

OBITUARIES

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BRYSON, Kenneth Michael - Age 65, McCallum Settlement, North River, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2021 in MacCaull Villa, Great Village. Born in Brockton, Massachusetts, he was a son of the late Melrose and Jacoba (Krol) Bryson. In his younger years, Kenny spent a lot of his free time hunting and fishing. He was well known for his love of sports, especially hockey and his Boston Bruins. His greatest pride and joy was his daughter and her family, who will miss him dearly, as well as all who knew him. He is survived by his daughter, Amanda (Matthew MacBurnie) Bryson, Bass River; sister, Nancy Bryson; brother, Harry; grandchildren, Mason and Keira MacBurnie; nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the VON and nurses for their amazing above and beyond care over the past several years. Cremation has taken place. No visitation or service by his request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

BEAVER, Gerald Walter "Gerry" - 78, Lantz, passed away Friday, December 17, 2021, Halifax Infirmary, QEII, Halifax. Born in Truro and growing up in Belmont, he was a son of the late Walter "Bushwith" Beaver and Clara (Roblee) Beaver-Staples. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Richard Beaver. Gerry is survived by his wife, Lise (Roy) Beaver; son, Jason Beaver; daughter, Tara (Andrew) Beaver; grandsons, Christopher (Kelsey) Findlay, Damon (Andrea) Levy, Wyatt Leadbeater; great grandchildren, Aliah, Kamdyn, Madilyn, Lincoln, Brooklyn; brother, Leonard Beaver. He is also survived by his many cousins and in-laws along with their families. Funeral arrangements are not currently planned and will be published at a later time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

SOYER, Jonathan Edward "Jimmy" - Age 51, North River, passed away on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at home after many years of illness. Home is where Jimmy wanted to be, with his parents, John and Margaret Soyer and their dog, Kane. Along with his parents, Jimmy is survived by his sister, Annette; nephew, Shawn White; niece, Robin and her husband, Mikel and their children, Olivia and Abigail Derksen. He has several aunts, uncles and cousins as well. Jimmy loved the country life, enjoying hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and animals. He was very proud of his buck that he got this hunting season and tending after stray cats and the birds that gave his Mum happiness. While Jimmy may be gone, he will not be forgotten and we encourage everyone who knew him to remember him at his best - giving a helping hand when he could and know he is at peace. In memory of Jimmy, please consider a donation to Hope for Wildlife, Nova Scotia SPCA or an animal rescue of your choice. No visitation or service by request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, N.S. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

REDMOND, Audrey D. - Age 76, of Parrsboro passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at the Colchester-East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Springhill, she was a daughter of the late Lester and Mary (Lavers) O'Brien. She is survived by her husband, Gerald; a daughter, Janice; sons, Brian (Tracy), Jeff (Tena), all of Parrsboro; brothers, Gerald, Springhill; Ralph (Alice), Amherst; grandchildren, Marissa, Keri, James, Mary, Josie, Shelby, Regan, Avery; great-grandchild, Grayson; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by a sister, Olive; brothers, Kitchener, Lesly, Keith. Due to Covid restrictions on gatherings, a private family service is being held at a later date. Burial will take place in the Parrsboro Baptist Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

MacLAREN, Jeanne Arlene - Age 68, Truro. It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of our mother on December 19, 2021 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, NS. Born in Charlottetown, PEI on January 20, 1953 along with her twin brother, Gary, to the great surprise of their parents, the late Jean and Lawrence Matheson. Mom's family moved to Nova Scotia in the early sixties which enabled her to attend Willow Street Elementary School, the old Truro Junior High School and lastly, CEC, where she later worked for eighteen years. She enjoyed working with her special students and took great pride in each of their accomplishments. Mom was introduced to her future husband, Robert "Bobby" in 1970. They married on August 26, 1972. They built a house in Lower Onslow, where they raised their two daughters and lived for 37 years. After losing Dad to cancer in 2013, Mom moved to town, becoming a "Townie." Mom will be missed, but knowing she is with the love of her life, Dad, of whom she spoke often over the years, but always with a great sadness for his loss. Besides her parents and her husband, Mom was predeceased by her only sister, Ruby. Mom is survived by her daughters, Michelle and Melissa (Brent); twin brother, Gary (Carla); brothers, Ken (Joan) and Larry and brother-in-law, Sonny. She was saddened to leave behind her precious grandchildren, Madison and Zachary Grimm, of whom she was so proud and loved so very much. She also leaves behind her nieces, nephews and one grandnephew. Many thanks to the VON and their support staff for all of their care and kindness in helping Mom in her daily life. Thank you, to Dr. Kelly, Dr. Bauld and to "my girls" and Michael on D3. Donations in Mom's memory may be made to the SPCA, the Canadian Cancer Society or Diabetes Canada. There was no visitation or service as per Mom's wishes. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

ROBERTS, Ashby Raymond "Ray" - 88, Hilden, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 24, 2021, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Malden, Massachusetts, USA, he was a son of the late Arthur Raymond and Ada Hazel (Soley) Roberts. Ray was predeceased by his brother, Arthur (Joan) Roberts. He is survived by his nephew, Douglas (Elizabeth "Betsy") Roberts, and their sons, Andrew and family, Benjamin and family, and Lucas; niece, Karen (Emil) Eastburn, and their sons, Lee, and James (Greta). He was especially close with cousins, Shirley (Roberts) Kennie, Coryl (Roberts) Spencer, Kathryn (Roberts) Richards, and friends Burchell and Lucia Fulmore and leaves behind a large circle of family and friends. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a funeral service will be held at Economy United Church at a later date when all family and friends can gather together. Interment will be held in Economy Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: Private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by viewing Ray's obituary online and selecting "Send A Condolence" at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

YORKE, Paul E. - 87, Lower Economy, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his wife and children, on Sunday, December 26, 2021, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Springhill, he was a son of the late Walter and Maude (Davis) Yorke. Paul is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Joyce (Berry) Yorke; son, Dougie (Yvette), Five Islands; daughters, Debbie (Eric) Moore, Economy; Donna (Larry) Rushton, Little Bass River; five grandchildren, Amy, Charles, Nadine, Brittany, Brent, and nine great grandchildren, Austin, Nelly, Jase, Brock, Bridget, Abby, Emily, Sarah, Callie, all of whom he thought the world of; sisters, Elsie and Mina. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Hollis, Royce, Kenneth, Carmen, Alton, Buddy, Cecil; sisters, Neva, Gwendolyn, Brenda, Beryl, Marilyn. Honouring Paul's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

COLLINS, Frances Irene Collins, - 82, Bible Hill, formerly of Upper Onslow, passed away peacefully, with her daughter Janie at her side, on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Saint John, New Brunswick, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Marion (Mercer) Watson. Frances is survived by her children, Kirby Collins, Wolfville; Carolee (Don) Lightbody, Halifax; Janie Gifford, Truro; grandchildren, Eric (Caitlin) Gifford, Tiffany Gifford, Samantha Collins, Cassidy Collins; great grandchildren, Finn, Jemma, Rowan, Maverick, Graham; sisters, Barbara Campbell, Truro; Norma Jean Blizzard, Sandra Forgraves, Saint John, New Brunswick; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Herbert Lee "Herbie" Collins; son, Donald Collins; sisters, Bernice Mallory, Dorothy Strang, Joyce Roy; brothers, William Watson, Raymond Watson, Donald Watson, Ralph Watson, Arthur Watson, Brian Watson. Private family interment will be held at a later date in Bible Hill Cemetery, 41 Warren Drive, Bible Hill. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

COLLINS, Margaret Loleta "Marg" (King) - 79, formerly of Central Onslow, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 8, 2022 with her family by her side at Magnolia Rosecrest, Enfield. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Elmer and Ruth (Dryden) King. Marg is survived by her children, Christina King (Gary), North River; Jeffrey Cavanaugh (Kimberly), Masstown; step-children, Tara Collins-Surette (Keith), Belmont; grandchildren, Danny (Lindsay), Hilden; Cory and Riley, Masstown; step-grandchildren, Brooklyn and Ryland; great granddaughter, Myla; brother, Carl King, Winnipeg, Manitoba; cousins, Pat Dryden, Ontario; Betty Baxter, Amherst; several nieces and nephews. Marg was predeceased by her husband, Phillip Collins; siblings, Bill King; Jim King; Hazel (King) McSwain; brother-in-law, Neil and niece, Margie Rose McSwain. In keeping with family wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

LEWIS, Harold Carleton - 89, Truro, formerly of Glenholme, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Saturday morning, January 8, 2022, at The Mira Long Term Care Centre, Truro. Born in Five Islands, he was a son of the late Millard and Freda (Eagles) Lewis. Harold was the last surviving member of his immediate family and is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Lorna (Simpson); children, Derald Lewis, Debert; Heather (Tony) Ward, Debert; Donald "Donnie" Lewis, Lac La Biche, Alberta; Mary Lindsay (Dana White), Hammonds Plains; grandchildren, Tyler Lewis, Ashley Lewis, Jennifer Lewis, Angela Ward (Dylan Ellis), Monica Ward (Drew Hennigar); sister-in-law, Eileen Lewis, Moncton, New Brunswick; several nieces and nephews; extended family, Helen Dunphy, Onslow. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his twin brother, Derald in infancy; brothers, Austin Lewis, Addison Lewis; sisters, Jean (Alex) Bedford, Ruth (Bernard) MacBurnie, Iva Lewis in childhood; sister-in-law, Marjorie Lewis; extended family, Wayne Dunphy. Due to Covid-19, the funeral service will be held at a later date at Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Interment will be held at a later date in Folly Village Cemetery, Glenholme. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GRATTO, Irene Lillian - Age 88, Masstown. Irene, a longtime resident of Masstown, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2021. She was born in Debert on January 29, 1933 to the late Sidney and Lillian (Geldart) McCully. In her earlier years, Irene graduated from Mount Allison University then moved to Toronto for work in 1953. Irene and Aubrey were married on May 18, 1956 in Ontario and returned to Nova Scotia shortly after to raise their family. Throughout her life, she had many interests including sports - playing and coaching softball, hockey, broomball and golf, with a hole in one. Being very community minded, Irene involved herself with Masstown Community Association, CGIT, Debert Military Museum, United Church Women, to mention a few. Over the years, she also shared a keen interest in local and family history. Irene was also a lifelong member of the Masstown United Church, spending many years as a Sunday School Teacher. Irene is survived by her three sons, Todd (Donna), Kurt (Tina) and Noel (Geraldine), all of Masstown; as well as grandchildren, Carling, Alec (Brittney), Jeffery, Chris (Joyce), Jennifer (Tim); thirteen great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters, Priscilla Jennings (Eric) and Donna Johnston (Brian). She was predeceased by husband, Aubrey in 2014; granddaughter, Jamie (Greg Blair); as well as brothers, Leonard (Buddy), Manning (Myrna), Everett (Jean) and Michael; sisters, Mae Matthews (Laurie) and Linda McCurdy (Earl). Donations in Irene's memory may be made to Scleroderma Atlantic. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Honouring her wishes, there will be no visitation. A family graveside gathering will be held at a later date in the Masstown Cemetery with Cory Lunn officiating. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MacNEIL, Malcolm Blair - Age 78, Truro Heights. It is with great sadness that the family of Malcolm MacNeil announces his passing on December 27, 2021 at the age of 78 years. Malcolm was one of those people who worked hard and made the best out of what he had in life. He loved so many aspects of life like fishing, swimming, gardening, walking, movies, travelling and with the exception of the love of his wife, Rosalie, he really loved horse racing. Malcolm, or "Monk" as he was known in his early years growing up in New Waterford and working in the coal mines. He moved on to own and train horses all over North America up until a few years ago. He is well known at most tracks in the Maritimes and was one of the true "old timers" that people would come to for advice. He will be missed most by his wife, Rosalie; daughter, Debbie (Donnie) and son, John (Michelle); his grandchildren, Dawn, Jeff, Jessica, Kevin, Katlyn, Kailey; his great grandchildren, Madelyn, Brodie, Carson, Carter, Ezra; his sisters, Rodena Burke, Darlene Boyd, Audrey Anderson and his brother, Adrienne MacNeil. A visitation was held Saturday, January 8th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

KELLOCK, Vaughan Clifford - Age 61, Truro. It is with heavy hearts that the family of Vaughan Kellock announces his sudden death on Monday, December 27, 2021 in the Palliative Care Unit of Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Words cannot express how much he was truly loved by his family and friends. Vaughan was born October 9, 1960 in Truro to Herdman and the late Mary Elizabeth (Pettipas) Kellock. He grew up in Salmon River attending local schools and was employed by the Town of Truro for 30 years. Vaughan always had a smile, he liked to tease just to make you laugh. He was confident, a team leader, an avid sports player in his youth and loved football, but most of all, he loved his two sons, Lucas and Zachary. Vaughan and his brother, Paul, were super "tight" right to the end. From his son, Lucas, "I lost my father due to a battle with cancer, another one gone too soon. He stayed positive and kept his sense of humour right to the end." Vaughan was predeceased by his sister, Shirley Marie (2006) and mother, Mary (2017). He is survived by his father, Herdie, Salmon River; sons, Lucas, Belmont, Zachary, Truro; brother, Paul, Truro; sisters, Heidi (Daniel Laliberte), Boutillier's Point and Grace, Tucson, Arizona, USA. Donations in Vaughan's memory may be made to a charity of choice. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a service of remembrance will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

PURDY, Anthony - Age 67, Truro, called his final play on January 2nd, 2022 surrounded by his loved ones. The youngest of six, Anthony was born on March 12th, 1954 in Truro, NS, where he lived most of his life. A gifted athlete, Anthony excelled in football, basketball and rugby. He was the leading scorer in the Metro Football League for two consecutive years, the League MVP and also CEC Male Athlete of the Year. His love for playing football shifted to the game of rugby where he represented both Newfoundland and Nova Scotia at the senior men's Canadian championships. His competitive nature and love for sport naturally transitioned into a lifelong passion for coaching. Coach Purdy instilled strong commitment, discipline, integrity, sportsmanship and respect into many young lives, both on and off the field. Anthony never travelled far without his dog, Diesel and loved nothing more than spending time with his family and friends, especially at Spencer's Point. He enjoyed fishing on the bay, reading and late night games of scrabble. Music was always present, as was his love for people and life that was reflected through his huge smile and larger than life personality. Anthony is survived by his wife, Wendy Lynds; children, Brandon (Jenn MacDonald and grandson, Clay), Conor, Jessica, Garrett Stewart (Mike) and Lori Grund; siblings, Paige Moore (David), Sandra Carter (George), Harold (Margie) and Ian (Emily); sisters-in-law, Dawn Parker and Trish Lynds Yorke and numerous nieces and nephews along with their ever growing families. He was predeceased by his mother, Emeline; father, Burton and brother, Dalton. At Anthony's request, a celebration of life will take place at a later date. Donations in Anthony's memory may be made to the Truro Minor Football Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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