

OBITUARIES

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LANGILLE, Lyman Lester "Sonny" - September 28, 1940 - January 2, 2018. Les is survived by his loving family: wife Donna Langille of Stettler, AB; daughters Laurel Langille of Alix, AB and Christa Langille (Kevin Fisher) of Stettler, AB; granddaughters: Brooklyn Brown of Calgary, AB, Delaney Armstrong (Richard Moisan) of Stettler, AB and Natalie Armstrong of Stettler, AB; sisters: Jean Swallow of NS, Audrey (Jack) McFadden of ON, Marilyn Sabean of NS and Sharon (Ross) Burns of NS; sisters and brothers in law: Bernice Wells of Stettler, AB, George Smith (Myrna) of Bowden, AB, Patsy Lattery (Ray) of Stettler, AB, Lyle (Betty) Smith of Stettler, AB and Gordon (Brenda) Smith of Stettler, AB; numerous nieces, nephews, other family and many friends. Les was predeceased by his parents Lawrence and Virginia Langille; parents in law Chester Smith and Betty Johnson; brothers in law: Harvey Swallow, Wendall Sabean and Jim Lattery. A celebration of Les' life was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the Stettler Funeral Home, Stettler, AB with long time friends Kerry and Dora Grettum leading the service. A time of fellowship followed at the Royal Canadian Legion. Les will be laid to rest in Bass River, NS at a later date. Donations in memory of Les are gratefully accepted to the Alzheimer Society or a charity of the donor's choice c/o Stettler Funeral Home & Crematorium, P.O. Box 1780, Stettler, AB T0C 2L0, 403-742-3422, who were entrusted with the care and funeral arrangements. To send condolences to Les' family, please visit www.stettlerfuneralhome.com



BROWNELL, Gerald William - 88, North River, passed away peacefully in the morning of December 11, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born April 2, 1929 in Eureka, Pictou County, and then moving to Truro in 1934, he was the youngest son of Blanche and Frank Brownell. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Lois (Higgins); daughter, Kimberly; son, Mark (Heidi); grandson Daniel and granddaughters Abigail and Sarah; brother, Cecil (Verna, deceased); sisters in law, Marion (Franklyn) Fulton, Sylvia (Ernie) Hingley, Goldie (Muir) Murdoch, Beverly (Norman) Hingley, Sharon (Marc) Miron; brothers in law, Lyman (Helen) Higgins and Curtis (Bette) Higgins; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Shelley; brothers, Russell, Arnold (Frances), Elmer (Faith), Archer (Mildred), and Walter; brother in law Lawrence and sister in law, Shirley Higgins. Gerald was an electrician and a teacher at the Colchester Regional Vocational School from the time it opened until his retirement. He was a member and past deacon of the First Baptist Church, a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge #43, actively involved in 4-H, a cub scout leader and a founding member of the North River and District Fire Brigade. He loved his horses which he enjoyed until he was in his 70's. Gerald looked forward to his time spent at the family cottage in Northport. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. A Firefighter tribute service was held December 13. Funeral Service was held December 14, beginning with a Masonic Lodge tribute service. Rev. Paul D. Worden officiated. Interment at a later date in Robie Street Cemetery. Donations in Gerald's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia or to a charity of your choice. Online messages of condolence at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

DICKIE, Matthew Adam Whidden - 34, Truro, passed away peacefully, with his parents at his side, on Wednesday morning, December 20, 2017, at The Mira Long Term Care Facility, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of David and Karen (McCallum) Dickie. Along with his parents, Matthew is survived by his son, Ethan Adam David Dickie, Bible Hill; brother, Jason Dickie, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Ethan's mother, Kaitlin Pitts (Nick Brown), Bible Hill; aunt, Gail (Colin) Hamilton, Greenfield; uncle, Tony (Gail) Dickie, Bible Hill; several cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his maternal grandmother, Jackie Carde; paternal grandparents, Peter and Anna (Whidden) Dickie. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where Matthew's family received friends on Saturday, December 30, 2017. Interment will be held in Onslow Island Cemetery at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

DUNLAP, George William - 71, East Mountain, passed away peacefully, with Katherine and Linda at his side, on Wednesday evening, December 20, 2017, at Willow Lodge, Tatamagouche. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late John and Agnes (Hamilton) Dunlap. George is survived by four daughters; sisters, Anna (Len) Martin, Comox, British Columbia; Matilda (Bill) Harrison, Edmonton, Alberta; Katherine Downing, Onslow Mountain; Shirley (Harold) Stairs, Burts Corner, New Brunswick; brother-in-law, Calvin Peppard, Alberta; special friend and caregiver, Linda Rushton, East Mountain; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Mary (Max) Graham, Bertha Peppard, Irene (Donald) Armsworthy; brothers, Andrew Dean, Mark Dean, Thomas Dean, Jim Dean, Haliburton Dunlap, Robert Dunlap. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Saturday, December 23, 2017, Pastor Bruce Steeves officiated. Interment was in Belmont Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

RUSHTON, Sharon Veronica - 74 of Londonderry passed away suddenly December 21, 2017 at home. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Logan and Minnie (Moore) MacLean. Sharon loved to cook, crochet, knit, sew and sing with Ray. She is survived by her loving companion of 40 years, Raymond Savoie; daughters, Shauna (Mariano) Arruda, Shelley (Lloyd) MacKenzie; step-children, son, Ray Thomas; daughter, Anne Savoie; grandchildren, Sharlane, Kyle and Logan (Faith) MacKenzie; great-granddaughters, Kaylee, Sawyer; sister, Jennie Robinson; brother, Nelson Allan. Funeral service was held December 28 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Rev. Dr. Betty Johnson officiated. Spring interment in Folly Mountain Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Online condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

PURDY, Mary Katharine (Flemming) passed away peacefully on December 21, 2017 at the age of 94 in Truro, N.S. Kay was born in Truro on January 7, 1923, the daughter of W.A. (Bill) Flemming and Helen (Dunlop) Flemming. She was a top student, receiving the Governor General's Award in grade 12 and going on to Mt. Allison University. She married her high school sweet heart, Carl (Baldy) Purdy, and they shared 70 wonderful years together. She is survived by her sister, Anne (Flemming) Gookin, brothers, George Flemming (Shelley) and James Flemming, cousin, Carolyn (Flemming) McDonald, sister-in-law, Elizabeth Flemming (William), children, Gale Katharine Cook (Ron), Carl Thomas Purdy (Jeanne), John Purdy (Shauna), Mary Anne Purdy, William (Bill) Purdy (Barb), Jeffrey Purdy, daughter-in-law, Pam Cochrane, thirteen grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. These family members, as well as Kay's many nieces and nephews have been touched by her generosity and wisdom and will miss her greatly. Kay was predeceased by her husband, Carl David Purdy, daughter Beth Hebert, son-in-law Dean Hebert, her father, W.A. (Bill) Flemming, mother, Helen (Dunlop) Flemming, and brothers, William and Albert Flemming. Kay was known throughout the Nova Scotia rug hooking community for her beautiful hooked rugs. She received the Life Member Award from the Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia for her contributions as president and as a certified teacher. She was also an honorary member of the Colchester Heritage Rug Hookers, and a member of the Marigold Guild of Needle Arts. Involvement in recent years included the Old Barns United Church Women, the Colchester Historical Society, the Truro Golf Club and the Truro Curling Club. A Funeral Service was held in Old Barns United Church, 2603 Hwy 236, Old Barns. A private interment will take place at a later date. Donations may be made to Old Barns United Church or the VON Colchester East Hants. The family wishes to express their sincere thanks for the support from all the staff at Parkland, Truro, and to all the medical staff on 2E and the Palliative Care team at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the funeral home website: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

ATKINSON, Doris E. - Age 85, of West Brook passed away Friday, December 22, 2017 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. She was the daughter of the late Ed and Ada Blanche (Doncaster) Brown. Doris grew up in Lakelands, moving to West Brook with her husband Glenn, after their marriage in 1958. Doris had two great loves, her family and teaching. She would often help Glenn in the summer at Glenn's County Market by baking pies and bread daily. During the rest of the year, she taught Grade 1 at Parrsboro Regional Elementary School, and her teaching career spanned more than 35 years. After retirement, she still missed the classroom, so she would supply teach whenever the opportunity arose. Doris also insisted on feeding anyone who walked in the door of her home, no one ever left hungry. She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Glenn in 2010. She is survived by her sister, Doreen Webber (Ronnie), Lower Sackville; sons, Joe (Carissa), West Brook; Mark (Pauline), Riverview, NB; grandchildren, Ryan, Megan and Graham; brothers-in-law, Courtney, Kelowna, BC; Carson, Chipman, NB; as well, many nieces and nephews. A special thank you to the caring staff of the South Cumberland Community Care Centre. Funeral service was held December 27, 2017 at the Parrsboro Baptist Church. Rev. Emmanuel Mutale officiated. Burial in the West Brook Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Parrsboro Baptist Church, the West Brook Memorial Gardens Cemetery, SCCCC Recreation Program or the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

SIMPSON, Daniel Andrew "Danny" - 71, Great Village, passed away peacefully in his sleep listening to Barry White after a valiant battle with cancer on Sunday, December 24, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. His last thoughts were of his family and probably on how he will get his "seniors discount" in heaven. Born in Hamilton, Ontario, he was the son of the late Elaine Bird and Robert Ambridge. As a loving husband and as a loving father, he leaves behind a legacy in his children, Shane (Jassandre) Simpson and Staci Simpson and in his granddaughter, Lexa Adamyk-Simpson. He will be missed by his many friends and family. Danny was much loved by his sisters, Susan, Nancy and Rene (Ron); loving uncle to Jason (Paula), Kelly (Jeff), Nancy (Clay), Lindsay (Luke), Jenny (Andrew) and Chris (Kaitlyn); great uncle to Kiahna (Josh), Brooklyn, Quin, Morgan, Alex and Olivia. "Hug coming through the wire". In keeping with Danny's wishes, he was not one for a fuss so there will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorial service and private family interment will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

SMYLIE, Cynthia "Cindy" - 87, Great Village, passed away peacefully Monday, December 25, 2017, on her late husband's (Charles Samuel "Chuck" Smylie) birthday, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Cindy is loved and will be deeply missed by her children, Wanda Simpson, Great Village; Pamela Pearson, Kitchener, Ontario; Terry (Jan) Smylie, Ayr, Ontario. Cindy was Nana to, Shane (Jassandre) Simpson, Staci Simpson, Yolande Branch; Grandmother to, Lynn and Jan Strickland, Julie and John Bell, Doug and Dawn Pearson, Kim (John) Mirota, Jennifer and Luke Smylie and Great Grandmother to Lexa Adamyk-Simpson, Charlie and Lilly Mirota. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her sons, Patrick Smylie, Danny Simpson; step-son, Michael Smylie. In keeping with Cindy's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorial service and private family interment will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

ABBOTT, (Gamble), Helen Josephine - Age 97 of Bass River, passed away on December 30, 2017, in Debert Court, with her loving family beside her. Surviving are her children, Robert Patriquin, Brian Patriquin, Gayle Vance (Gary), Terry Patriquin (Sherry), Judy McLaughlin (William), and Cindy Grue; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her first husband, Orville Patriquin; her second husband, Robert Abbott; son, Michael; daughters-in-law, Susan and Myrna; son-in-law, Stuart; six sisters and brothers. Helen loved her family home on her flowers, and skunking people at crib. Cremation has place. No visitation by request. A Celebration of her Life was held January 3rd, in Riverside United Church, Bass River. Memorial donations may be made to Riverside Cemetery, Bass River. The family would like to thank the staff of Debert Court, Willow Lodge, and the VON girls, for taking such good care of Helen. Arrangements are under the direction of Arimathea Funeral Cooperative, Upper Musquodoboit. www.arimatheafuneral.ca

HARRISON, Isobel "Susanne" (McLeod), 72 - Shortts Lake, passed away peacefully on December 31, 2017 in the Palliative Care Unit of the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Saint John, NB she was the daughter of the late James and Mae (Reid) McLeod. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Larry Harrison (MLA for Colchester South); daughter, Stacey (Jason), Shortts Lake; son Brent (Meredith), Brookfield; brothers, Richard (Debbie) McLeod, James (Ingrid) McLeod, both of Saint John, NB; sister-in-law, Mary Lou Harrison, Rothesay, NB; brother-in-law, Bev (Marjorie) Harrison, Hampton, NB; her cherished grandchildren, Gavin and Paige; nieces and nephews. Susanne's vocation in life was her family. Her dream was to continue to make lasting memories with her family and when she couldn't due to illness, she unselfishly, gave that gift to those she was leaving behind to celebrate her life and legacy. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the loving care provided by Dr. Courtney Smith, Dr. Don Rowe and the entire palliative care team and their willingness in fulfilling her final wish. Cremation has taken place and according to her wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Donations may be made to the Palliative Care Unit of the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro where on-line condolences may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

PRATT, Irene Edith - of Central Onslow, passed away peacefully Monday, January 1, 2018, at The Mira Long Term Care Centre Truro. Born in Truro, December 24, 1922, she was a daughter of the late Roy and Mary (MacGregor) Dickson. Irene is survived by her husband, George Arthur Pratt, the love of her life for 73 years; daughters, Joan (Al) Roland, Truro; Mary Pratt (Judi Milne) Conquerall Bank; sons, Robert (Judy) Pratt, Brian Pratt (Vicki Spears), Truro Heights; Michael Pratt (Joyce Arsenault), Central Onslow; Randy Pratt (Pauline Currie), Harmony; sister, Audrey "Dixie" Organ; Truro; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by brother-in-law, Rexford "Rex" Organ; niece, Carol Organ. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Monday, January 8, 2018, Rev. Glenn MacLean officiated. Interment at a later date in the Onslow Island Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

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In Loving Memory of
Sister and Aunt,
**Ann Louise (Aylward)
Parnham**
who passed away
December 12, 2013

We won't forget the way you smiled
And the things you used to say.
The many things you did for us
In your kind and loving way.
The thoughts we have from day to day
No length of time can take away.
For in our hearts, you're always near
Still loved and missed and very dear.

Always loved and missed,
Sisters, Brother and Niece