawrencetown; sisters-in-law, Eleanor Redden, Martock; Doris Hebb, Billtown; several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sister, Rosalie; sisters-in-law, Helen; Karlene and Jean; brother-in-law, Gordon; Russell; Melvin and Francis. A heartfelt thank you is sent to everyone who helped take care of Nancy, especially the VON nurses, home care workers and the VON Palliative Care Team. In particular, Cheryl Graham for her help and dedication, not just for Nancy but for Nancy's family also. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Sunday, November 6, 2022, Reverend John Parsons officiated. Interment followed in Middle Road Cemetery, Debent. In lieu of flowers, donations in Nancy's memory to Canadian Cancer Society or Victoria Order of Nurses are welcomed. Private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by viewing Nancy's obituary online and selecting "Send A Condolence" at:

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**DYKE**, Robert Nelson - It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Robert Nelson Dyke, 73, of Hilden. Robert passed away on October 23, 2022, peacefully in his sleep, in the comfort of his own home, and in the warm arms of his beloved wife, Jessie, just as he had always wanted. Robert was born in Truro, Nova Scotia, on November 29, 1948. He grew up living with his mother, Gwen Dyke (née Greenough), and maternal grandparents in the Belvedere Hotel on Prince Street. Robert was considered to be a "jack of all trades" or "handyman" throughout his life; he could see to nearly every task that was presented to him. Robert was an accomplished truck driver, house painter, and volunteer firefighter with the Truro Volunteer Fire Brigade. He was also an avid woodworker, card player, and bowler. Behind a gruff exterior, Robert possessed a warm heart. His love for his family burned so fiercely that even the Truro Volunteer Fire Brigade would have been unable to put it out. He is survived by his wife, Jessie; daughters, Tracy and Kerry; grandchildren, Callin, Keely, Tyler, and Claire; sisters, Wenda, Sheila, Debbie, and Sharon; stepchildren, Jamie (Rhonda), Tyler, Maggie (James), and Peter (Justine); and step-grandchildren, Abby, Owen, and Hazel. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife, Karen and his brother, Richard. A graveside service was held October 28<sup>th</sup>, in Bible Hill Cemetery, Bible Hill. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS.

**ROODE**, Jack Donald - 84, Crowes Mills, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Crowes Mills, he was a son of the late Donald and Alice (Graham) Roode. Jack is survived by his children, Jamie (Margo) Roode, Sheila Andrews, Jack "Skip" Roode, Jr.; four grandchildren; special friend, Gladys Lindsay; sisters, Carolyn McNeil and Donna Shearer. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Joyce (Andrews); son, Darren; sister, Doreen (Jess) Mooring; brother, Arnold (Nellie) Roode; brothers-in-law, Frank McNeil and Sterling Shearer. A graveside service was held Sunday, October 30, 2022, at Belmont Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young St., Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**KANE, Elsie "Elma" Margaret** – Age 91, passed away on October 25, 2022, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Springburn, Glasgow on September 29, 1931, she was the eldest child of the late Elsie Barclay and William Wilson. Elma was brought up in Falkirk, Scotland with her brothers, James and Jackie, and sister, Cathie. Elma met her husband, John F. Kane, while ballroom dancing in 1948. They were engaged in 1949 and married on June 28, 1950. They immigrated to Oakville, Ontario in 1954. Elma worked at General Electric from 1955 until 1960. In 1967, Elma and John were blessed with their daughter, Maureen Theresa. Two years later, their son, John William arrived to complete their happy family. The Kane family lived in Burlington, Ontario until their arrival in Truro on November 19, 1972. Elma is survived by daughter, Maureen (Dale); son, John Wm (Donna); wonderful grandchildren, Brittany Margaret (Jon), twins: Peter John (Aleigh) and Kailey Lyn; special granddaughter, Ashley; great grandchildren, Blayne, Paisley, Preacher, Mira; and many nieces and nephews in Ontario and Scotland. Besides her parents, Elma was predeceased by her husband, John F. Kane; brothers, Jim and Jackie Wilson and sister, Cathie. Donations in Elma's memory may be made to St. Vincent De Paul, CWL, Knights of Columbus, or Kane's Kitchen. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, where visitation was held on November 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm. A Funeral Mass was held November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Immaculate Conception Church, 669 Prince St., Truro with Fr. Andrew Rembarczyk officiating. Reception followed. Interment in Robie Street Cemetery.

**COX**, Dolores Alice (Ryan), After a long, full life, in her 91<sup>st</sup> year, Dolores Alice (Ryan) Cox passed away peacefully on October 28, 2022, in Debent Court. Alice was born in Truro on February 9, 1931. She was predeceased by her father, Arthur Lawrence Ryan; stepmother, Dorothy Ryan; mother, Mona Koppell Ryan-Massey; stepfather, Harold Massey; her brothers, Bob and Gordie Ryan; sisters-in-law, Evelyn and Hazel and her oldest son, Larry Cox. Alice was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend. She was a cherished presence at family gatherings and especially loved time at the cottage at King's Rest with family. Alice also enjoyed travelling having made trips to various parts of our province as well as trips to Newfoundland, the United States, and out west. Her last big trip out west to attend the wedding of her grandson, Josh was one she spoke of often and treasured dearly. Alice loved to dance. She and Dave attended many dances and musical events throughout their lives. Alice was a member of Bass River UCW, TOPS and the Bass River Heritage Society. Alice's love for her family was forever evident. Birthday cards for each was a necessity and visits from the grandchildren were cherished. Alice is survived by her husband, Dave, to whom she was married for 67 years; sister, Edith Ann Fraser (Charlie); daughter, Wendy (Donald Cooke) and sons, Bruce (Erma) and David (Shawn) Cox. She will be forever missed by her grandchildren, Josh (Crystal) Cox, Morgan Cox (Curtis), Allan Cox (Corey), Jenny Cox (Kyle), Hillary Cox (Tommy), Alicia Cooke (Brandon), Jody (Brad) Wilson and Tara (Kevin) Stirling and families. She also held a special place in her heart for and was cherished by great grandchildren, Madison and Christian. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Debent Court for the kindness shown to our mother during her stay with them. A service honouring our mom was held in Riverside United Church on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Reception followed in Victoria Hall in Bass River. Interment was held on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Robie Street Cemetery. Donations in Alice's memory may be made to Riverside United Church, West Colchester Community Health Center or a charity of choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be directed to [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

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