

OBITUARIES

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FORBES, Shirley V. – Age 88, of Parrsboro passed away Thursday, December 20, 2018 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Lakelands, she was a daughter of the late Merton and Beulah (DeMille) Henwood. She is survived by daughters, Beverly (Kenneth), Auburn; Patsy (Laurie), Parrsboro; 9 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; a great-great grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Norris; sons, Brian, Phillip and Mike. In keeping with Shirley's wishes, cremation has taken place. A graveside committal service will take place at later date. Memorial donations to the Trap Neuter Release (TNR) Program, Parrsboro. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

FORBES, Lynda G. (Herron) – Peacefully, with her husband David holding one hand and her brother Bruce holding the other, Lynda passed from this world to the next on December 20, 2018. Lynda was born in Mississauga and was the daughter of Robert and Margaret (Langdon) Herron. Lynda was the oldest of six children and was the prototypical "big sister". Lynda is survived by her husband of 37+ years, David Forbes, now residing in Parrsboro; her mother, Margaret Herron, Mississauga; sisters, Catherine Wilson (Brian) and Jayne Herron, all of Mississauga; brothers, Bob Herron (Karyn), Brantford, Ont. and Bruce Herron, New Glasgow; sisters and brothers-in-law, Rod Hyslop, Moncton; Sandra and Ron MacLean, Parrsboro; Shirley and Glenford Hatfield, Port Greville. Known as Deeda to some and Auntie Lynda to others, she was a hero to her nieces and nephews and the "kids in the hood". Lynda was predeceased by her father, Robert Herron (2005); sister, Ann Herron (2018); and sister-in-law, Audrey (Forbes) Hyslop (2016). Thank you to the Doctors and Nurses in both Truro and Halifax Health Care Centres for their exceptional efforts and care. Visitation was held December 30, 2018 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grace United Church, Port Greville. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

DEWITT, George D. A. – Age 88, of Lower Sackville passed away peacefully on December 20, 2018 at the QEII Health Sciences Centre (Infirmary Site), Halifax surrounded by family. Born in Advocate Harbour, he was a son of the late Earle and Rita (Allen) DeWitt. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a retired mechanic with Scotia Chev-Olds and later DND. He is survived by his wife, the former Marilyn Spicer; daughters, Elizabeth Crouse (Ken), Surrey, B.C.; Pamela DeWitt, Ottawa; a son, William, Dartmouth; sister, Dora Fuller, Advocate Harbour; brother, William (Viny), Moncton; 5 grandchildren, David, Aaron, Andrew, Ashley, John; 3 great grandchildren, Owen, Hayden, Londyn; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, George (1994); sisters, Ethel, Henrietta; brothers, Robert, Oriel, Eldon. On December 28, 2018 funeral service was held Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Pastor Douglas Lake officiating. Burial in the Advocate Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

LEWIS, D. Morton – Age 79, of Five Islands passed away December 28, 2018 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Lower Five Islands, he was a son of Royal and Beryl (Davis) Lewis. Morton was employed in the lumbering industry at an early age, and at various times throughout his life. He was employed many years with Robb Engineering in Amherst, where he was a member of the Iron Workers Union Local 752. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Noreen (Smith) Lewis; his children, Steven, Bedford; Jeffrey, Truro; Christopher (Ron), Ottawa; Craig (Nancy), Cole Harbour; grandchildren, Jessica, Kenna, Ainslie; sisters, Trudy, Lower Five Islands; Linda, Lower Sackville; brothers, Sydney (Beverly), Lower Sackville; Allan (Susan), Masstown; Barry and Arnold, Lower Five Islands; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sisters, Murdelle, Carolyn; a brother, Royal Jr. A gathering of family and friends was held on January 2, 2019 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Burial in the Peniel United Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia, the Canadian Diabetes Association or to the Five Islands Cemetery. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

MacALONEY, Elizabeth J. – Age 87, of Five Islands passed away December 31, 2018 at the Braeside Nursing Home, Middle Musquodoboit. Born in Five Islands, she was a daughter of the late Hilbert and Luella (Boyd) Corbett. Elizabeth attended Normal College in Truro, and taught school for a short time following her graduation. She later operated the Five Islands Post Office out of her home for 33 years. Elizabeth was a devoted community supporter having been a member of the Peniel United Church, serving over 50 years in the choir, a Sunday School Teacher and lifetime member of the United Church Women and the Women's Institute. Elizabeth is survived by daughters, Nancy MacAloney (Chris Melvin), Bridgewater; Betty Doyle (Paul), Lower Sackville; Margaret Davis (Lou), Truro; a son, Peter, Toronto; grandchildren, Jason (Giselle) and Mathew Davis; Patrick and Maghan Doyle; James, Liam and Spencer MacAloney; step-granddaughters, Krista and Heather (Maggie) Melvin; sisters, Helen Ettinger, Shubenacadie; Ethel MacKinnon (Elmer), Lower Onslow; sister-in-law, Bea Crawford, Toronto; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, James Wilbert MacAloney; a sister, Elsie Yorke, sister-in-law Katrina MacAloney; brothers-in-law, Hal MacAloney, Purdy Crawford, Ivan Ettinger and Walter (Buddy) Yorke. The family would like to extend our appreciation for the compassionate care and support given to Mom by all staff of Braeside Nursing Home during her illness. Visitation, funeral and graveside services will take place in Five Islands later in the Spring. Memorial donations may be made to Peniel United Church or to the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

McCULLEY, Donald J. 'Don' – Age 93, of Parrsboro passed away January 4, 2019 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in North Greville, he was a son of the late Sherman and Winnifred (Parsons) McCulley. He was a veteran of World War II serving with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders and the Prince Edward Island Light Horse. Don later worked with the Department of Highways for more than 30 years. He is survived by daughters, Brenda Estabrooks (Wayne), Sackville, N.B.; Sharon McCulley (Neil), Parrsboro; a son, Eddie (Nancy), Parrsboro; five grandchildren, Jonathan (Amber), Christopher (Jennifer), Julian (Marci), Brett and Riley; three great-grandchildren, Ella, Jovie and Cameron. He was predeceased by his first wife, Muriel (Fulton); his second wife, Lillian (Murray); sisters, Kathleen, Frances, Wilena, Ada; brothers, Douglas, Oscar, Malcolm and Dwelton. Funeral service was held January 7, 2019 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Pastor Douglas Lake officiating. Burial in the Parrsboro United Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations to the Nova Scotia Branch of the Kidney Foundation. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

LEWIS, Irene E. – Age 93, of Lower Five Islands. With sad hearts the family announces her passing on January 4, 2019 at the home of her daughter and family in Mansfield, Cumberland Co. Born in Wittenburg, Colchester Co. she was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Ruth (Taylor) Ramsey. For the past several years, Irene has lived with her daughter and family in Mansfield. She taught school in West St. Andrews, Lynn, Lower Five Islands and Boydtown. She was organist in the Lower Five Islands Church for 41 years and played in the Peniel Church for 12 years. Early in her life, she clerked in stores and cooked in various lumber camps. She is survived by her daughter, Elsie Moore (Lee), Mansfield; grandsons, Jody, Mansfield; Devin and friend, Tim, Dartmouth; special nieces, Dianna Dowe, Gloria Lewis, both of Lower Five Islands; many cousins. She was predeceased by her husband and soul-mate, Herbie in 2000; a brother, Joseph Ramsey. Funeral service was held January 8, 2019 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Rev. Florence Antle-Brison officiating. Burial in Peniel United Cemetery, Five Islands at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Peniel United Church or to a charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

MacNEIL, Elizabeth "Betty" – The family of Elizabeth "Betty" MacNeil, 80 of Great Village are heartbroken to announce her sudden passing on January 4, 2019 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Betty married John "J.V." MacNeil from Benacadie Glen, Cape Breton and lived in Ontario and Massachusetts before moving back to Great Village to run what would become MacNeil's Rest Home for 27 years. Although a polio victim in her youth and the recipient of two knee replacements, Betty's desire to promote anything that befitted her community was not deterred. She was the first female member of the Great Village and District Fire Brigade, operating the fire emergency phone system from her home until 1992 when she retired. She then became an honorary member of the Fire Brigade and has since served as a fire commission member. She was a founding member of the Great Village and District Fire Auxiliary, having just received her 50 year service award. She was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #72, where she was presently serving as secretary. Betty was an avid Bingo Player and was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Londonderry. Betty is survived by her four sons, all of Great Village, Vincent (Carla), Dale (Cindy), Byron and Glen (Trudy); six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Percy (Joy), Stephen (Deanna); many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, John "J.V." MacNeil; parents, Alfreda and Clifford Graham. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro from where the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #72 conducted a Tribute Service on January 9 followed immediately by a Memorial Service with Father Cristinel Fartadi, officiating. Interment at a later date in St. Ambrose Catholic Cemetery, Londonderry. Family flowers only. Donations in Betty's memory may be made to the RCL Branch #72 Great Village "Building Fund" or to the Great Village and District Brigade. Online condolences by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

McINTOSH, Stephen Edward, Upper Brookside – 59, passed away at home on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Born in Montreal, he was the eldest son of the late Edward Bennett and Anne Patricia (Duffy) McIntosh. Steve grew up in Beloeil, Quebec and attended Richelieu Valley Regional High School in nearby McMasterville Quebec. "Tosh" as he was affectionately known in high school, played competitive soccer and hockey. Then it was on to Concordia University where he attended its prestigious School of Community and Public Affairs. He began his career with Canadian National Railways (CN) as a communications practitioner in Montreal before moving on to Winnipeg and Moncton. After leaving CN, he moved to Nova Scotia where he held various communications positions for Parks Canada and the Nova Scotia Provincial Government. In 1995 he settled in Truro where he provided public affairs guidance as a senior communications specialist for two professional associations dealing with commercial home heating and forest products. Steve's passion was politics. He was a member of the Conservative Party of Canada and the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Party. He was active in various roles, usually around communications, and participated in three provincial leadership campaigns, various federal and provincial elections and served as an executive assistant to a provincial cabinet minister. Near the end of his career he was Communications and Outreach Coordinator for MP Scott Armstrong. In 1999 he married Emily Maxine Gratton. The following year he took on the challenge of overseeing the planning and construction of a new home where he and Emily ("The Bears") resided.

He frequently accompanied Emily as she followed her passion of breeding and exhibiting Smooth Fox Terriers at competitions in the Maritimes and eastern United States. Steve loved to read political books and biographies, watch cable news and sports, go to movies, dine out and travel. He considered North Rustico, PEI to be a second home, having spent cottage time there with Emily annually for the last 24 years. Steve will be deeply missed by his wife Emily, his mother-in-law Phyllis Gratton, brothers, Andrew (Carolyn Adolph) and nephew, Hadley, all of Seattle, and niece, Emma of Calgary; Colin (Nicole) Brampton, ON and sister, Elaine (Cameron) Stanley and their sons, Joel and Matthew, all of Moncton, NB.; cousins David Ogilvie; Rosemary Ogilvie; Susan and Steven McCormick; Rosemary Goodridge, and Susan Cantwell all of Fredericton and Lorne McIntosh and Janice Barclay of Toronto. Also, Emily's aunt and cousin, Frances Langille and Bruce Langille of Truro. The family would like to thank all the medical professionals who cared for Steve as well as the members of the North River Fire Brigade and EHS. Liturgy of the Word and a Remembrance of Life to be held at Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro on January 17, 2019. Donations in Steve's memory may be made to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association of Colchester <https://colchesterbigbrothersbigsisters.ca/> On-line condolences may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

ROBERTS, Gertdeena M. – Age 94, of Parrsboro passed away Friday, January 18, 2019 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Isalena (Spencer) Manning. She is survived by a daughter, Rosemary Roberts (Brian O'Halloran), Halifax; a son, Richard, Parrsboro; grandchildren, Laura and Robert, both of Halifax; a sister, Sabara Humes, Richmond, B.C.; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Alfred in 1980; a brother, Conrad. Funeral service was held January 22, 2019 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Rev. Dr. Brian Spence officiating. Burial in St. George's Anglican Cemetery, Parrsboro at a later date. Memorial donations to your local chapter of the SPCA. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

MORRIS, Nolan I. – Age 63, of Advocate Harbour passed away Friday, January 18, 2019 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Advocate Harbour, he was a son of the late Merton and Marie (Hazel) Morris. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughters, Lisa Hiltz (Donald), Tatamagouche; Darlene Bennett (Scott), Eastern Passage; sons, Everett (Tanya), Eastern Passage; Michael (Lisa), Advocate Harbour; Jamie (Marnie), Middle Sackville; Joey (Jeanine), Enfield; sisters, Rosalie Gouchie, Truro; Marchel Strong (Robert), Advocate Harbour; 12 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, LaVerne. Funeral service as January 23, 2019 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Pastor Douglas Lake officiating. Burial in the Advocate Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations to Faith Baptist Church, Open Arms building fund the Open Arms Church or to a charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

YORKE, Rubie B. – Age 97, of Diligent River and Evanston. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our very dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Rubie who died suddenly yet peacefully on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at Strait-Richmond Hospital, Evanston with her family by her side. Born at Glasgow Mountain, she was a daughter of the late Albert and Eva (Varner) Bowden. She is survived by her daughter, Linda McNamara (Karl), Evanston; her sons, Gary (Ann Marie), Soldier's Cove; Roy (Sandra MacKenzie), Truro; grandchildren, Kelly Yorke (Shawn), Evanston; Kory Yorke, Soldiers Cove; Faith Yorke, Truro; great grandchildren, Grace and Logan DeWolfe; sister-in-law, Jean Bowden, Fox River; chosen sister, Mary Yorke, Truro; many nieces and nephews; as well, her "grand fur-babies" Mike and Molly. She was predeceased by her husband, Logan; sisters, Adelaide and Greta; brothers, Guy, Hughie, Donald, Max, Hazen and Glendon. Funeral service was held January 26, 2019 at the Diligent River Baptist Church. Burial in the Diligent River Baptist Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Diligent River Baptist Church Cemetery Fund or to the Strait-Richmond Palliative Care Program. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

TARR, Arthur G. – Age 87, of Economy passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in South Maitland, he was a son of the late Alfred and Elizabeth (Roth) Tarr. Arthur was a truck driver for over 40 years. He is survived by his companion, Joyce Welch, Economy; daughters, Sharon Blanchard (Barry), Sussex, N.B.; Ardis Train (Brian), Saint John, N.B.; a sister, Eva Dystant, Lower Sackville; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Joyce Wilson; a son, Carlton; numerous brothers and sisters. In keeping with Arthur's wishes, cremation has taken place. A graveside service will take place at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

CLARKE, Sue Ann C. – Age 64, of New Salem passed away Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the Bayview Memorial Health Centre, Advocate Harbour. Born in Advocate Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Reece and Hazel (Dowe) Cleveland. She was employed with the Advocate Hot Lunch Program, and later at Bayview Memorial Health Centre. She was a member of the Apple River Baptist Church. She is survived by her former husband, Wayne Clarke, Apple River; a daughter, Sarah Berry (Michael), Advocate Harbour; a son, Dan (Lynne), Truro; a brother, Mark (Georgia), Mount Stewart, PEI; five grandchildren, Maryssa and Matthew, of Truro; Skye, Elizabeth and Holly, of Advocate Harbour; several nieces and nephews; also, life-long best friend, Kaye Fletcher, St Catharines, Ont. She was predeceased by a sister, Cheryl in infancy; a brother, Errol. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Recreation Program of Bayview Health Centre. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com