

OBITUARIES

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HEGAN, Fern Eileen - Age 79 of Victoria, B.C. passed away peacefully January 1, 2015 in Gorge Road Hospital. Born in Londonderry, N.S. she was the daughter of the late Harold (Pat) and Ellen Miller (Fountain). Fern is survived by her husband of 61 years, Arthur Hegan of Bass River, children Leigh (Doreen) Hegan and Heather (Steve) Meadows and 2 grandchildren Karyn (John) Tanaka and Lorne Hegan and one great grandchild Midori. She is also survived by sisters Elaine (Jim) MacKinnon, Shirley (Doug) Cooke, Audrey (Logan) Spencer and brothers Wilfred (Fronz) Miller and Glen (Dennise) Miller. Fern spent her younger years in Londonderry before moving to B.C. In her later years, Fern dearly loved her many visits to Nova Scotia and the precious time that she and Art spent at their cottage at Five Houses.

BAKKER, Trent Curtis - age 19, Onslow Mountain Road, passed away suddenly on Monday, December 15, 2014 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Trent's passions included hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, tinkering in the garage and welding with his friends, co-workers and Uncle Steve at Portable Welders. There were so many special people in Trent's life we couldn't possibly name them all without writing a book. But you know who you are! Born in Truro, he was a son of Rick and Rhonda (Hingley) Bakker. Besides his parents, Trent is survived by his brother and best friend, Jake, Onslow Mountain; the love of his life and soul mate, Kristen MacPhee, Truro Heights; Nick Crowell, Trent's best friend and like a son to his parents, East Mountain; paternal grandparents, Bob and Vera Bakker, Truro; maternal grandparents, Gary and Beatrice Hingley, Bible Hill; Uncle "D" (Darren), Uncle Steve, Uncle Kevin and families; Aunt Karen and family. He will be sadly missed by his best four-legged friend, Buzz. A time to celebrate Trent's life was held December 20 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. On-line condolences may be made to www.colchestercommunity.com

MURRAY, Robert Reid "Bob" - 95, Truro passed away at home on December 15, 2014. Born in New Glasgow, he was the son of the late Olding and Jean (Reid) Murray. He was educated at the University of New Brunswick and graduated in 1941 with B.Sc. in Forestry. He then immediately went overseas where he served as Second Lieutenant with the Corp. of Forestry Engineers. Bob worked many years in the forestry industry in Nova Scotia and finished his career at Scott Paper serving as Woodlands Manager and Vice-President until retiring in 1981. After retirement he was a co-founder of MacTara Lumber, Middle Musquodoboit. Bob was inducted into the N.S. Forestry Hall of Fame in 2006. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Betty; sons, Mac (Marylew), Pomquet, Don, Fredericton, Michael (Roya), Truro; grandchildren, Ritchie, Duncan, Peter, Mike, Sarah, Robynne, Nick, Stephanie; great-grandchildren, Isaac, Aiden, Wil, Molly, Callie, Emerson, Elliott. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Joan Scott. Cremation has taken place. No visitation or service at his request. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

WIITA, D. Aileen - 94, of Parrsboro passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at Centennial Villa, Amherst with her daughter, Wendy by her side. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Maxwell and Elsie (Hatfield) Clarke. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Aileen worked for General Electric in Barrie, Ontario for many years. Upon her retirement, she enjoyed entertaining, and was an avid traveler. She is survived by a daughter, Wendy Roberts, Parrsboro; grandchildren, Sherry Roberts, Truro; Pat Welton, New Prospect; Barb Tennant, Parrsboro; Ronnie Roberts, Moose River; great grandchildren, Chris Harrison; Jeffery Roberts; Cody, Luke and Ethan Welton; Tylor and Madison Tennant; Ally Roberts; great-great-grandchildren, Chase and Sadie Harrison; Michaela Roberts; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her first husband, Ralph Hurrie in 1944; her second husband, Henry Wiita in 2003; sisters, Mary Guthreau, Nellie Snowden; brothers, Edson and John; grandson, Michael. Funeral service was held December 19, 2014 at St. George's Anglican Church, Parrsboro, Rev. Tory Byrne officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

FULTON, Marguerite - Age 88, of Parrsboro passed away Monday, December 22, 2014 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan with family by her side. Born in Parrsboro Roads, she was a daughter of the late Bernard and Julia (Bennett) Willigar. She is survived by daughters, Mary Babineau (Allan), Ruth McCully (Charles), Darlene Harroun, all of Parrsboro; Dorothy Logan, West Brook; sons, Earl, Murray Jr., John (Martha Terffy) and David (Cathy), all of Parrsboro; a brother, Nelson, Amherst; 20 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Murray in 1990; a sister, Annabelle; brothers, Aubrey, Raymond, Ralston, Lyman; son in law, Charles Logan. Funeral service was held December 29, 2014 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Rev. Tory Byrne officiating. Burial in the Parrsboro Presbyterian Cemetery. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

DOYLE, Corene Nan - 72, Salmon River - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mom, sister, companion, grandmother, great-grandmother on Thursday, January 8, 2015 surrounded by her loved ones in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born July 4, 1942 in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Lambert Jr. and Edith (Stiles) MacDonald. She was a member of the Valley United Church and the Salmon River Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary and past president. She worked as a secretary, accounts payable for Eastern Transport, then became Terminal Manager for CN Route for several years. Before retirement she worked in Accounts Payable for Peter Kohler Windows. She will be sadly missed by her lifelong friend, Marilyn Watson and neighbor Ronda Smith. Corene is survived by her companion of 27 years, George Faulkner; daughters, Dawn-Leigh (Michael) Doyle, Vicki Doyle; son, John (Sherry); sister, Delta-Ann (Mike) Clark; grandchildren, Cory, Lindsay, Ashley, Brittney, Benjamin, Jacob, Olivia; great grandson, Noah; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Donald "Ducky" Doyle; brothers, Wayne (in infancy), David; sister, Myrna. Funeral service was held January 11 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with nephew, Rev. Tim MacDonald officiating. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

SCHMITT, Michael "Mike" Cairns, 44, of Bible Hill passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Saturday January 10, 2015 at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Mike was born on December 2, 1970 in Pictou, Nova Scotia. He was the son of Margaret (Henderson) Schmitt and the late Lothar Schmitt. Survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Karyn MacKinnon; their children Julia Schmitt, Brody Schmitt, and Brayden Schmitt. Mother Margie, Sisters Linda (David) Charbonneau (Hammonds Plains), Tanya (Scott) Boone (Yellowknife). Parents-in-law, Jim and Elaine MacKinnon (Truro); and sister-in-law, Jill (Koko) Gillis (Guelph); several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents John Cairns and Bertha (Lowden) Henderson; paternal grandparents Heinrich and Berta Schmitt of Germany; father Lothar and an infant brother John Mark. Mike worked as Operations Manager for the Tim Hortons Warehouse in Debert for 20 years. Mike was passionate about hockey, whether that be coaching or watching. Mike loved coaching minor hockey and gave countless hours to the sport. He believed in making players better people not just better hockey players. The family wishes to thank some extraordinary people for their support and care over the past 18 months; VON's Marilyn MacKeen and Michelle Maillet; Raj Makkar; his special ladies of the chemo unit, Dr. Michael Murray's office and the staff of Bible Hill Village Pharmacy. Special thanks to Dr. Smith & Dr. Rowe, the Palliative Care and Hospice team for their genuine sincere care given. Funeral service was held January 17th at the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Glenn MacLean officiating. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

LETCHER, Edward Arnold - 65, Truro and formerly of Wentworth Valley passed away peacefully on January 16, 2015 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro with his wife and family members by his side. Born June 25, 1949 in Truro, he was the son of Doris Letcher and the late Alonza Letcher. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Violetta Blair; sisters, Dianne (Bob Ring); Karen (Clayton Newcombe), Shannon Letcher and Peggy (Winston Patriquin); three stepchildren, Randy (Lisa), Lolita (Leander), Juanita (Tony); many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Ed (Papa) as he was lovingly known had a passion for music and a beautiful singing voice. A small family and close friends service was held January 22 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Robert Ring officiating. On-line condolences at www.colchestercommunity.com

MacALEESE, Roberta A. "Midge" - 75, of Parrsboro passed away Sunday, January 18, 2015 at the Infirmary Site, QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax surrounded by her loved ones. Born in New Prospect, she was a daughter of the late Robert and Lavenia (Fife) MacAleese. Midge was a graduate of the Nova Scotia Hospital School of Nursing, and was very proud of her long and dedicated career as a nurse. She enjoyed quilting, knitting, baking, gardening, her church and work with the A.C.W., church teas, going to yard sales with her best friend, Shirley Brown, singing and playing music with her family and friends. She is survived by her son, Mark Trembley (Jodie), Beaver Bank; sisters, Muriel Goodwin-Butts (Fred), Dartmouth; Myrna MacBurnie (Trueman), Five Islands; Marion MacAleese (Dr. Edward Ross), Halifax; brothers, Michael (Marilyn), Parrsboro; Wilson "Tooter", Dutch Settlement; Allan "Ebby" (Jackie), Bracebridge, Ont.; Kevin (Mandy), Lower Sackville; granddaughter, Allison Trembley, Halifax; goddaughter, Jacquelyn Lucas, Halifax; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by an infant sister, Mona; brothers, Robert, Wyman "Jake" and Allison "Bubber". Funeral service was held January 23, 2015 at St. George's Anglican Church, Parrsboro, Rev. Tory Byrne officiating. Burial in church cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

YORKE, Clayton T. - 90, of Halifax, and formerly of Wharton, Cumberland County passed away on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the VG Site, QEII, Halifax surrounded by his loving family. Born in Wharton, he was a son of the late Harry and Gertrude (Yorke) Yorke. Clayton worked with Maritime Tel and Tel for 37 years, retiring in 1981. He was an avid gardener, enjoyed camping, fishing, bowling and helping with church suppers. He was a life member of St. Paul's United Church, Spryfield. He is survived by his wife, Christena "Chrissie" (Manuge) Yorke; a daughter, Susan "Sue" (Les) Moulton, Halifax; sisters, Helen Terffy, Diligent River; Madeline Terffy, Parrsboro; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sisters, Marion, Doris; brothers, Basil, Hilton, Lorway. Visitation noon until 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, where funeral service will follow at 2 pm, Keith Selwyn-Smith, DLM officiating. Burial in the Parrsboro United Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's United Church. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

Ken's Corner

By Ken Kennedy

How about those gasoline prices, eh? If the large oil companies are making money now, how much were they making when their price was \$1.50 a litre? At least at these prices we can now afford to put high test in our cars. A long time ago auto mechanic friend of mine put high test in all his vehicles, even his little 4-cylinder sub-compact. He swears it makes them run better and last longer.

Aren't we having a great winter so far? Harold Barclay has only had to plow us out twice as yet. The government's snow-clearing budget must be in good shape this season. Win some; lose some. Ski hills must be losing money as well, although one would never know it by driving by Wentworth these days. Those snow makers were going full tilt when we were up there last weekend.

Christmas seems a long time ago, but I have to tell you how our Christmas concert went at Debert Baptist. Olivia had a double role to play that night. Sheila Hughes and her crew were to dress her at Mary's and she was to be hauled in on a wagon with a doll in her arms to represent Jesus.

Well, (I shudder as I write this), off came the shawl; off came the scarf, and the doll went flying through the air. She was having none of it! It ended up the poor young lad who was hauling the wagon was hauling a cow or something with a long tail up through the church and onto the stage. We were mortified to death! We had to console ourselves that she was only 3 1/2 and the youngest amongst the twelve other kids and should have expected such shenanigans from one so young as she. Olivia redeemed herself later on though as she

sang "Jesus Loves Me" without a hitch.

I think most of you know that Velma and I are community chaplains and members of "Higher Ground" gospel group. Sometimes our duties overlap and we end up singing and preaching at the same nursing home at the same time. When we hold church services in these homes we are augmented with piano music by the ever-faithful Doreen Hatt. Sometimes her husband, Don, tags along but lately he has been very ill and they both need our prayers.

It was disappointing to learn in last month's Shoreline that the sidewalk construction along Plain's Road in Debert was cancelled. When I saw the surveyor markings along the highway I was hoping they were planning to widen the roadway through the village and get rid of those awful low shoulders that contain swimming pools of water that would drown anyone passing by after it rains. The sidewalk from the post office to the Camp Debert has been on the books since I was with the Debert Community Council back in the 80's.

As many of you know, and to my wife's dismay, I write letters to the editors of newspapers when I feel I might have something to contribute to the discussion at hand. Something within me is urging that I speak up towards the lack of control over those who see it necessary to contribute to the cause of juvenile delinquency in our sick society.

Rightly or wrongly I am of the opinion that it's time to bring back the study of comparative religions in our schools with the emphases on Bible literature even if they only learned the Ten Commandments and the so-called "Golden Rule." Stay tuned.

Cell Phone Fines Increased

By Maurice Rees

If you prefer to use a hand-held device while driving be prepared to pay a higher fine and lose more demerit points, effective February 1. Once you lose 10 demerit points, you will lose your driver's license for six months.

Fine amounts will increase as follows: 1st offence, fines

increase from \$176.45 to \$233.95; 2nd offence, fines increase from \$233.95 to \$348.95 and 3rd offence, fines increase from \$348.95 to \$578.95. The increased fines and new demerit points mean Nova Scotia will have some of the strongest penalties in the country for using hand-held devices while driving.

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