

# OBITUARIES

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**PUTNAM**, Gene Raymond – 73, Masstown, passed away peacefully, surrounded by those he loved, on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at home. He left his family at milking time as a true dairy and later beef farmer who was proud of his two sons who followed in his footsteps. Born August 17, 1940, he was a son of the late Albert A. and Gladys M. (Rath) Putnam. Gene was a farmer dedicated to his herd and to his family. He is survived by his wife, Ellen (Akerman); four children, Owen, Debert; Janet, Truro; Mary (Aaron) Smith, Glenholme; Evan (Paula), Masstown; proud grandfather to Jenna, Olivia, Maria, Colton, Clara, Chloe, Alyssa, Morgan, Madelyn and Gavin; sisters, Reta (Roy) Langille, Onslow; Marina Fisher, Masstown; Carole (Norman) Evans, Tappan, British Columbia, brother, Lorne (Letitia), Masstown, sister-in-law, Claudia Putnam, Hart Lake; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, Gene was predeceased by his brother, Merle; nephew, Mark Fisher; niece, Elizabeth Akerman; brother-in-law, Gerald Fisher. Funeral service was held Monday, December 16, 2013, in Masstown United Church, Carol Gillard, M.Div. officiated. Spring interment in Masstown Cemetery. 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)

**MACLEAN**, Emma Mae – Londonderry, passed away peacefully at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro surrounded by her family on December 17th, 2013. Born February 14, 1921 in Londonderry, Mae was the adopted daughter of Margaret (Maggie) Boulter. A lifelong resident and Londonderry's oldest citizen at 92, Mae is survived by daughters Shannon Hudson (Glen), Nancy MacLean (Darrin McCafferty) and foster son Lewis O'Toole (Lorraine), grandchildren, Nicole Boyd and Taylor McCafferty, a niece and a nephew and close family friends Kelly (Linda) Eagles. She was predeceased by half-brothers Ben and Joe Neil. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Saturday, December 21, 2013, Reverend Roger Moore officiated. Spring interment in Hillcrest Cemetery, Londonderry. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**MARTIN**, Ralph W. - It is with sadness we announce the death of Ralph W. Martin on December 19th, 2013, a longtime resident of Lower Economy and most recently of Parrsboro. Ralph was born in 1935, in Somerset, Bermuda, to Cyril and Ruth (Pitman) Martin. He started working for the Bermuda Press when a teenager as a linotype operator and, after a few years working for Trimingham, returned there and worked many years for the Royal Gazette newspaper in sales and advertising. It was his love of farming that lead him and his wife to Nova Scotia and a farm in Lower Economy, where he enjoyed raising whatever made him happy. Together Ralph and Corynne had the 'Um Um Tearoom' for a few years before purchasing the Economy Country Store. Together with their youngest son, they ran the store for fifteen years. He and his wife finally decided to close the store and retire when seventy six years old. Ralph is survived by his wife of fifty two years, Corynne (Durant) Martin and four children – Sue-Elynn Eldridge, Parrsboro/BVI; Todd Martin (Mya), Bermuda; Jayson Martin (Ana), Brampton, Ont.; Matthew Martin (Caithlin), Economy – and grandchildren, William, Benjamin, Rebecca, Christopher, Carlos, Sabrina, Rachel, Moss and Eowyn. He is also survived by his brother Derek Martin (Marcia), Florida; and his sister, Shirley Wayne (Anthony), Chidlow, Australia; brother-in-law Malcolm Harvey, Parrsboro; and brother-in-law, Bill Durant (Grace), Oromocto, N.B.; many nieces and nephews as well as a multitude of other family and friends (here and abroad) who will all miss him keenly. Funeral service was held December 30, 2013 in Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Frank Best of the Living Church of God officiating. Burial will take place in Bermuda at a later date. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**COOKE**, Louise Helen (Richards) – 71, Bass River passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2013 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro following a courageous battle with lung disease. Louise was born in Great Village on June 12, 1942, the daughter of the late William Rushton and the late Helen (Rushton) (Richards) Lamont. She was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Richards. Louise is survived by her husband Russel, Portapique; daughter, Anna (Derek) Stevens, Highland Village; sons, Glen (Wendy), Highland Village and Lester (Cristina), Orillia, Ont. Louise will be lovingly missed by her grandchildren, Caitlin, Deanna, Erik, Alexandra, Meaghan and R.J. Funeral service was held December 31, 2013 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, Rev. Dan Gunn officiating. Spring interment in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. Family flowers only. Donations in Louise's memory may be made to the Lung Association of Nova Scotia. On-line condolences and donations at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**BROWN**, Courtney Michelle, Belmont – It is with great sadness that family and friends announce the passing of Courtney Michelle Brown on December 21, 2013 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro on September 12, 1983 she was the daughter of Holly and Terry Brown, Belmont, Colchester County. She is survived by her parents; sister, Rachel (Geoff) Wenham, Great Village; brother, Colton (Megan), Lethbridge, AB; niece and nephews, Shelby, Austin and Mason Wenham; paternal grandparents, Russell and Sandra Brown, Shubenacadie; maternal grandfather, Ross (Marie) Pynn, Belmont; maternal grandmother, Eleanor Pynn, Truro; several aunts, uncles and cousins. Courtney will be missed by her special companion, her dog, "Sucker". She was predeceased by her uncle, "Nemo" Howard Brown. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:30 am in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Pastor Lennett Anderson officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Abilities Foundation of Nova Scotia, 3670 Kempt Rd., Halifax, B3K 4X6. Online condolences and donations may be made at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**CORBIN**, Clark W. – 74, of New Salem died Sunday, December 22, 2013 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan after a brave and valiant battle with cancer. He was a son of the late Victor and Violet (McAloney) Corbin. Clark was lovingly adored by family, friends and "adopted" sons. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him well. Special thanks to the nursing staff at Cumberland Regional Health Care Center who quickly came to adore him in his brief stay and enjoyed his sense of humor despite his struggle. Upon his wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com).

**SEARS**, Randy Garfield – July 17th, 1956 - December 23rd, 2013, Truro and Tatamagouche. It is with profound sadness we announce Randy's passing on December 23rd, 2013. As he had wished, he was at his home in Tatamagouche surrounded by his loving family. He was in his 57th year. Randy was born in Bible Hill, loving son of Vera MacAllister (MacBurnie) and the late Chesley Matthews. Protective brother to Carol (Robin and children Tara and Tyler) and stepson to Donald MacAllister. He was a doting husband to Linda and immensely proud father to Lauren Jade and Hilary Taylor. Brother-in-law to Robert (Sylvia), Jeff (Mary), and Mai (Ivan) Joe and uncle to their children (Cindy, Robyn, Christopher, Brian, Samantha, Erika, and Michael). Son-in-law to Gordon and Ying Fu Joe. Randy was an incredibly protective and generous man to his family. He was also supportive of his community, always giving back. In particular, he took pride in giving to local youth sport programs. Randy had a very successful career in the car business. His dream of owning his own dealership became a reality in 1995 and, together with his partner Dave Edey, founded Century Honda in Truro followed by Century Hyundai. He became sole owner in 2007. Randy was blessed with many loyal customers. Even if a customer's name alluded him, Randy could miraculously recall the model and year of the car that they had purchased. His team of outstanding employees helped him to achieve a high level of excellence with the stores and they supported his entrepreneurial spirit and creativity. He formed many friendships in his dealer network and enjoyed the camaraderie at dealer meetings and golf tournaments. Funeral Service was held December 29, 2013 at the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, Pastor Bill Martin officiating. On-line condolences and donations at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**JOHNSON**, Margaret L. "Margie" – 86, of Parrsboro passed away suddenly on Tuesday, December 24, 2013 at South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Cecil and Mary (Duffy) Berry. She is survived by sons, Gordon (Lynn), Prince George, B.C.; George, Moncton, N.B.; grandchildren, Jennifer Nickerson (Scott), Leduc, Alta.; Ryan, Prince George, B.C.; Tyler, Halifax; Kyle, Amherst; 3 great grandchildren, Gabrielle, Grace, Wynter. She was predeceased by her husband, Cyril "Bud" Johnson in 2002; a daughter, Audrey; brothers, Stewart and William. Funeral services will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**MURPHY**, Grace E. - 89 of Debert passed away peacefully on December 24, 2013, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro N.S. Grace was born in Debert on September 28, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Lester Bamford and Letitia (Barley) Totten. Grace was the first full time employee at Masstown Market from 1972-1984 and made numerous friends within the community and was loved and respected by all. Grace and her late husband Tom were very involved in the Provincial and Federal Elections, both were very strong Liberals. She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Bill); granddaughter, Michelle (Mark) Williams and great-grandsons, Caden and Caleb. She is also survived by her sister, Joyce Demers, Truro; brothers, Ronald (Linda), Brantford, Ontario, Lionel (Marie), East Mines, Royce (Donna), Ted (Ruth) both of Debert, Lee, Bass River, Bernie (Judy), Masstown; numerous nieces and nephews and by her special friend, Nicole Findlay. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Thomas Murphy (Tom); sisters, Florence, Leta and Ella; brothers, Reginald, Erwin and Stanley; a brother in infancy. A funeral service was held on Monday, December 30, 2013 at 10 am in the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro NS. Pastor Bill Martin officiating. Spring interment in the Plains Road Cemetery, Debert. On-line condolences and donations at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**RAMSAY**, Dwayne Peter Charles - 42, of Truro passed away unexpectedly on December 24, 2013. Born in Truro, Nova Scotia on June 27, 1971 he was the loving son of Sharon Denton Robertson (John) and Jim (Pat) Ramsay. He is survived by his son, Brent Ramsay "Daddy's Boy"; brother, Jamie (Linda); sister, Melanie (Mike) Keith; half-sister, Tiffany (Craig) Gulliver; nieces and nephews, Morgan, Hannah, Grace, Faith, Luke, Sophie and Jack; many aunts and uncles; special friend, Patti Purvis. Dwayne was predeceased by his great grandparents, Edward and Emma Currie; grandparents, Maxwell and Dorothy Ramsay, Blanche Burton, special uncle, Brent Burton. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro where the funeral service was held Monday, December 30, 2013. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**CROSSMAN**, Donald "Ross" – 80, Bible Hill passed away December 24, 2013, at Vimy Court. He grew up and made Truro his lifelong home, where he was known and loved by his many friends and family in the community. Ross worked for many years at Bagnell's Dry Cleaning, where he knew all the customers by name. He loved to cook and bake and make crafts and gifts for his family and friends. Ross is survived by his loving wife, Lorna Crossman (Webb) and a large extended family. He was predeceased by his father Walter. He was a kind and loving man who always brought a smile to the face of those who knew him, with his infectious laugh, optimism and zest for life. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Interment will be held at a later date in Economy Cemetery. Full obituaries and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**PYNN**, Murray L. Jr "Manny" - 65, Onslow Mountain, passed away on Friday December 27, 2013 at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro surrounded by his family. Born on October 7, 1948 in Truro to the late Murray L. Sr. and Irene (MacKenzie) Pynn. He is survived by his wife of 42 years Reta (Reid) Pynn. He is also survived by his daughter, Shelley (Chuck) Turner; son, Kevin (Kerry) Pynn; sister, Doris Furlootie; brothers, Bill (Jean) Pynn and David (Janice) Pynn. He is also survived by his granddaughter, Ava who was the light of his life. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Tanya Pynn; brothers-in-law, Ivan Armsworthy and George Lyndsay and sister-in-law, Judy Buchanan. A celebration of Manny's life was held January 2, 2014 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Rev. Valerie Kingsbury officiating. On-line condolences and donations at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**ROODE**, Joyce May Louise (Andrews) – 78, Crowes Mills, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Tuesday, December 31, 2013, at home. Born April 28, 1935, in Stewiacke, she was a daughter of the late Kenneth George Andrews (Killed in Action Overseas) and Greta Georgina (Whidden) Andrews and step-daughter of the late Johnny Christensen. Joyce is survived by her husband, Jack Donald Roode; children, Sheila Andrews, Jamie (Margo) Roode, Jack Roode Jr.; siblings, Anne (Charles) Jewers, Dartmouth; Joan (Kees) Van Kempen, Onslow; Christine (Wayne) Johnston, Alberta; Glen (Shirley) Christiansen, Truro; brother-in-law, Everett Dickie, New Brunswick; three grandchildren; one great grandson; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents and step-father, she was predeceased by her son, Darren Roode; siblings, Barb Harnish, Bea Dickie, Shirley (Jim) Colborne, Max Christensen, Wayne Christensen. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service for family and close friends was held Thursday, January 2, 2014, Reverend Brian DeLong officiated. Spring interment will be held in Belmont Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**WASSON**, Ruth Irene – Great Village. It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved Mom, Ruth Wasson, 86, on January 3, 2014 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Great Village, where she moved upon her illness in October. Born in Lake Egmont, Halifax Co., March 15, 1927 she was the youngest child of the late John and Mary (Benjamin) Jodrey. In 1945 she met the love of her life, Trueman Wasson, who she married in 1947. They lived in Truro where they raised their five children. She is survived and will be missed by daughters, Carolyn (Howard) Smith, Great Village, Shirley (Alfred) Muise, North River, Joanne (Bernie) Conrad, Pleasant Valley, Darlene (Russell) Morgan, Ottawa, ON and son Gary (Suzanne), Milford; 11 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and friends who adored her. She is also survived by her sister, Dorothy Milne, Middle Musquodoboit and brother-in-law, Clifford and Vera Wasson, Truro. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her husband, Trueman (2005) and by sisters, Viola Bowers, Sadie Watts; brothers, Stewart and Herbert Jodrey. Cremation has taken place and as per Mom's request there will be no funeral service. The family received visitors at Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Interment will be held at a later date at the Mahon Cemetery in Great Village. On-line condolences and donations may be made at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**BROWN**, Jessie M. – 80, of Southampton passed away Friday, January 3, 2014 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan surrounded by her loving family. Born in Fox River, she was a daughter of the late J. Stanley and Annie (Glennie) Lake. Jessie always had a smile. She is survived by daughters, Debbie Swetnam (Peter), Amherst; Janice Mosher (Terry), 100 Mile House, B.C.; Cathy Hunter (Bruce Tobin), Lorneville; a son, Gerald "Jerry" (Bev), Parrsboro; a sister, Cynthia Hatfield, Fox River; a brother, Harold Lake, Sussex, N.B.; grandchildren, Jason Swetnam (Della), January Brown (Scott Leopold), Jennifer Brown (Adam Robinson), Terry Mosher (Amanda), Ashton Hunter; great-grandchildren, Mikayla, Julia, Cole, Camden, Maisie, Jack, Emerson, Rowen and Desiree; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Gerald "Jake" in 2010; her twin sister, Jeanette; her brother, Jim; her step-mother, Marion (Lunn) Lake. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com).

**MOWBRAY-WILLIAMS**, Alison Joyce, Truro. Our Mother, Alison Joyce Mowbray-Williams of Truro, Nova Scotia, died at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro on Jan 6, 2014. Born to Alfred and Phyllis Williams on March 27, 1936 in Twickenham, England, she moved to Canada after the war in 1947. Following graduation from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1960 she moved to 'live by the sea', practiced veterinary medicine and raised her family in Truro along with her husband, 'Mac' Mowbray. She co-owned Mowbray Veterinary Clinic in Onslow with Mac and later opened the Truro Veterinary Clinic where she cared for the beloved pets of many families. She was a member of the Council of Canadians and New Democratic Party. She is survived by her son William Mowbray and three daughters: Gwen Mowbray-Cashen (Chris Cashen), and their children Tara and Quinn; Fran Mowbray (Luiz Mello) with their children Neeson and Erik; Juanita Powell (Wayne) and their children Maddie, Farley and Andrew. She was predeceased by her brother, John Williams and her ex-husband, 'Mac' Mowbray. The memorial service was held at St Andrew's United Church, Truro, officiated by Rev. Jay Ettinger on Thursday Jan 9, 2014. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro. On-line condolences may be made at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**TEED**, Verlie "Sylvia" Daisy (Turner) passed away peacefully at the age of 85 on January 7, 2014 at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro with her family at her side. She was born in May, 1928 in St. Mary's Bay, Guysborough Co. in a lighthouse. Losing her parents at an early age, she was placed for adoption and later adopted by the Pratts' in Belmont where she met her husband, Charles Teed. They were married for 46 years and raised seven children, Odessa (Rick), David (Betty), Valerie (Bill/Pink), Hazel (John) Linda (Steve), Kathy (Sherman). She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, the latest born on January 2, 2014. She was predeceased by husband, Charles; daughter, Marsha (Eric); sons-in-law, Curtis, Blair, Malcolm; parents, Charles and Mary Turner; several sisters and brothers. Funeral service was held January 10, 2014 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Glenn MacLean officiating. Interment at a later date. On-line condolences may be made at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**JOHNSON**, Kenneth Wesley – 77, Debert passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Brookfield, he was the son of Delia (Morrisey) and the late Wesley "Sam" Johnson. Ken was a hard working and dedicated husband and father who owned Glenholme Transport and hauled fuel almost all of his career. Apart from trucking, Ken spent little time away from work. Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife of 42 years, Iris (Penny); daughters, Cindy (Roger Richards) Ryan, Little Dyke, Donna (Martin) Hilchie, Stratford, PEI; sons, Rick (Margaret), Glenholme, Philip (Sherry), Hilden, Kevin, Truro, Derek (Tina), East Mountain; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary, Margie; brothers, Dave, Lloyd, Ralph, Jimmy, Mike; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides his father, he was predeceased by son, Kenneth Waldo Johnson Jr. No visitation and no service by his request. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro. On-line condolences may be made at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

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