

# OBITUARIES

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**Ross, Margaret "Peggy" Mae (Stevenson)**, Age 79, Truro, passed away on November 6, 2023, in Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born in Truro on September 10, 1944, she was a daughter of the late Gordon and Blanche (Crocker) Stevenson.

Peggy worked at Brookfield Creamery for five years and then later at Crossley Karastan Carpet Mill for 45 years, until her retirement at age 70. She loved sports, especially the Montreal Canadiens, the Toronto Blue Jays and the New York Yankees.

Peggy is survived by her sons, Arthur "Duke" and Andy Ross; sister, Nancy (Paul) Blaikie; granddaughters, Andrea and Tessa; great granddaughter as well as her former husband, Art Ross.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by sister, Judy; brothers, Sonny and Duke.

Donations in Peggy's memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society or to the Canadian Cancer Society. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation or service at her request. A private family interment 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 made at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**TUPPER, Jason Michael** – Age 45, Debert, passed away unexpectedly on November 7, 2023, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Jason was born in Truro on August 6, 1978, to Angela (Stewart) Tupper and the late Lloyd "Michael" Tupper. Along with his mother, he is survived by his children, Sierra Rose and Joshua; brother, Dylan Tupper, Debert; grandmother, Janet (Peter) Munsie; grandfather, Charles (Gertrude) Stewart, New Glasgow; the mothers of his children, Beth, Debert and Mandy, Debert; as well as tons of aunts, uncles and cousins in Pictou County. Besides his father, he was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Lloyd and Minnie Tupper of Alma.

Jason grew up in Debert playing baseball in the Debert leagues every year in his youth. He participated in Scouts, receiving the Scout of the Year Award. He was also a member of the Debert School Band where he played trumpet. Jason took ski lessons in the winter and swimming lessons in the summer, receiving his Lifeguard Certificate. He studied at the Community College in Stellarton where he received his Plumbing and Pipe Fitters ticket. He loved music and all his friends and will be missed by all who knew and loved him. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses who cared for Jason. A graveside service was held November 13<sup>th</sup> in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert with Marty Clarke-Ettinger officiating. 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)

**McMAHON, Garfield "Gary" Walter** – Age 91, Dartmouth. We are saddened to announce the passing of Garfield "Gary" McMahon on November 7, 2023, in Dartmouth at age 91. Gary was born February 25, 1932, and raised in the small town of Roland, Manitoba. He attended Brandon University, graduating with a BSc and later attended UBC graduating with a MSc in Physics. Gary moved to Nova Scotia where he worked at the Defense Research Establishment Atlantic until he retired in 1990. After meeting a firecracker gal at the gun club, Gary married his beloved wife, Ruby Bertha (Fulton) McMahon in Stewiacke in 1972. Gary and Ruby traveled the world extensively before and after Gary retired, seeing much of the world, including cruises to Antarctica and through the North-West Passage! He was an accomplished marksman, a member of Canada's International Shooting team for nine years and lifetime member of the Atlantic Marksman Association. He medaled at many National and International competitions while representing Canada at Pan Am Games, World Championships, Commonwealth games and the 1960 and 1964 Olympic games. Gary spent the rest of his free time camping, hiking, fishing and hunting with many close friends over the years. He was especially generous, sharing his fly fishing and shooting knowledge with the children of close friends. Gary was a renowned wine taster, who loved to sit down for a glass of good wine with others and share his vast knowledge of wine. Gary was predeceased by his parents, James "Grant" McMahon and Viola (nee Henan); two sisters, Lorna (Norman) Woods and Pat (Ken) Monkman. He is survived by his wife, Ruby; brothers, Robert "Roy" McMahon (Annie) and John "Jack" McMahon (Jean); his sisters, Rowena Foster (Alec) and Edith Koenig (Ed), as well as many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and a few great-great-nieces and nephews. If so desired, please plant a tree in your yard in Gary's memory or make a donation to The Atlantic Salmon Federation or a charity of your choice. A graveside service was held November 18<sup>th</sup> in Pine Grove Cemetery, Stewiacke, NS led by Rev. Don Dunn. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**FLEMMING, Dana Laurie** – April 30, 1952 – November 8, 2023. The families of Dana Laurie Flemming are sad to announce the passing of a dear husband, brother, uncle at Victoria General Hospital on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Dana grew up in Brookfield and lived in the family home he knew as a child. Upon completion of high school, Dana attended the Truro District Vocational School to complete a certificate in Drafting. He worked with Horner and Associates for a number of years, travelling throughout the province working on local construction projects. In later years Dana enjoyed working as a bus driver with Colchester East Hants School District. He took special joy in dressing up as Santa at Christmas to distribute candy, as well as provide ice cream vouchers at the end of the school year. Dana became an honorary Cape Bretoner when he married his wife of 40 years, Judy. They enjoyed many gatherings at their spot on the Stewiacke River. Dana and Judy participated in the Brookfield area Terry Fox events. A Farmville community of friends will miss his presence as an enthusiastic player of the game. Dana is survived by his wife, Judy (McKeigan); brother Ralph (Marie) Flemming and sister Karen (David) Torraville; sister-in-laws, Carolyn Dunlop, Pat (James) Carty and Debbie (David) Atkinson, as well as several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by father, Lloyd and mother, Margaret (Fisher) Flemming; father-in-law, Duncan, and mother-in-law, Freda McKegan. The families wish to express a sincere thank you to the staff of Colchester and the Victoria General Hospitals for their compassionate care. Memorial donations may be made to the Terry Fox Foundation, the Canadian Cancer Society, or a charity of choice. An informal Celebration of Life took place at the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, Nova Scotia on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Online condolences may be sent to: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**COLLINS, Michael Ernest "Mike"** – 75, Crowes Mills, passed away suddenly at home, as a result of natural causes, on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Born in Farnborough, England, he was a son of the late Ernest and Margaret (Southwood) Collins. Mike is survived by his loving wife, Susan "Susie" (Mattison); children, Stacey (Michelle) Collins, Kim (Mark) Hayman, Abigail (Adam) Fahey, Amanda (Ravi) Nilmadub, Emily Collins, Belinda (Andrew) Brown, Dulcie (Richard) Thomas, Sally-Ann (Daniel) Makin; 33 grandchildren; brother, Terry (Yvonne) Collins; sister, Gesuine (Graham) Martin. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Yvonne Ryle. Celebration of Mike's life was held Friday, November 17, 2023, at Truro Alliance Church, 195 Truro Heights Road, Truro Heights, Pastor Scott Penner officiated. Michael will be repatriated back to England where his children will have a funeral and burial. 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)

**DURLING, Russell Steward** – "My name is Russell Steward Durling, and I was born in Meductic, York Co., New Brunswick on Nov. 22, 1936. It was a small village of approximately 150 people when I was born situated right along the St. John River and at the intersection of the Eel River that flowed into it." That's how Russell — also known as Bubba, Dad, Uncle, and Honey — began his memoir, *My Story* which he wrote and published in 2022, to tell the story of his life and the lessons he has learned. Russell was a creative wonder, always building, fixing, crafting, inventing, dreaming, planning, and planting. He loved his property and log home in Malagash — built with his own hands — and he was the consummate neighbour, always ready to lend a hand, fix a pipe, peer into the well, solve endless water problems, chair a meeting, or pull some chairs out for a barbecue. Russ was recently made a Life Member of Malagash Legion Branch #97 and an active member of his church. Our Dad made places and people better. Russ loved to laugh and could spin a yarn and hold a room with his charm and wit. His grandchildren were his greatest delight, and he was a delight to them. "It is a great and comforting feeling to know I am loved and appreciated by them. I have many stories in my mind in remembrance of each of them, without exception," he wrote in *My Story*. "Always do your best. Never do enough to just get by," was another one of Dad's principles for a successful life. He lived that out in his careers, retiring in 1985 from the RCMP as a Staff-Sergeant after more than 29 years in service. He went on to a leadership role in the Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Board, supervising inspectors across the province. In 1997, at 60 years old, his official working years were over. What followed was a move from the city to the country, which Russ credited for his long-lasting good health and energy. All that fresh air! "Think young with confidence; have a sense of humour and keep a smile at the ready. I firmly believe you will live longer," wrote Dad. Russell leaves behind the love of his life, Marian Gerrard, the sparkling outgoing partner he met in Sydney, Cape Breton in 1957. The siblings Russell leaves behind, Harry (married to Margo); Paul (married to Joan); and Linda (married to Ken), knew that they had an older brother who loved them, and took his role as the eldest sibling seriously, right to the end. His daughters, Miriam and Karen, and grandchildren, Kristopher, Brittany, Erik, Holly, and Thomas, will miss the man who always had time for them. Donations in Russ' memory may be made to Malagash Legion #97 or the Malagash United Church Cemetery Fund. A visitation took place November 17<sup>th</sup> from 1pm until time of service at 2pm, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Rev. Connie McNamara officiated. Online condolences at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**MADILL, Gordon James** – Age 89, Little Bass River, passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 14, 2023, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Gord was born on December 10, 1933, in Mount Dennis, a neighborhood in Toronto, Ontario. He married Martha "Joan" Adair in 1963 and they moved to the country, outside Newmarket, where they built a cedar log home and had two children, Mitchell, and Janice. Sadly, Joan passed away in the winter of 1972. Gord worked at Kodak Canada for 32 years. He retired and became a car jockey for a Porche dealer. He and his second wife, Beryl, whom he had married in 1983, eventually retired to Penetanguishene where they lived until her passing in 2018. Gord, his children and grandson, Spencer, then moved to Nova Scotia for his remaining years. He was predeceased by his wife, Joan (Adair); second wife, Beryl (Spittle); mother, Jeanne; father, George; brothers, Reg, and George Jr. Gord is survived by sister, Dora; children, Mitch, and Janice (Glenn); grandson, Spencer (Nicole); niece, Louise (David). Grandpa Gord will be missed by Destiny, Rob, Ashley, their spouses, and many great grandchildren. Many thanks to the Palliative Care Team at CEHHC, VON Home Care Team and especially NP, Erica Baird for all their excellent care. Dad loved to garden. In lieu of donations, please consider planting a tree, spending time in nature, watching the birds, supporting the local gardening club, or teaching kids to grow vegetables. Gordon will be laid to rest with Beryl in Midland, Ontario at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**McMILLAN, Sylvia Dolores** – passed away on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at Vimy Court, Bible Hill. Born in Tatamagouche, she was a daughter of the late Hugh and Elizabeth (Reeves) MacPherson. Sylvia lived in Onslow for the past seventy plus years, where she was a stay at home Mum and Grandmother, keeping her grandchildren in their younger years. She will be sadly missed by her family, Iola (Ron, deceased 2019) Crowe, Wayne (Carol) McMillan, Darlene (Vic) MacFarlane; by her grandchildren, Darren Crowe, Shelley (Charles) MacLellan, Wade McMillan, Renee (Grant) Rhodenizer, Krista Clements, Sarah (Peter) Newell, Nathan (Jill) MacFarlane, Leah (Greg) Roy; great-grandchildren, Brennan Crowe, Haidyn Oudman, Olivia (Jared) Comeau and Grady Clements, Atlanta (Olivia Ward), Ella (Liam Nixon), Octavia and Kerva Newell, Sebastian, Memphis, Delayah and Preston Roy; one great great-grandchild, Lincoln Comeau; close friend, Joyce McMillan; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley (2004); brother, Bernard MacPherson; sister, Lorraine Smith and son-in-law, Ron Crowe. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a funeral service will be held in Spring of 2024 with Reverend Glenn MacLean officiating. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**MURPHY, Lillian Annie** – 93, formerly of Debert passed away on Friday, November 17, 2023 at the Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Hector and Jessie (Totten) Hinchcliffe. Lillian was employed at Barnhill General Store for 35 years. Lillian is survived by her daughters, Linda Eagles (Kelly), Nancy Morphet (Dwayne), Jessie, Cornelius (Ken), Sandra Catching; sons, Peter (Shelley), John Michael (Jan), Paul (Wendy); 18 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, John; daughter, Margie; sister, Effie; brothers, Alden, Frank and George; infant granddaughter, Jill. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a Celebration of Lillian's Life was held Wednesday, November 29, 2023. A private family interment will be held at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

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