

# OBITUARIES

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**STEVENS, Gerald Edson "Chippy"** – Age 84, of Lower Onslow. It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Gerald "Chippy" Edson Stevens, surrounded by his family on Tuesday October 21, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. He was a son of the late Edson Barnhill Stevens and Marie Annie (Barnhill) Stevens. Gerald began his working years in the woods hauling logs with a horse for Ritchie Barnhill. He went on to purchase a tandem truck to haul wood chips for McCully & Soy to Shubenacadie and then to Maccan. He continued his career in a big truck hauling wood chips for 28 years from the Parrsboro sawmill. It was during this time he earned the nickname, "Chippy"! He spent the last several years of his working days doing a variety of trucking jobs around Truro and the surrounding area. Once he retired from trucking, he certainly didn't retire from life. He and his brothers spent many days up on "the mountain" tending to their crops. They earned a lot together, but he always said Doug was the brain of the operation. He was a devoted and beloved husband to Elaine for 64 wonderful years. Together, they built a life filled with love, and shared adventures. Through many homes and life changes, they always faced each new chapter side by side. He especially loved Elaine's baking—most of all her oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. Together, they nurtured a beautiful family and created a lifetime of cherished memories. Gerald is survived by his wife, Elaine; daughter, Jackie Jackson (Gord), Lower Onslow; sons, Roy Stevens (Denise), Valley, and Michael Stevens (Roberta), Fraser Lake, BC; sister, Arlene Manning (Mike), Crowes Mills; brothers, Keith Stevens, Central Onslow and Doug Stevens (Dawn), Belmont; seven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his grandson, Jason Jackson. Donations in Gerald's memory may be made to the Colchester East Hants Hospital Auxiliary. A visitation will be held on Sunday, October 26th from 1-3pm, in Colchester Community Funeral Home 512 Willow Street, Truro NS. He will be truly missed by everyone that knew him, but he will never be forgotten.

**Mundle, Janet Ellen** - It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Janet Mundle on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born on September 8, 1950, in Springhill, Nova Scotia, she was the daughter of Thomas Eric and Genevieve Flynn. Janet was a devoted wife and mother. She is survived by her son, Thomas Brian Mundle and her two sisters, Olivia (Flynn) Baxter and Joani Flynn. She was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, John Brian Mundle on October 6<sup>th</sup> of this year. Janet grew up in Wallace, Nova Scotia, later moving to Alberta for a number of years before returning to Nova Scotia. She was employed by the Federal Public Service working for the RCMP in Bible Hill for 34 years. She loved her job and continued working until her passing. Janet will be dearly remembered by all who knew her - especially for her quick wit and sense of humour. Janet and Brian were both truly one of a kind and their loss will be felt by many. Donations in Janet's memory may be made to the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society. Arrangements to be decided at a later date.

**QUERIPPEL, Jill Elizabeth** - Age 56, of Stewiacke. It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Jill Elizabeth Queripel on October 22, 2025, after a battle with breast cancer. Jill was born in Truro to Ruth and Woodie Graham. She loved maple syrup season; sitting around the evaporator, boiling sap with family in the sugar shack. Upper Stewiacke was home and held a special place in her heart. She was the best mom to her children, Kurt and Kaleigh. She was so proud of them and their accomplishments. The love for her children spilled over to her grandchildren, Ellie and Everett. She loved being a "Manma" and showered them with love, dance parties, FaceTimes and kisses. Jill was the most thoughtful person to her friends and family. She'd make many batches of fudge, giving them all away to co-workers and friends, leaving Troy emptied handed. She was always thinking of other people and ways to make their day. Jill is survived by her spouse, Troy; children, Kurt (Stephanie) and Kaleigh (Jaryd), as well as her two loved grandchildren, Ellie and Everett. She is survived by her mother, Ruth Graham; siblings, Peter, Mark (Jeanette), and Gayle (Garnet). She was predeceased by her father, Woodie Graham. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer". A visitation was held Thursday, October 30th from 6-8 pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

**MARSHALL, Vernon "Craig"** - Age 69 of Earltown, passed away suddenly at home on October 24, 2025. Born in Truro on May 13, 1956, he was a son of the late Tina (Stewart) and Vernon Marshall. Craig is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Valerie (Brown); brother, Cecil (Florence) Stewart of North River; sisters-in-law, Kim (Ivan) Mackenzie of North River and Cynthia (Charles) O'Neil of Truro; many nieces and nephews and longtime close friend, Alonzo Hill. Growing up in Earltown and later building a home there with Valerie, He was a loving husband to Valerie, creating many memories together throughout their forty-nine-year marriage. Craig was a proud and doting father to Justin, taking great pride in all of Justin's accomplishments no matter how big or small. He was employed at Stella Jones, retiring after forty-five years of employment. Besides his parents, Craig was predeceased by his son, Justin and mother and father-in-law, Reta and Walter Brown. Valerie would like to express her gratitude for the assistance and compassion shown to them by the first responders, and a special thank you to Bobby and Shirley Marshall for all they have done. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Craig's memory to charity of choice. In keeping with Craig's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. A private interment will take place at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

**ADSHADE, John Ernest**, November 16, 1951 – October 25, 2025 – Adshade, John Ernest, 73, of Debert, NS, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, October 25, 2025, surrounded by close family. John was born on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1951, in Truro, NS to the late Elmer and Cyretha (Rushton) Adshade. John is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judith (Judy) Elizabeth Adshade; daughter, Jody (W. Alan) Garner; son, John Charles (Amanda) Adshade; grandchildren, Cameron, John James, Lucas Charles and Leah Marie; brothers, Eugene (Betty), Rodney, Joe; and sister, Joyce Elms; as well as his step-mother, Carol and step siblings, Karen and Kevin. John was predeceased by brothers, Elmer (Jr), Curtis Rushton, Kenneth, James; sisters, Shirley Vachon, Mary Ann, Judy Ann. A welder by trade, John spent his last working decade as a Cement Truck Driver. Known as Papa to his grandchildren, spending time with Family was of utmost importance to him. He loved to laugh and joke and was often found involved in a card game or under the hood of a vehicle. Donations in John's memory may be made to the COPD Foundation or to a charity of choice. John's family would like to extend special thanks to all the family and friends who have called, visited and brought food to the home. As per John's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation or service.

**STEWART, Dana Ray**, age 66, of Old Barns, Nova Scotia, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre. He was born on August 8, 1959, in Truro, Nova Scotia, to Russell and Christina Stewart. Dana grew up in the close-knit community of Old Barns, Nova Scotia, where he lived until his death. Dana also had a deep-rooted love for dairy farming, a passion he inherited from his family. He took great pride in caring for the land and animals, which fostered a ten plus year career with Scotsburn Dairy. He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, witty sense of humor, kind heart, and warm smile. He is survived by his children, Roger (Corinne), Spencer (Laura), and Cameron (Lauren); seven grandchildren, Connor, Eric, Madelyn, Levi, Nolan, Lily and Oliver; his sisters, Donna and Kim, and his nephew, Jeffery (Kerri), who was as loyal as a son to him, and from an early age until the end was a vital member in Dana's life. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Christina and his brother, Kevin. The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre and VON Truro, for their care and support. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Alcoholics Anonymous, in Dana's memory. A burial service will be held at a later date.

**HILL (Dowe), Margaret "Peggy"** – Age 71, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2025, in Vimy Court. She is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Hill, Truro; former husband, Cecil Hill, Truro; sisters, Debbie Veinott, Truro, and Judy Strong, Enfield, along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her mother, Beulah (Rector-Dowe) Wissink; father, Murray Dowe and stepfather, John Wissink, all of Parrsboro. special thanks to the management and staff of vimy court in bible hill where peggy resided since august 2022. in keeping with peggy's wishes, cremation has taken place under the direction of colchester community funeral home, 512 willow street, truro, ns. condolences may be made online at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**Clarke (née Richards), Georgena "Jean"** - April 15, 1939 - October 29, 2025 - It is with great sadness that the family of **Georgena Clarke** announces her passing in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at the age of 86 years. Georgena was born on April 15, 1939, in the Magdalen Islands, Quebec to the late George and Effie (Clark) Richards. Georgena leaves behind her husband and best friend of 63 years, Ronald Clarke; two daughters, Laurie Jack (Paul) and Valerie Daigle (Terrence) and three grandchildren, Reece Jack, Ryan Jack and Nicholas Daigle. Also left to mourn are her two sisters, Darlene Arsenault (Allison) and Dianne Dunlap (Albert) and many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her. Georgena's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for the care and support provided to her by the staff of the Palliative Care Unit in Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Special thanks to Dr. Cortney Smith and the many nurses who looked after Mom so lovingly, and us, as a family. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Grosse-Ile, Magdalen Islands, Quebec, where she will be interred. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation, or Hospice Colchester East Hants.

**PETERSON, James "Jim"** - February 10, 1952 – October 31, 2025 - James "Jim" Peterson, age 73, of North River, passed away on October 31, 2025. Born in South Branch, Nova Scotia, on February 10, 1952, Jim lived a full and happy life surrounded by family, friends, and the great outdoors he loved so much. Jim is survived by his loving wife, Laura, and stepdaughter, Jenna; son, Craig (Laura) and grandsons, James and Evan of Alberta; daughter, Erin (Ron) of Prince Edward Island; siblings, Allen (Penny) and Leonna of Ontario, Judy (Paul) of South Carolina, Bob (Carol), Wayne (Evelyn), Frances, and Connie (Earl), all of Nova Scotia. He was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Hazel; sisters, Brenda and Beverly. Jim began his working life with a few odd jobs before finding his long-term home at Shoppers Drug Mart, where he proudly served as Front Store Manager for 42 years. Jim later joined Sobeys, where he enjoyed his time in receiving and chatting with coworkers and delivery drivers every day. Jim cherished his family, especially his grandsons, whom he lovingly called "the boys." One of Jim's proudest achievements was his involvement in Freemasonry. He joined the Masonic Fraternity in 2000 as a member of Fellowship Lodge #112 AF&AM, serving as Master of the Lodge in 2007 and Treasurer since 2016. Over the years, he was appointed to several Grand Lodge Offices, including Grand Tyler (2015), Grand Pursuivant (2016), and Grand Representative (2017). He also served as District Deputy Grand Master for the Colchester District (2020–2021). Jim was a Meritorious Service Award holder and was proudly presented with his 25-Year Service Pin on October 28, 2025, just days before his passing. He was also a member of the Royal Arch Masons (Keith Chapter #4), the Philae Temple of Halifax, and the Central Shrine Club, where he served as President in 2020–2021. Jim found great joy in the fellowship, friendship, and charitable work of the Lodges and Shriners, forming many lifelong connections. Jim will be dearly missed by all who knew him — especially by his family and his three loyal dogs, who were never far from his side. The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to EHS, the paramedics, and the North River Volunteer Fire Brigade for their quick response and care and support. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice, to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, or to the local SPCA in his memory. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, November 22, 2025, at the Truro Masonic Lodge, 143 Pictou Road, Truro, NS. The service began with a Masonic Service at 1:30 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Family, friends, and all who knew Jim are welcome to attend.

**DICKEY, Catherine Isabel "Cathy"** - Age 87, of Otter Brook, Nova Scotia, passed away on October 31, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, Nova Scotia. She was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia on February 23, 1938. She was a daughter of the late Robert and Bessie Munro (McCunn). Cathy was actively involved her community. She was a messenger leader, 4-H leader, Sunday School superintendent, and member of the United Church Women (Unit 9). She and her husband were the Middle Stewiacke Church co-treasurers for 30 years. She loved baking for her grandchildren, especially their birthday cakes, birthday pies, chocolate chip cookies and many, many other sweets. Cathy enjoyed gardening and many crafts. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, John (Jack) Dickey, Otter Brook; her children, Dale, Toronto and Karen Louise (Paul Hinkins), Bedford; grandchildren, Kate Hartigan (Connor), Beth, Jonathan, and Nina. Cathy is also survived by her sisters, Marie Barylak, Jean Marshall (Howard), and Marion Day (Merle); her brothers, Raeburn and Chester (Dorothy); her sisters-in-law, Barbara Redden and Debra (John) Pollard, and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Cathy was predeceased by infant daughter, Nancy; sister, Barbara Welch; brother, Alexander (Sandy); sisters-in-law, Sheila Dickey and Ardele Munro; brothers-in-law, George Barylak, James Welch and Michael Redden. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to MS Society of Canada. Visitation was held Friday, November 7, 2025, from 6-8pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 3pm in Middle Stewiacke United Church, 21 Cloverdale Road, Middle Stewiacke. Reception was held in Middle Stewiacke United Church immediately following the private family burial. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**MELANSON, Eldon Dennis "Bear"** – 75, Truro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, in the early morning hours of Saturday morning, November 1, 2025, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Yarmouth, he was a son of the late Frank and Jennie (LeBlanc) Melanson. He worked at Nova Scotia Teacher's College (NSTC) and then at NSCC, Truro Campus in the maintenance department from where he retired in July 2015. Eldon is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Janet (Taylor); children, Tammy Melanson (James Wallace), Bible Hill; Charles (Lisa) Melanson, Truro Heights; Michelle Melanson (Colin Smith), Truro; grandchildren, Jessica Burgess, Rebekah Wallace (Dustin Whidden), Toni Wallace, Michael Melanson, Dylan Robson; nine great grandchildren; sister, Judy (Peter) MacIntosh, Truro; sisters-in-law, Nancy (Joe) Carrigan, Mount Thom; Wendy Melanson, Truro; many nieces and nephews. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, where a Legion Tribute Service was held on Thursday, November 6, 2025. Private interment in Truro Cemetery, 125 Robie Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories will be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**GATES, Amy Christian (MacLellan)** - It is with broken hearts that we say so long to a wife, mother, daughter, sister, cousin, and friend, Amy Christian (MacLellan) Gates, age 46 years, who passed away suddenly on November 2, 2025. Amy was born in Cape Breton where she lived and grew up with her loving family of six in St. Patrick's Channel. After high school, Amy moved to Truro and attended the Teachers College where she finished her Early Childhood Education and Teachers Aid. She then moved across town to Bible Hill where she lived with her loving husband, Andrew James Gates, and her two adored boys, Nathan, age 20, and Zachary, age 15. Amy devoted 25 plus years to the health care system with the CRSS and was a determined advocate for Epilepsy awareness. Amy became one of the proudest hockey moms who ever entered a rink, to Zachary. Amy was predeceased by her grandparents, Thelma and Joseph MacLellan, Rhoda and Jack Parsons, and father in-law, Albert Gates. Amy will be missed dearly by her husband of 21 years, Andrew; her boys, Nathan and Zachary who were her world, as she was theirs; her parents, Bruce and Dorothy; sisters, Denise, Kelly (Ryan) and Robin; her in-laws, Shaun, Shannon, Shantel, Aaron, Robin, and loving mother-in-law, Marsha. Amy is also survived by numerous cousins, uncles, aunts, and friends, especially her best friend, Allison Lynds, who will all miss her dearly. Both families want to extend many thanks to everyone who supported Amy and her family over the years and who are supporting us now. A graveside service will take place on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the St. Patrick's Channel Cemetery. A gathering will follow the service in the Middle River Hall. There will also be a gathering of friends and family on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 7pm in the Bible Hill Fire Hall.

**HARRIES, Allan Wayne** Age 83, of Bible Hill, Nova Scotia passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at home. He was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia on April 8, 1942. Allan is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dorothy; daughters, Rochelle Porter and Tara Cumbly; his five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. A celebration of life was held on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in the Mountain Golf & Country Club, 1195 Pictou Road, East Mountain serving at 5pm.



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