

# OBITUARIES

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**HINGLEY**, Beatrice Sharon (Weatherbee) – Age 78, Truro. It is with heavy hearts that we share the sudden passing of our beloved mother, Beatrice Sharon Hingley on December 18, 2024. She was born on December 23, 1945, in Truro. Bea is survived by sons, Stephen (Tammi), Kevin; daughters, Karen (Roger), Rhonda and countless grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mom was well known for her baking skills and famous for her delicious fudge. She spent many days in the 'Heights' with her favorite ladies playing crib and countless hours at home with her newfound passion of diamond art. Mom is now reunited with her loving husband, Gary; grandson, Trent and many other loved ones that have passed. She will be dearly missed by many. We are hopeful that she passed down enough of her strength to carry us through our loss.

If so desired, donations in Mom's memory may be made to the Truro Hospice Society. To honour our mother's wishes, there will be no funeral service. We will celebrate our precious memories in our own way and encourage you to do the same. A private family interment will take place in the spring. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

**BEATON**, Margaret "Peggy" Bridget. It is with great sadness that we, the family of Margaret "Peggy" Beaton, announce the peaceful passing of an amazing mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend on December 22, 2024, in the Mira nursing home in Truro. She was born in New Waterford on September 17, 1933, to the late Randal and Theresa (MacPherson) MacDonald. Mom was one of the kindest, most gentle and sincere souls, who found good in everything and had such great faith in people. Her calm approach brought ease to any situation, and she will be greatly missed. She was the youngest and last remaining sibling of the MacDonald family. She was predeceased by husband, John Beaton; son, Johnny Beaton; brothers, Archie, Buddy, Earnie, Junior, Charles "Sharkey" and sisters, Catherine "Taddy", Theresa "Tessie", Doreen, Gertie, Vonnie and Mary. Mom is survived by sons, Glen (Evelyn) Beaton, Keith (Belinda) Beaton, Gary (Jeanne) Beaton and daughter, Ann Marie (Paul) White. She is also survived by six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the wonderful staff of the Mira for their amazing care and love shown to mom over the years. A celebration of life will be held for Peggy, and predeceased eldest son, Johnny Beaton, at a later date.

**SITSER**, Erma Elizabeth of Debert, age 80, went peacefully to be with Jesus on Sunday, December 22, 2024 in Debert Court, Debert. Erma was born on March 21, 1944, in Annapolis Royal, a daughter of the late Hartley and Catherine (Deveau) Melanson. Erma was married to the late John Sitsler for 39 years. Erma attended Nova Scotia Teachers College and Acadia graduating with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Education. She taught Home Economics at Central Colchester Junior High School in Lower Onslow school for 30 years. She was a Secretary of the Teachers Union for a time. She also worked in dog control in Colchester County when her husband was not able. Erma and John loved to travel to see friends and family in Europe and Ontario. Erma continued to travel after John died in 2012. She also enjoyed winters in Florida with her sister and brother. Survived by her step-children, Bill Sitsler, James (Lisa) Sitsler and Anna-Marie Ebener (Patrik); grandchildren, Ranine (Justin), Anya, John, Thomas (Hannah), Emily (Cody), Deana and Claudy; great-grandchildren, Landon, Stella, Ryker, Lincoln, Cameron, Lily; sister, Evelyn Gaudet; brother, Eric Melanson; sister-in-law, Alice and Henk Snoeijer; brother-in-law, Henk and Margreet Sitsler; many nieces and nephews and a son at heart, Alexander Klink. In addition to her parents and husband, Erma was predeceased by her sister, Ellen Melanson and sister-in-law, Millicent Melanson. She was also predeceased by brother and sister-in-law, Henk and Gerda Velthuis and Wilhelm Sitsler. Erma moved into Parkland in May of 2020 as dementia had reared its ugly head. She needed more care and was moved to Debert Court in September 2024. We are grateful to the staff for the care she received at both facilities. A special mention and thanks to Anne, her caregiver when she was living at Parkland. She loved her and responded so well to her. There will be no visitation. A Funeral Service was held Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in the Debert Baptist Church, 1273 Plains Road, Debert, Pastor Hudson Trenholm officiating. Interment in the spring in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert. Condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**GRANT**, Murray, Lloyd – Age 77, Brentwood, passed away in Glen Haven Manor, New Glasgow, on Wednesday, December 25, 2024. Lloyd was born on April 14, 1947, in Scotsburn, the son of the late William Angus and Annie Elizabeth (McEwan) Murray. Lloyd worked for Scotsburn Dairy for more than forty years. He began his career with Scotsburn in the feed mill and worked his way up to Sales Manager. When he retired, Lloyd drove a school bus for several years and was also busy with his own business sealing driveways and plowing in the winter. One of his greatest joys was having his family and friends around, whom he loved to entertain and host at frequent gatherings. He was involved in the community in his role as President, Salmon River Parks and Recreation, and was a former member of the Truro Legion, Branch #26. Lloyd will remain dearly loved and always missed by his partner, Jane Greene; sons, Brian Murray, Brookfield, and Scott Murray, Newfoundland; granddaughters, Callie Murray, Onslow, and Gracie Murray, Debert; sister, Betty Cassie, Pictou; brother, Ronnie Murray, New Glasgow. Besides his parents, Lloyd was predeceased by his sister, Jannet. Donations in Lloyd's memory may be made to the IWK. A Funeral service was Wednesday, January 8, 2025 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS, with the Right Rev. David Torraville officiating.

**SMITH**, Florence Audrey – 85, North River, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 30, 2024, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Lottie (McNutt) Cavanaugh. Florence is survived by her husband, Wayne; sons, Larry Cavanaugh (Heather Bigelow), North River; Cory Smith (Kelly Gosby), Onslow Mountain; grandson, Demetry Gosby-Stewart, Onslow Mountain (Emma Turtscher, Crowes Mills); great grandson, Miles Gosby-Stewart, Crowes Mills; brother, Dean Cavanaugh, Debert; sisters, Marilyn Gilby, Dora Smith, Truro; sisters-in-law, Colleen Whidden, Margaret Cavanaugh, North River; brother-in-law, Donald Reid, Truro; special niece, Angela Cameron, Wentworth; several nieces and nephews. Private interment will be held at a later date in North River Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**BAILEY**, Garland Ernest "George" – Age 81, Truro, passed away on December 30, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. George was born in Deer Harbour, Newfoundland, to the late Elioil Benjamin and Mary Elizabeth (Penney) Bailey. Donations in his memory may be made to Colchester Ground Search and Rescue. As per George's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

**SPENCER**, James Lyle. On the evening of December 31, 2024, James "Lyle" Spencer, age 81 years, of Great Village, passed peacefully away with his wife by his side, surrounded by family. Born in Toronto to parents, Ralph Lyle Spencer and Muriel May Spencer (Robinson), Lyle spent most of his life in Great Village. A carpenter by trade, Lyle began his career in carpentry at a very young age, working with his dad. He went on to build his own carpentry business, which he maintained throughout his life, even when he got older and as his health began to deteriorate. Lyle was highly sought after for his carpentry skills and quietly took great pride in his work. Lyle spent the last 47 years of his life married to the love of his life, Pat Spencer (Brown). Together, Lyle and Pat raised four boys and two girls. Lyle was better known as "Puppy" to his sixteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was overjoyed to learn his tenth great grandchild is expected in July. Lyle was predeceased by his parents; his brothers, Dennis Spencer (Winnie), Wayne Spencer (Joyce), and his brother-in-law, Brian McMasters (Lynn). Lyle is survived, and will be missed, by his wife, Pat; his brothers, Darrell Spencer (Kathy), Elmer Spencer (Lynda), and Randy Spencer; his sisters, Ruth Bower (Jim) and Lynn McMasters (Brian, deceased); his sister-in-law, Joyce Spencer (Wayne, deceased); his children, James Spencer (Janice), Lisa George (Laurie), Tracey Spencer (Kristy), Grant Sprague (Annette), Clinton Spencer, and Vickie McNutt (Kelly); his many nieces and nephews; and by his sixteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Nova Scotia Lung Screening Program or the Nova Scotia Cancer Care Program, as per Lyle's wishes. Pat and the family invite you to join them for a celebration of Lyle's life on January 11, 2025, from 1-4 PM in the Royal Canadian Legion #72, 8 Great Village Lornevale Rd, Great Village, NS. Interment will take place at a later date in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village.

**ALLEN**, Karen Joan – Age 63, Dartmouth, passed away peacefully after a brief illness, January 1, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Belleville, ON, she was a daughter of the late Edward and Shirley (Hutcheon) Gilroy. Karen faced a lot of obstacles in life but was always an upbeat person who enjoyed being with people, playing games (particularly cards), and watching game shows. She was independent and able to negotiate the Halifax bus system to get around on her own. She was involved with Special Olympics, did volunteer work with the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia, and worked for many years at Lake City Woodworking in Dartmouth. She was a kind and gentle soul and will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. She is survived by sister, Barbara Gilroy, Hunter River, PEI; brother, Layton (Melanie) Gilroy, Truro, NS; nephew, Tristan (Alexa) Dickson, Hunter River, PEI and niece, Madeline (Sam) Dickson, Cornwall, PEI; uncles, Albert and Bruce Hutcheon, and aunt, Jean Hutcheon (all of Ontario); aunt, Marie Gilroy, Rodney, NS; and many cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Graham Allen. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes. A funeral service was held Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Eileen Corah officiating. Online condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**MURRAY**, David Allan - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of David Allan Murray, age 53, Truro after a short and courageous battle with cancer. David passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro with his loving family at his side. Born in Ontario, on November 22, 1971, he was a son of the late Norma Jean Murray of Scotsburn, Pictou County. David will be sadly missed by his partner, Donna Redmond, Truro; brother, Lloyd Robert Murray (Shelley Tessier), Halifax; stepfather, Bobby Tye, Scotsburn; and his three daughters, Melissa Dawn Murray (Kyle Vaughan), Kentville, Savannah Murray, Bedford, Sydney Murray, Stellarton. He will also be dearly missed by his three grandchildren, Brooklyn, Weston and newborn Brier along with a large extended family of aunts and uncles, and a community of close friends. Besides his mother, David was predeceased by his older brother, William "Billy" Murray. David was a devoted father, partner, brother, son and friend. He was widely known for being a hard worker and was passionate about his volunteer firefighting career at various fire departments namely Stellarton, Westville and most recently, Bible Hill. He thoroughly enjoyed umpiring as well as playing in softball games. In David's free time, you could find him around Hidden Hilltop campground in the golf cart doing security. The family wishes to extend their appreciation to the staff of Colchester East Hants Health Centre who were so helpful during his final days, as well as friends and loved ones who reached out with heartfelt messages during this time. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in David's memory to your local fire department or charity of your choice. Cremation has taken place. A visitation was held Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A celebration of life was held Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30p.m. in the Belly Up BBQ & Grill, 214 Robie St., Truro, NS.

**KOCH**, Allan Howard – 68, Valley. It is with a heavy heart that we announce Allan Howard Koch passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at VG Site, QEII, Halifax, after a courageous battle with cancer. Allan was born in 1956 to the late Lester and Alice (Nahrgang) Koch in New Hamburg, Ontario and lived there until he relocated to Truro, Nova Scotia at the age of 21. He leaves to mourn his wife of 37 years, Julia (Munden); brothers and sisters, Earl (Lucille), Harold (Grace), Russell (Hazel), Norman (Gwen), Kenneth (Lorrie), Florence (Fred), Eleanor, and Shirley; parents-in-law, Gilbert and Ruby Munden; sisters-in-law, Martina, Paula (Nick), Twyla (Mike); brother-in-law, Gilbert Jr.; his honorary family, the Verhoevens; many nieces, nephews, cousins, a long list of friends and his two cats, Boss & Simon. Allan was predeceased by his sister, Evelyn. Al started Northumberland Silo in Belmont in 1977 with three partners, becoming sole owner at the age of 30, where he continued working seven days a week until the fall of 2024. As per Allan's wishes, cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at his cottage on Short's Lake, on Saturday, August 30, 2025 – better known by Al, as Corn Boil Weekend. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**JEWERS**, Donna Ruth (Sutherland) – Age 78, Sherbrooke, formerly of Brookfield. It is with heavy hearts that the family announces that Donna Jewers entered into the presence of the Lord on January 2, 2025. Donna was born in 1946, in Aspen, to Howard and Warren Sutherland. Donna is survived by her sons, Jody, Dana (Deena), and Alex (Angela); her beloved grandchildren, Abigail, Ty and Lauchlan, as well as her sisters, Shirley Locke and Joan (Kent) Nickerson, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and brother, Raymond Sutherland. Donna was a graduate of the Nova Scotia Teachers College and taught briefly in Salmon River before marrying and settling down to raise her three sons. Family was important to Donna. The theatre, especially musicals, held a special place in Donna's heart and she often reminisced about the plays she had been in when she was younger. Donna's faith in God was the cornerstone of her life. She was a devout Christian and attended the Knox United and Brookfield Baptist Churches when she was able. Singing hymns and quoting scriptures were a part of her daily life, often grounding her and bringing her comfort; we take solace in knowing that she is now at peace in the arms of her Saviour. Donna's family would like to thank the High Crest Nursing Home in Sherbrooke for the excellent care that Donna had received over the past couple of years. If desired, donations in memory of Donna may be made to the charity of your choice. A visitation was held Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A graveside service will take place in the spring of 2025 in Brookfield Westside Cemetery, Brookfield.

**FAULKNER**, Kenneth Owen "Ken" - 75, Hart Lake and Truro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family, on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Vincent and Ruthene (Rushton) Faulkner. Ken began his working career with W.E. Faulkner Construction operating a drag line and heavy equipment. He then entered the insurance industry where he remained for over 55 years. Starting off as an Underwriter with Norwich Union, then as a Broker with CD Armstrong Limited, MCTI and BrokerLink where he was currently employed. Ken is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Sandra (Marsh); children, Tony (Tanya) Faulkner, Truro; Leanne (William) Smith, Devon, Alberta; grandchildren, Danica (Conner), Bailey, Halle, Savanah, Ava, Caleb; brothers, Chesley (Nora) Faulkner, Bass River; Arthur Faulkner, Truro; Rod (Mi) Faulkner, Bass River; sister-in law Kathy Faulkner, Bass River, several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Marlene; brothers, Donald, Bobby. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where Ken's family will receive family and friends to share memories of this amazing man from 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2025. If so desired, donations in Ken's memory to Palliative Care Unit (CEHHC), Colchester East Hants Hospice Society or a charity of choice are welcomed. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared with the family at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**FIELDS**, Audrey Camilla – 82, Londonderry, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Cecil and Sarah (McNutt) MacAloney. Audrey married Glenn Fields and lived most of her life in Londonderry. In earlier years, she worked at Stanfield's. Being an active member of her community, Audrey was a long-time member of Great Village and District Volunteer Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary and helped with the bookwork and she was also active with Londonderry Station Community Church. Audrey is survived by her sons, Trent, Kevin, Dana (John Gardner), Brian; grandsons, Jason Jackson, Bradley Fields, Ryan Fields; great grandsons, Nolan Main, Haiden Jackson, Wesley Jackson; brother, Lloyd (Venessa, deceased) MacAloney, Parrsboro; sister, Carol (Vernon) Hughes, Truro; several nieces and nephews. She will be missed dearly. Graveside interment service will be held 2 p.m., Friday, May 2, 2025 in Mahon Cemetery, 8480 Highway 2, Great Village. If so desired, donations in Audrey's memory to Great Village and District Volunteer fire Brigade are welcomed. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**PHILLIPS**, Edward Stephen "Crow," born March 26, 1963, died January 8, 2025, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born and raised in Millbrook, Truro, Eddie was a son of the late Cecilia Paul Phillips and the late Ivan Phillips. In the early morning hours of January 8, 2025, our Dad, grandfather, brother, and uncle gained his Angel wings, surrounded by his three daughters, Lynn, Irene, Emily, and best friend, Georgette. In Eddie's younger years, he loved playing softball on the Millbrook Team. As Eddie grew older, he developed severe arthritis in his body which prevented him from playing softball. Eddie is survived by his three daughters, Lynn Phillips, Irene Phillips (Brandon), Emily Phillips (Colby), and Georgette Paul Phillips (estranged wife) all of Millbrook. Eddie had seven grandchildren that he truly loved and always made him smile. They are Cecilia, Mila, Frankie, Brandon Jr, Chris, Emma and Lylah. He is also survived by siblings, Sheila Phillips, Albert Phillips, Margaret Phillips, all of Millbrook, and Charlotte Warrington O'Brien, of Glooscap First Nations; several nieces and nephews, Ethan Phillips, Keely Poulette, Sueann Phillips, Robbie Paul, Zack Phillips, Francine Dennis, MaryJane Dennis, Maggie Kellock, Andy Kellock, Corine McNutt and Mike Carpenter; great niece, Kaitlyn Dennis; great nephews, Corey Dennis and Baylen Bernard. Eddie was predeceased by bothers, Francis Phillips, and George Phillips all of Millbrook; Richard O'Brien of Glooscap First Nations; sister, Bernadette Phillips; nephew, Gilbert (Gibb) Phillips and great nephew, Riley Kellock. A visitation was held beginning Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at 2-15 Gerald Ave, Millbrook, until time of the Funeral Mass on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Sacred Heart Church, Church Road, Millbrook, Fr. Henry Lunninze presided. Burial will take place in the spring of 2025. Online condolences can be made at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

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