

# OBITUARIES

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## Sister Jennie Burke

Sister Jennie Burke, M.M. died on January 22, 2017 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, in Maryknoll, NY. She was 92 years old and a Maryknoll Sister for 72 years. She was born in Nova Scotia, Glace Bay, Canada on November 5, 1924 to Catherine McDougall and Joseph Burke and became an American citizen in 1926. She had three brothers and three sisters: J. Raymond, John, Joseph P. Jr., Mary, Catherine and Margaret. Her parents and siblings have all predeceased her.

Jennie graduated from East Boston High School, in Boston MA in 1942. She entered the Maryknoll Sisters Congregation at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, in Maryknoll, NY on September 6, 1944 from Sacred Heart Parish in the Diocese of Boston, MA. At her Reception of the Habit she received the religious name Sister Miriam Terza. She made her First Profession of Vows on March 7, 1947 and her Final Vows on March 7, 1950, all at the Maryknoll Sisters Center. She earned two college degrees: a Bachelor of Education Degree at Maryknoll Teacher Training College in Maryknoll, NY and a Masters of Arts Degree in Religious Education at Seattle University, in Seattle, WA. In addition, she earned a certificate in Creation Spirituality at Holy Names College, in Oakland CA.

In 1949, Sister Jennie taught for one year at St. Anthony's School in the Bronx, NY and was then assigned in 1950 to Hawaii where she taught in various diocesan schools until 1970. Following this, Sister Jennie became Religious Education Coordinator and sixth, seventh and eighth grade teacher at Maryknoll Girls School, Punahou, HI until 1975 when she returned to the Maryknoll Sisters Center and worked in Mission Education until 1978.

In 1978, she was assigned to Tanzania, East Africa where she did pastoral ministry and Christian Community Development in Dar Es Salaam from 1979 - 1981 and served as co-pastor of Sinon Church, Arusha, TZ from 1981 - 1986. Following a year of renewal at the Maryknoll Sisters Center she went to Zimbabwe and Mozambique in 1988. She returned to Newburgh, NY in 1989 where she served as Community Development Coordinator and as a teacher in Adult Basic Education until 1990. From 1991 - 1993, she was a caregiver and counselor at 'Arche Home in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. In 1993, she moved to Detroit, MI as a Special Education teacher at Mangrove College Learning and Writing Center until 1999. She retired in 2000 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center. Sister Jennie died peacefully on January 22, 2017 and donated her body to science.

A Vespers service was held for Sister Jenny on January 27 in the Main Chapel at the Maryknoll Sisters Center. A funeral Mass will follow on January 28 at 9:00 a.m. also in the Main Chapel at the Center.

**MOORE**, George Leon - 62, Truro, passed away peacefully, Sunday, December 11, 2016, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Robert and Stella (McCallum) Moore. George was a Senior Groundskeeper at Truro Cemetery Corporation where he worked for 37 years caring for Robie Street Cemetery, Terrace Hill Cemetery and also Hilden Cemetery. George is survived by his loving wife of 12 years, Carrie Louise (Minard) Moore; children, Donald James Moore, Cindy Dawn Moore (Billy Nichols), Leon Osborne (Dede) Moore; step children, Michael Sisco, Suzanne Surette-Adshhead, Jennifer Surette (Butch Belanger); 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Garfield (Cathy) Moore, Arthur (Doreen) Moore, Murray (Marie) Moore; sisters, Eileen (Jimmy) Johnson, Marg (Late, Jim) White, Jean (Late, Sherman) Marr, Georgina Clyde (Kenny Maxwell), Donna (Alan) Whitford; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, George was predeceased by his brother, John Moore. Funeral service was held Thursday, January 5, 2017, in St. David's United Church, Bible Hill, Reverend Donna Lawrence officiated. Interment in Robie Street 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)

**DEAN**, Edith Veola - 81, Truro Heights, passed away peacefully, Monday, December 12, 2016, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in North River, she was the daughter of the late Douglas and Betty (Daley) Nelson. Left to mourn, her husband of 59 years, Jim; children, Steve (Monique), Jamie, Rob (Shelley), Lisa, Ralph (Marg), and Linda; grandchildren, Timmy (Kelly), Tasha (Jonathon), Jeremy, Jaeger, Jaden, Joel, Josie, Josh, Ben and Emily; great-grandchildren, Chloe, Lucas, Lexi and Lydia; dogs, Hershey, Hemi, Cuda and Jake. She was predeceased by brothers, Doug and Allison. A celebration of Edith's life was held Sunday, December 18, 2016, in Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**THOMPSON**, Muriel Lois - 95, Bible Hill, peacefully passed away on December 16th, 2016, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Muriel was the daughter of the late Roy and Ella (Rankin) Totten. (Belmont, Colchester County) Survived by daughters, Ruth (the late Gerry) Mailloux, Glenda (Terry) Rector; son, Gordon Lee (Judy) Thompson; grandchildren, Christopher (Ginette), Bryan (Kim) Mailloux, Megan (Jason) Whidden, Chelsea (fiancé Dan) Thompson, Sarah Ruth Rector; great-grandsons, Marcus Mailloux, Noah Whidden; sister-in-law, Alberta Totten; nieces, Linda Totten, Vera (Mike) Chapman. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Gordon (1973); brother, Lorne; son-in-law, Gerry Mailloux. A Celebration of Life was held on Thursday, December 22, 2016, at St. David's United Church, 18 St. David's Avenue, Bible Hill, Reverend Donna Lawrence officiated. Interment at a later date in Belmont 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)

**MORRIS**, Wilfred L. - Age 85, of Advocate Harbour passed away peacefully on December 18, 2016 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Advocate Harbour, he was a son of the late Clayton and Hallie (Clark) Morris. He is survived by a daughter, Terri-Ann Collins, Porter's Lake; son, Liam Morris, Calgary, Alta; grandchildren, Katie Collins, Advocate Harbour; Jeremy and Jacob Collins, both of Halifax; sisters, Stella Corbin, Sylvia Clark and Ruth Black, all of Amherst; Wanda Webster, Advocate Harbour; great grandchildren, Jared and Sadie. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Frances Grant; brothers, Glenford, Murray and Calvin. Funeral service was held December 22, 2016 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Rev. Lloyd Bruce officiating. Burial in the Advocate Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to The Home of the Guardian Angel, Halifax or to a charity of choice. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com).

**DAVIS**, Jessie A. - Age 77, of Port Greville, and formerly of Diligent River passed away peacefully with family December 18, 2016 at the High-Crest Nursing Home, Springhill. Born in Diligent River, she was a daughter of the late Chapman and Florence (Read) Canning. Jessie had a long and distinguished career of 35 years in the teaching profession. Jessie's career began teaching primary to Grade six at the Parrsboro Roads School. She then moved to Kentville and taught Grades 2, 3 and 4; then in Truro and Masstown for short terms. Jessie moved back to Parrsboro in 1963 where the bulk of her teaching was in the Elementary School at the Grade 5 and 6 levels, until her transfer to the high school in Parrsboro in 1987. Jessie taught Grades 7-11 during her time at P.R.H.S. Upon her retirement, Jessie moved from Diligent River to Port Greville where she became involved in the Grace United Church. She is survived by sisters, Janet Varner, Diligent River; Marjorie Gallant, Amherst; Helen Dodsworth (John), Chezzetcook; a brother, Laurie (Rosalie), Belmont; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters, Eileen and Doris in infancy; a brother, Read; her partner, Rex McWhirter. Funeral and committal service will be held in Diligent River at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society or the Diligent River Baptist Church. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com).

**YORKE**, Caitlin Christina - 24, Truro. It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of Caitlin Christina Yorke on December 19, 2016 at home. Caitlin was a member of the Lawton's Pharmacy team in Truro, where she will be missed by friends, co-workers, and customers. She graduated from SCA in 2009. She will be deeply missed by everyone whose life she touched. She is survived by her parents Christina (Yorke) and David Whitenect, brother David (DJ) Whitenect, grandparents Helen Morrell, Jim and Trish Yorke; aunts and uncles Jim (Gillian) Yorke, Amanda (Rob) Hatfield; cousins Lily and Hayden Yorke, and Mariah and Bradley Hatfield. She will be greatly missed by her fur babies Callie and Pugsley. She was predeceased by her grandfather Gary Morrell. Celebration of Life Service was held December 23, 2016 with Pastor Scott Penner officiating in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Interment at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada, 343 West Petpeswick Road, Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S. B0J 2L0. Condolences at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**MCDADE**, Elizabeth Grace "Beth" McDade - 92, Truro passed away Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Dorothy (Daniels) Marsters and was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She leaves to remember, her husband, Eric; children, Bruce (Norbi), Jennifer, Evan (Dawna); grandchildren, Megan (Dan), Katie (Taylor), Michael (Kirsten), Heather, Ian, Jessica; great grandson, Liam; many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Margaret Ernst; brother, Ashley. Beth spent her early years in Bass River and following graduation, she taught for one year in Lower Wentworth in a one room schoolhouse. Funeral service was held Friday, December 23, 2016, in Saint Andrew's United Church, 55 King Street, Truro, Reverend Boyd Vincent officiated. Interment was held in Riverside United Church Cemetery, Bass River. 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)

**MCCULLY**, Jeanette H. - Age 76, of Parrsboro, and formerly of Port Greville, passed away peacefully December 24, 2016 at home. Born in East Fraserville, she was a daughter of the late John and Mabel (White) Crossman. She is survived by her companion, Claude Lamb, Parrsboro; sons, Randy (Vicki Mattinson), Sackville, N.B.; Rodney (Kitty Stoker), Mississauga, Ont.; Robert (Faith), Middleton; 7 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Allison; sisters, Violet, Eileen; brothers, Lester, Leon, Floyd. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Funeral service was held December 28, 2016 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro with Pastor Douglas Lake officiating. Burial in the River Bank Cemetery, Port Greville. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com).

**HOPKINS**, Dr. James Alfred - died in the presence of his loving family, after a courageous struggle with PSP, at the age of 81. He passed away on December 25, 2016, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, in Truro, Nova Scotia. He will be greatly missed by his wife Janet, children, Jennifer (Harold), Andrew (Van) and Tim, as well as his beloved grandchildren, Alex, Matthew, and Catherine Berghuis, and Parker, Cole and Matheson Hopkins. He will also be remembered by brothers Bob (Barbara), Tim and Tom (Barbara), as well as a large circle of family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Tom and Tot, and his sister Barbara. Jim was born in Bishop's Falls and raised in Grand Falls, Newfoundland. A graduate of Dalhousie University and Nova Scotia Technical College, he worked across Canada in the pulp and paper industry as a chemical engineer. In 1970, Jim returned to his native province to pursue a career in medicine. During his time as a physician, he served as president of the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association, who later awarded him with an honorary lifetime membership. He is also remembered for his work at the Newfoundland School for the Deaf. The family wishes to thank the respite care staff of Colville Manor, Souris, PEI, the palliative care team in Truro and the Colchester East Hants VON caregivers. Donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. A reception in Jim's memory was held at Clovelly Golf Club, main clubhouse, St. John's, December 30. Arrangements are entrusted to the Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro, where online condolences may be conveyed at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**MOORE**, Judith Mildred "Judy" (Montrose) - 71, Debert, formerly of Westchester, passed away Sunday, December 25, 2016, at Cobequid Community Health Centre, Lower Sackville. Born in Middleboro, she was a daughter of the late Ernie Montrose and Etta (Wilson) Montrose-McQueen. Judy is survived by her loving husband, Charles; children, Dennis (Debbie) Moore, Debert; Howie (Katrina) Moore, St. Stephen, New Brunswick; Tamara (Jeff) Totten, Debert; grandchildren, Kyle, Darcy, Brittany, Maddie, Paisley, Scarlett Judith; great grandson, Landon; siblings, Tom (Chris) Montrose, Antigonish; Mable (Pearce) Osborne, Debert; Harvie (Darlene) Montrose, Westchester; Bonnie (Basil) Osborne, Brampton, Ontario; Steve (Mildred) Montrose, Badger, Newfoundland; Eddie (Tamara) Montrose, Mississauga, Ontario; Bruce (Marlene) Montrose, Moncton, New Brunswick; Doug Montrose, Amherst; brother-in-law, Bill Priebe, Ontario; numerous nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Mary Priebe. A celebration of Judy's life was held from Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 106, 1252 Masstown Road, Debert. Private interment was held in Eagle Hill Cemetery, Westchester. 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)

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