

OBITUARIES

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YORKE, Donald Arthur - 83, Fort Ellis, passed away at home on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. Don was a devoted husband to Lalia Yorke (Moore) for 58 years. Born in Parrsboro, he was the son of the late Everett and Lila Yorke (Canning). Raised in Fox River, Don lived in multiple Nova Scotia communities until settling in Fort Ellis where he lived for 48 years. Don is survived by his wife, Lalia; sons, Jeff (Lori) Yorke and Gordon (Kara) Yorke; grandsons, Jaxson and Quinlan; brother, Layton Yorke; sisters, Eva (William) Yorke and Evelyn (Richard) Lamb. He was predeceased by his sisters, Neta (Donald) Bowden, Jean (Guy) Bowden; brothers, Charles (Ethel) Yorke and Kenneth (Mary) Yorke. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a Celebration of Don's Life was held on Friday, October 18, 2024, Pastor Robert Vaughan (Ret.) officiated. In lieu of flowers, donations to Souls Harbour Rescue Mission (Truro), Hope for Wildlife, or The War Amps are welcomed. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

BUSHIE, Phylis Bertha - Truro, age 78, passed away on October 18, 2024, in Cedarstone Enhanced Care. Born in Upper Kennetcook, she was a daughter of the late Vance and Margaret Miller. Phylis is survived by her son, Rae Scott (Heather); daughter, Trudy Shand (Daryl); grandchildren, Miley Scott, Kaitlyn Mackinnon; great grandchildren, Kaiden and Mariyah; sisters, Bonnie McLellan, Cissy Bonin (Dave); brother, Bert Miller (Louise), and several nieces and nephews, with special recognition to her niece, Joanne. Besides her parents, Phylis was predeceased by her husband, Byron; sisters, Catherine Faye White, Vivian Miller and grandson, Anderson Scott. Donations in Phylis's memory may be made to Canadian Mental Health Association. There will be no formal service, instead a visitation was held on October 22nd to celebrate Phylis's life; in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Interment followed in MacDougall Cemetery, South Maitland.

LEMMONS, Kenneth Warren - In Loving Memory of Kenneth Warren Lemmons (1933-2024). It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Kenneth Lemmons, lovingly known as Dad and Papa. Kenneth passed away peacefully on October 19, 2024, in Gables Lodge Nursing Home in Amherst, NS. He was 91 years young and lived a fulfilling life surrounded by love and laughter. Kenneth is survived by his children, David Lemmons, Beverly Crowe, Janice Manley, Bonnie (David) Harnish and Cindy Lemmons; his grandchildren, James Harnish (Ely), Nicole Schrader, Nicholas Crowe (Tiffany), Matthew Harnish (Melissa), Jonathan Harnish, Lacey Lemmons (Dylan), Courtney (Daniel) Crowe, Craig (Jillian) Manley, Corey Manley, Aaron Tipping (Tessa) and many great grandchildren. Kenneth was predeceased by the love of his life, his wife, Irma; their son, Kirk; his parents, Warren and Armina, and siblings, Donald and Shirley. The family takes comfort in knowing that they are now reunited. Born on August 16, 1933, in Truro, NS, Kenneth lived most of his life in North River, NS. He was a member of the Truro Alliance Church for most of his life and had a deep passion for fishing with his wife, Irma. Kenneth worked at Nelson's Cleaners for many years as well as Inland Oil. Whether it was spending time at church, listening to blue grass music or playing the harmonica with Larry, he always embraced life with enthusiasm and warmth. Kenneth will be remembered most for his quick wit and humorous personality. He had a unique way of making everyone laugh and feel at ease, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he met. Above all, his family meant the world to him. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the pride of his life, and he cherished every moment spent with them. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kenneth's memory may be made to the Truro Alliance Church. A visitation was held October 30th from 1pm until time of service at 2pm, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Pastor Scott Penner officiating. Interment to follow in West Branch Cemetery, North River.

WALKER, Joseph Joachim - Age 88, Truro. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our father, Joe Walker, on October 20, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Granton, Pictou County, on June 28, 1936, he was a son of the late Catherine Walker (Lamey). In Dad's younger years, he worked as a mechanic at several local garages. He then opened his own antique business which he ran for over 45 years. Dad loved his business and all the good friends that he made along the way. He is survived by his daughter, Cindy (Larry) Smith, Truro; son, Tim Walker, Truro; his best friend, Lorraine Lynds; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Betty Ann and Alan Nicholson. Dad was a friend of Bill W. Besides his mother, Dad was predeceased by his wife, Audrey Walker; son, Terry Walker; sisters, Mary Shaw, Gerry Fowlie, Sadie Angus and brother, Ted Walker. In lieu of flowers, donations to the ALS Society of NS or NB would be appreciated. A visitation was held on Sunday, October 27th from 6-8pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. A Funeral Mass will be held on October 28th at 11am in Immaculate Conception Church, 669 Prince St., Truro. Reception followed in Campbell Hall. Burial took place in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Robie St., Truro. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

FERGUSON, Stanley Allister, Charlottetown, PEI. It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of Stanley Allister Ferguson, age 77 years, in the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Beloved husband of Beth (nee Newman) and father of Shaun (Jessica McMullen) and Jamie (April); also survived by five loving grandchildren, Stuart, Martha, Timothy, Heath and Miles; siblings, Mervyn (Shirley), Jeanne (Alan) MacGregor, Sheila, Owen and Jo-Ann (Dana) Chase. Predeceased by his parents, Allister and Reta (nee Barnhill). Stan was a dedicated member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for 37 years, including two tours with the Musical Ride. He was also an active member of the Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty, a devoted volunteer with Gifts from the Heart, Meals on Wheels PEI and with the breakfast program at St. Jean Elementary School. No flowers by request. If so desired, memorial donations may be made directly to Gifts from the Heart, Meals on Wheels PEI or a charity of choice. A private family graveside service will be held in Belmont Cemetery, Belmont, NS. A Celebration of Life was held October 30th in Belvedere Funeral Home in Charlottetown, PEI. Online condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com or www.belvedererefh.com

ADAMS, Kate Elizabeth - 56, Truro. It is with deep sadness that the family of Kate Elizabeth Adams announces her passing on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Kate passed away peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, with her family by her side, after a courageous battle with cancer. She eventually decided to embrace a teaching career, and went back to Mount Saint Vincent University to enroll in the BEd program - a choice that would positively impact the lives of many: the students she taught, coached, and became friends with over the next 20 years. As a teacher, Kate was known to be tireless, innovative, empathetic, highly-skilled and deeply respected and loved by staff and students. Kate is survived by her husband, Rob; their three children, Michael, Leah, Jenna; mother, Jill (Gordie) Holstead; father, Darrell (Sue) Evans; sisters, Joanne (Dennis) McPhee, Nikki Evans; brothers, Andy (Carla) Evans, Dan (Michelle) Evans, Gareth Evans; many nieces and nephews. At her request there will be no visitation or public service at this time. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Canadian Cancer Society or a local food bank. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

BRYSON, Harry Peter - Age 71, Bible Hill, passed away Friday, October 25, 2024, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Brockton, Massachusetts, U.S.A., he was a son of the late Melrose and Jacoba (Krol) Bryson. Harry was a hard worker. He loved being outdoors, working in the woods his entire life. He enjoyed being in nature, watching animals and birds. Harry loved old time music and going to antique car shows. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Connie, whom he loved dearly; his children, Cindy Bryson and Harry Bryson; stepdaughter, Amanda Bryson (Matt); grandchildren; sister, Nancy Bryson; nephew, William Lake, whom Harry thought the world of and several nieces and nephews. Harry was predeceased by his brother, Kenny and Our Boy "Ginger." He will be sadly missed by all those who knew him. The family would like to thank the Doctors, Nurses and staff of the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro for the wonderful care given to Harry, also the V.O.N. for all their help and support. Connie would like to give a big thank you to his special friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Aeon Baptist Cemetery, North River. There will be no visitation or service at Harry's request. Interment will take place in the Aeon Baptist Cemetery, North River at, a later date.

MacKINNON, Audrey "Elaine" - Age 77, Truro. It is with saddened hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Elaine MacKinnon on October 25, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro with family by her side. Born in Tatamagouche, she was a daughter of the late Leonard and Phyllis (Beers) Flanagan. Elaine is leaving a void that her family cannot fill. She is survived by her partner, Colin Kennedy; daughters, Cheryl-Dee Steele (Gord), Florida and Tanya MacKenzie (Robert), Trenton; grandchildren, Thea Toler, Virginia, Brandon MacKenzie, Black Point, Keana Bates, Florida, Jordan MacKenzie, New Glasgow and Kylie MacKenzie, Halifax; great grandchildren, Kassidy, Braedan, Bolton, Baxtin, Beckett and Maverick and sister, Wanda Flanagan, Tatamagouche. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by a "famous" younger brother, Bumper and an older sister in infancy, Maureen. Elaine grew up working in her parents' restaurant. This is where she learned to be a beautiful cook and baker. She was an accomplished hairdresser and an extremely hard-working individual. She played many active roles in her community, volunteering many hours. She loved to dress up as "Abby" the clown and visit nursing homes putting smiles on the faces of the residents. Elaine was also blessed with a green thumb and knew all the tricks to growing big, beautiful lilies. She was very creative, and her beautiful crafts and hand painted lady bugs were her signature. She was a loving, caring mother and grandmother and loved having sleepovers with her grandkids making them her famous grilled cheese sandwiches with chocolate milk made "Nana's way." Elaine met Colin, the love of her life, 37 years ago and together they were always looking out for the "underdog." She had a fierce sense of justice for those who didn't have a voice of their own. She fought for the elephants trapped in the circus, the birds and the crows, and anyone that needed a helping hand as well as sponsored children in third world countries. A private family service will take place 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

WEIDE, Nicholas "Nick" - It is with broken hearts that we announce the unexpected passing of Nick on Friday, November 1, 2024, at the age of 38 years. Nick is survived by his parents, Jackie and Richard; his sisters, Claire and Zoe (Chris Higgins); his nephew and three nieces and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences and kindness at this extremely difficult time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Juvenile Diabetes Association. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Nick's memory will remain in the hearts of his family and friends forever.

WATSON, Yvonne Marie - Age 84, Truro. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Vonnie Watson, on October 27, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro with family members at her bedside. Born in Truro on September 14, 1940, Vonnie was a daughter of the late Hugh and Gwen Morrissey, Hilden. Vonnie is survived by her husband of 61 years, Laurie Watson; son, Daniel Watson (Rhonda); sisters, Elda Johnson and Joyce Blaikie; grandchildren, Angela (David) Henderson, Alisha (Sam) Cino, Terry (Amber) Arnold, Chantal Keizer; great grandchildren, Alex (Jerika) Henderson, Chris, Joclyn and Andria Henderson, Kyah Cino, Clark and Max Keizer and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Vonnie was predeceased by her sister, Carol Matthews. Vonnie was a member of the Salmon River Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and enjoyed many years of volunteer work in sharing her bible-based hope with others. She had a reputation of having a very positive caring personality that endeared her to everyone that she had the privilege of talking to. Special thanks to all the CCA and VON staff who provided in home care to Vonnie for many years, to help her cope with multiple health challenges. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Hilden Cemetery or the Kingdom Hall. A Memorial service was held on November 2nd in the Truro Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Waller Drive, Truro.

BURRIS, Brian Lesley - Age 79, Truro, passed away on October 28, 2024, in Cedarstone Enhanced Care. Born in Truro on April 29, 1945, Brian was a son of the late Frederick and Evelyn (Henderson) Burris. Brian is survived by his sons, Nathan (Tara) and Neil; grandchildren, Amanda, Kayleigh, Alexis and Drew. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Bernadette "Bunny" Burris and his brother, Wayne. Brian was in the Canadian Armed Forces and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #26. The family would like to thank the staff at Cedarstone Enhanced Care for their care during Brian's time there. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the IWK Foundation. As per Brian's request, there will be no funeral service or visitation. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

WILSON, Mary Yvonne "Bonnie" - barely into her 90th year, died peacefully on November 3, 2024, surrounded by her children as her grand and great grandchildren blew bubbles on the deck of the Palliative Care Unit of Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Bonnie was the only daughter and eldest child of Amedee and Lena Hebert of Joggins, Nova Scotia. Bon married Bill in 1953 and together they raised Carolyn Wilson Wynne (Joe), Ruth MacDonald, and Bill Jr. (Monica). Bon's greatest joy was being Nannie and Nanna to grandchildren, Joseph Wynne, Spencer Wynne, Afton Wynne (Kyle), Allison MacDonald, Ashley MacDonald, Aaron MacDonald (Laura), Adam MacDonald (Elsa), Desarai Mosher (Brad), Chelsea Wilson and great grandchildren, Kaiden Mosher, Elena Mosher, Kennedy Mosher, Marisa George, Teagan George, Hudson MacDonald, Wylie MacDonald, Blakeney MacDonald, and Kobe Rulton. She is survived by brothers, Joseph (Sue) Quispamsis, NB, Roger (Joan), BC, Norman (Judy), Dartmouth, Stanley (Mary), Lower Sackville and a good number of Hebert and Wilson nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Bonnie was predeceased by her beloved William "Bill" Wilson; her brothers, George (Audrey) and Thomas and son-in-law, Elwood "Woody" MacDonald. Quite a few years ago, Bon retired from Zellers and took up bowling, which she loved! As well she volunteered as a Pink Lady at the old Colchester Hospital and was a Red Cross visitor for some time. She was a faithful member of St. James Presbyterian in Truro and thoroughly enjoyed attending Bible Study on Friday mornings. In her late mid 80's, she joined a chair yoga group that she also enjoyed! Death separated them in 2015 and has now reunited them! We love you, Mom. We hope you and Dad are dancing up a storm while the dragonflies zip around you. Family flowers only please. Donations in Bon's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Diabetes Canada are appreciated. A visitation was held prior to the funeral service on Thursday, November 7, 2024, in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, N.S. The funeral officiated by Rev. Andrew Campbell in Colchester Community Funeral Home. Interment will take place in River Hebert at a later date. Condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WILE, Gary Ralph - Age 61, Bible Hill. It is with broken hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Gary Ralph Wile on November 2, 2024. He passed from a heart attack after spending a day working, and in true "Gary-style," waited until the job was done. Gary was a son of the late Murray and Mary (Caldwell) Wile. He leaves behind his wife and partner of 28 years, Doris (Morrison); daughters, Beth (Evan) and Barb; sister, Linda; brother, Scott (Lucy); parents-in-law, Gene and Ruth Morrison; brothers-in-law, Eric (Sharon) and Kenny (Donna); sister-in-law, Joan (Brian) along with many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by siblings, Christine, Janet, Dean, Howard and Terry. Gary worked for Vintage Mouldings for the last 25 years, spending the last several years making deliveries all over the Maritimes where he met many people. Summer weekends were spent in Spencer's Island where he made many good friends. He was proud to keep the woodshed full and ready for the campers. If you ever needed help or a job done, you only had to ask Gary, and he would be there! He will be missed by so many. No funeral service by request. A visitation was held on November 9th for family and friends in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

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