

# OBITUARIES

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**DARAI**, Joseph – Age 84, of Truro, passed away on October 27, 2023, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Joseph was born in Hungary and immigrated to Canada in 1957. He spent his working years as a truck driver. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sheila (Jessome); daughter, Kathy (Graham) Bonin, Hilden; sons, Joseph (Cathy), Dartmouth, Stephen (Christine), Great Village and David (Christine), Bass River; grandchildren, Matthew, Cassandra and Taylor (Anna). Donations in Joseph's memory may be made to Colchester East Hants Health Centre - Palliative Care. Cremation has taken place. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**CURREN**, Walter Edward – Age 44, Truro. The family of Walter Edward Curren are deeply saddened to announce his unexpected passing on October 29, 2023, in Truro. Born in Truro, he was the son of the late Stephen Curren and Susan Scott. Walter is survived by his daughters, Cheyla and Alyssa; sons, Kobe, Stephen and William, all of Truro; the mother of his children, Melissa May Rogers, Truro; sister, Stephanie, Truro; aunt, Krista (Glen), Truro; uncle, Paul (Suzie), Dartmouth; nieces and nephew, Colin, Celine, Emberly, Harper; cousins, Aidan and Emma. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Walter Curren Jr.; grandparents, Don & Joan, Arthur & Margaret as well as Valeria Rogers, who held a special place in his heart. Walter was an avid Blue Jays fan, but his #1 team was his family. Always the loudest and proudest Dad when cheering on his children at any event. He was keenly interested in geography and history, taking every opportunity to share his knowledge with his children, niece and nephew. In lieu of flowers, donations in Walter's memory may be sent to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer" or the Royal Canadian Legion Br. #26. A private service will be held at a later date. 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)

**COOKE**, Ralph Douglas – Age 76, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2023 surrounded by family at his home in Lornevale. Ralph married the love of his life at the tender age of eighteen and raised four daughters with Liz. He would say that it was a miracle that he survived to 76 with four girls. Family was his greatest pride and he loved each and every addition fiercely. Just a few weeks before his passing, he was overjoyed to meet great grandchild number thirteen, Lillian. He shared a special bond with his sister, Phyllis, Ralph as the baby of the family and Phyllis as the eldest. He treasured each niece, nephew and cousin. To Ralph if you were family, you were family no matter how distantly related. Ralph worked for the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation as a heavy equipment operator until his retirement. He enjoyed hunting and every year would fill the freezer. He would have been disappointed that his doe tag went unfilled this year. Ralph loved growing his own vegetables and raced Nancy every year to get his garden in. He appreciated lazy afternoons at Theresa's camper watching the tide. He leaves behind a legacy of love. He will be forever missed by daughters, Theresa (Arthur), Nancy (Phil) and Helen (Andrew); sister, Phyllis; grandchildren, Martina, Jordan, Adam, Megan, Kalie, Sawyer, Faith, Connor, Ian and Sean; thirteen great grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Ralph was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth; daughter, Deborah; sisters, Mildred and Muriel; brother, Kenneth and parents, Perley and Anna. The family would like to thank the Colchester County Palliative Care team as well as VON who supported Ralph in remaining in his home during his final days. We are all grateful for the exceptional care and compassion provided. No words can say enough. A celebration of Ralph's life was held November 4th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Reception followed. The interment of Ralph and Liz will take place in Folly Mountain Cemetery. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**MELLROY**, Jeffrey Shawn – "Just Jeff," passed away peacefully on October 29, 2023, with his daughter, Taylor and girlfriend, Niki by his side after a brief battle with cancer. He was born on July 29, 1968, in Truro, NS. Jeff is survived by his girlfriend, Niki; daughter, Taylor Fraser and son, Brennan, both of Kingston, ON; his aunt, Isobel Mellroy of Debert; brothers, Trevor (Sabrina), Troy (Kim), and Trent (Carolyn) as well as nieces, Summer, Chyanne, Riley and Madison and nephews, Tyler, Skylar, Keegan and Spencer. He was predeceased by his mother, Pam in 2019 and father, Basil in 2022 as well as grandparents, Gene and Jim Lloyd and his Nanny and Granddad Mellroy. Jeff held many different jobs throughout his life and made many friends, with the one constant in it all being his music. Whether he was just plucking away on his bass strings at home or playing in a band at a gig, music was Jeff's "go-to." Anyone who knew Jeff knew he loved his sports. He would watch any sport on the TV, but his favourites were the Flyers, the Blue Jays and of course, his 49'ers. The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the Palliative Care team, Dr. Henderson, Dr. Smith and nurse, Angela, for the excellent care provided to Jeff as well as the VON staff who came to care for Jeff day in and day out. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A Celebration of Jeff's Life was held November 4th in the Debert Legion, Branch #106, 1252 Masstown Road, Debert, NS. Interment will take place at a later date.

**SANDESON**, Marjorie May (Bartlett) – Age 78, Greenfield, passed away peacefully at home on October 30, 2023. Born in Brookside on May 4, 1945, she was a daughter of the late Earl and Minnie (Robson) Bartlett. Marjorie worked at Standfield's for almost 20 years. She was a member of Greenfield United Church before it closed. Marjorie was a very artistic woman. She was talented in woodcarving and drawing and enjoyed crafts. She also enjoyed playing a game of cards. Marjorie will be missed by her husband of 58 years, Darrell Sandeson; daughter, Sonya; grandchildren, Christian, Megan, Keegan, Madison; sisters, Helen (Bill), Vonnie (Hollis); brothers, Kenneth (Gloria), Robert, Donald (Minnie), Bennie (Viola) and numerous nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by two grandchildren, Dustin and Austin; sisters, Shirley, Dolly, June and brother, Gilbert. Donations in Marjorie's memory may be made to Colchester East Hants VON. Visitation was held November 1<sup>st</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. The service was November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home. Rev. Shannon MacLean officiated. Interment in Greenfield Community Cemetery following the service. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**BRENTON**, George "Colin" – Age 89 of Truro, Nova Scotia died on November 1, 2023, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. He was the son of Clarence and Frances Brenton of Lower Truro, Colchester County. He is survived by his son, Jeffrey (Donna) and daughter-in-law, Nancy Brenton, along with many loving grandchildren, Michelle (Matthew), Amanda (Christian), Kaitlyn (Nate) and Connor as well as great grandchildren, Madison, Aiden, Avery, Marshall, Eli, Atlas and Silas. Colin was predeceased by his wife, Hazel and son, Ronald. Colin had a love of horses all his life but became particularly interested when he started showing ponies to accompany his wife, Hazel at her shows. He made many wonderful friends within the horse community. He was also a lifelong Toronto Maple Leafs fan and was not afraid to show it. As Colin retired, he very much enjoyed visiting with family and friends where his saucy sense of humour was always appreciated, at least by him. He was a soft spoken, generous, and family oriented man who will be missed dearly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Old Barns United Church or local Palliative Care Unit. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life was held November 8, 2023 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS followed immediately by a private, family burial. Online condolences available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**McCANN**, Sharon Lee (Clarke) – Age 78, Hilden, passed away in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro on November 6, 2023. Born in Truro on August 17, 1945, she was a daughter of the late Theodore and Pearl (Rodick) Clarke. Sharon, a self proclaimed "tomboy", was always up for an adventure. She loved camping and fishing with her husband. She was also known to drive minibikes, snowmobiles, and dune buggies. She even drove a stock car in the powder puff derby at the Onslow speedway. Sharon was always up for a game of cards or a game of kismet. She loved her family and took care of her kids and pets while her husband, Ralph, was away with the Navy. Sharon will be dearly missed by her husband of 58 years, Ralph McCann; daughter, Lori (Mike); son, Jeff; grandchildren, Matt and Bryson (Radka); sisters, Anne (John), Barb (Rob); brother, Bruce. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her infant sister. The family would like to thank the nurses and doctors who took such excellent care of Sharon while she was in Palliative Care in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. There will be no visitation or service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**PUTNAM**, Doris Rose – Age 74, of Truro, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2023, at home. She was born a daughter of the late Alden and Florence (Googoo) Rankin. Doris was a long-term volunteer at the Colchester Food Bank. She loved teasing and playing jokes on the many friends that she made while volunteering. She always had a smile on her face, a cigarette hanging out of her mouth and a deep infectious laugh. She enjoyed spending time with all her friends on Albert Ave and her door was always open for anyone who wanted to stop by for a coffee and a chat. Her neighbours became a part of her extended family. Doris loved playing washer toss, bingo and singing. She will always be remembered by the crazy little songs she would make up and sing to everyone. Doris is survived by her husband, Harold; her sons, Perry and Alden (Lisa) and her granddaughter, Jessica. She has many surviving siblings, Sarah (Truro), Betty (Truro), Peter (Juanita) (Hopewell), Elizabeth (Larry) (Bramber), Leonard (Cambridge), Roland (Elmsdale); her sister-in-law, Cathy (Spryfield) and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Ronald; brothers, Martin, Donald and Campbell; sisters, Colleen, Rose and June. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Truro VON and VON Nurses who provided excellent care to Doris over the last few years. We would also like to thank Dr C. Smith and Cheryle Graham (Palliative Care Team) and Theresa (Private Respite Worker). The love and fantastic care you gave to Doris did not go unnoticed and was greatly appreciated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VON Colchester in memory of Doris. At the request of Doris, their will be no service. We had a graveside service on November 9<sup>th</sup> in Hillcrest Cemetery, 41 Butcher Hill, Upper Musquodoboit, NS, followed by a reception at 31 Beechwood Drive, Truro. Online condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

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