

OBITUARIES

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MAXWELL, Ralph Harry - Age 93, Truro, passed away in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre in Truro on January 10, 2025. Ralph was born in Edmonton, Alberta, the son of the late James and Edna (nee Paisley) Maxwell, and stepson of Mabel (nee Winfield) Maxwell. He grew up in a large immediate family with two brothers and six sisters. Ralph was proud to serve his country as an RCMP officer and retired in 1976 as Staff Sergeant after 25 years in the force. His career in the RCMP was spent at various detachments in Western Canada, most recently in Edmonton, Regina, and Winnipeg. A move to Nova Scotia followed, where he continued to work in other fields around the Truro area including a stint with the Commissionaires and a period as a counsellor for troubled youth. He enjoyed woodworking, curling, and music. When allowed in the kitchen, he liked to bake, and the stereo was always on. A man of faith, he was a long-time member of Immanuel Baptist Church before switching to St. James Presbyterian. He sang in various choirs, the St. James Male Chorus, and as a soloist over the years. He enjoyed his granddaughters immensely and was always quick to lend a helping hand. Ralph met his wife, Shirley (nee Brenton) in the town of Manning in northern Alberta. He worked out of the RCMP detachment, and she was a young nurse from Nova Scotia. The day they got married, Shirley had to walk thirteen planks placed over the mud, in her bridal gown, to enter the church. After their marriage, they moved to Edmonton where they started their lives together and welcomed two daughters. When Shirley passed away in 2005, they had been married for 45 years. Instead of dwelling on his loneliness, Ralph found new passions. He found friendship and companionship in Doris Tedford. Ralph is loved dearly and will be greatly missed by his daughters, Dawn (Daniel) and Susanne; granddaughters, Jessica (Garion), Alisha, and Amanda, as well as his companion, Doris Tedford and her daughter, Lynn. He is survived by two sisters, Noel Edmunds and Beryl Goodwin and sister-in-law, Barbara Maxwell (nee Worth), as well as many nieces and nephews. He was also richly blessed by good friends who have been a constant source of support and inspiration. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. James Presbyterian Church or the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation towards the IMCU or Palliative Care units. A visitation was Friday, January 17, 2025 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A celebration of life followed on Saturday, January 18, 2025 in St. James Presbyterian Church, 725 Prince Street, Truro, NS, with the Rev. Andrew Campbell officiating.

LANGILLE, (nee GROVES), Mildred "Millie" Eileen - December 7, 1928 - January 11, 2025, passed away peacefully at the age of 96 years in The Mira Nursing Home, Truro, N.S. Predeceased by her parents, Arthur and Etta Groves (nee Graham); brothers, Ralph, Fred, Eric, Allie and Stan; sisters, Edna, Kit, Violet and a sister in infancy; grandchildren, Ryan Langille and Morgan Langille. She married "Bud" Percy Langille in May 1948, and he rapidly became a member of the Groves family. They settled in Onslow near her family and raised four children. After 67 years of marriage, Bud passed away in May 2015. Mom was proud to have been raised on a farm although was quick to add "us girls never went to the barn." A homemaker who could be very creative; she cooked, baked and had a sewing machine that was never idle with a young family to mend and sew for. She knitted many hats, mittens and sweater sets for babies, learned to crochet and made a blanket or two but, preferred the needles to the hook. She made quilts, mostly pieced and all hand-stitched and given with love to family members and a few lucky others. Practicing intricate tole painting designs on a scrap until she felt it was right. Some of her artwork, but by no means limited to, were of the red cardinal that would appear on cans and ornaments. Afraid of large animals, she tolerated dogs but loved her kittens and cats. Survived by children, Donna (Kenny), Bruce (Judy), Roger (Karen), Gail (Mike); nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. A special thank you goes out to the staff of The Mira for taking such loving care of Mom these past eight months. Memorial donations may be made to the CARMA Cat Rescue Maritime-Colchester Chapter or the Alzheimer Society of Canada. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held in the spring of 2025 in Onslow Island Cemetery.

CARTER, Arnold Brenton - Age 87, Valley, passed away peacefully at his home, January 12, 2025. Born in Truro he was the son of the late Hollis Brenton and Winnifred "Winnie" Irene (Chapman) Carter. Arnold spent his entire career in the building industry, first building homes then doing foundation work. This led to manufacturing forms for foundation work (Duraform). After several successful years in manufacturing, Arnold turned his attention to the vinyl siding business, A.C. Siding & Supplies, which became the first siding company in the Truro and surrounding region. Arnold had a love for flying his entire life. He received his pilot's license in 1975 and his dream of one day owning his own plane took flight. He spent several years flying from the Debert airport. Then in the 1980's he took his dream to another level. He acquired several acres of land in Valley and developed his own air strip which would become Valley Airport from which he would continue flying for many years. It became well known by local pilots and flying enthusiasts. Arnold was known for his love of taking people up for "a flip" in his plane. After he retired from flying, he developed the Greenridge Park subdivision which is today a wonderful neighbourhood. Arnold acquired a love for music at an early age from his parents. He became an accomplished acoustic guitar, steel guitar and bass player. He is survived by his three sons, Mark, Todd (Eileen) and Troy; grandchildren, Emilienne, Carleigh, Brent, Hayden; siblings, Hollis (Vonnice), Dale, Stanley (Frances), Brenda, Shelley (Richard). Besides his parents, he was predeceased by siblings, Cora, Lucy, Calvin; also Garth and Denise in infancy. Special thanks to the wonderful care workers who assisted Arnold in his final days at home. An afternoon celebrating Arnold's life was held Sunday, January 19th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, N.S. Online condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MacDONALD, Bernard "Russell" our loyal and loving patriarch passed suddenly but peacefully on January 12, 2025, surrounded by his devoted wife and adoring children, his prized possessions. While we knew he wasn't ready to go, we take comfort in knowing he began working the lobby as soon as he arrived at the gates. Russell was born in New Glasgow on December 10th, 1949, to the late Alexander "Red Sandy" and Margaret "Peggy" (Poirier) MacDonald. He was one of eight siblings and was the youngest of six brothers. As a young man, Russell met the love of his life, Wanda Mingo, while she was training to be a nurse at the Aberdeen School of Nursing. He knew he wanted to marry her, but Wanda had a life plan. Nurse. Wife. Mother. Dad had the privilege of being employed the majority of his working years for his father-in-law, Sylvan at the family business just next door, Sylrick Enterprises. Dad was never short on conversation and would chat with anyone within an ear's reach. The name, Bampie, was bestowed on Russell by his first-born grandchild, Jennessa. Our Dad lived every single day of his life. He lived for mornings to himself with burnt toast and his Chronicle Herald, clear driveways and the housework done. Dad was a sports fan who enjoyed both local and professional sports (Toronto Blue Jays, Detroit Red Wings and the Maryland Terrapins). Our Dad was an addict - his drug of choice was our mother. Marriage can be described as the union of two souls who become one. This was so very true for our parents. They were avid campers with best friends, Alta and Wayne Fanning and together they had a few trips Down South as well. Russell was cherished in this lifetime by his one and only, Wanda and their three beautiful children, Shannon (& Shawn) Wolfe, Sarah (& JP) Wood and Stephen (& Norma) MacDonald. He was loved immeasurably by his grandbabies, his world, Jennessa & Ethan Wolfe, Elise & Lochlan MacDonald and Jaxsen Jaye Wood. These five gifts provided joy, laughter and bragging rights to one very proud Bampie. He was also blessed with an honorary son, nephew Chris (& Amber) MacDonald plus special bonus grandchildren, Cameron and Lauren MacDonald. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. A decision was made with great intention between our parents that there be no visitation or funeral. We, the family, would like to thank everyone for reaching out to us with messages of sympathy and support during this time of immense pain and sudden loss. We would like to take this time to extend deep gratitude to Dr. Bruce Phillips for his exceptional care and concern. We would like to acknowledge the rapid response from EMS and the volunteer firefighters, Trauma Staff of the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, the Respiratory Staff, Dr. Nadour and Dr. Ghanem for working so diligently to keep our husband and father here with us. Extra special love and thanks to Dr. Ghanem who gave my father the very last gift of his life by allowing our mother to be at his bedside as his wife and partner only.

FOX, Harold Charles, M.W.O - Age 88, of Valley, passed away in serenity and peace on January 14, 2025, in Willow Lodge Home for Special Care, Tatamagouche. He was the son of Lloyd Gilbert and Marguerite (Chapman) Fox. He was married to Sarah Esther (White). Harold was born in Valley, NS, to where he always loved to return after they moved away. Eventually, he made the move permanent in the 1970's. He travelled to many places after entering the Armed Forces at the age of seventeen. He entered the R.C.E.M.E. division, retiring completely at the rank of Master Warrant Officer from Camp Aldershot, NS. Harold's heart was full for people and animals alike. Harold was predeceased by his parents, Lloyd and Marguerite Fox; his loving wife, Sarah Esther Fox; his oldest daughter, Theresa Cox; as well as his companion, Doris Rogers. He is survived by his children, Darlene Fox (Vernon), Sandra Bates (Ray) and Larry Fox (Misty); his grandchildren, Nathan, Christine, Kaitlin and Lauren as well as his great grandchildren, Nicholas, Dominic, Keirha and Ava. We, the family, would like to thank Kailyn Little, Jessica Lloyd and Melissa Hayden for all of their love, kindness and compassionate care of our father and grandfather for the last three years. We would also like to thank Willow Lodge for the amazing care and kindness they offered during his brief time with them. Donations in memory of Harold Fox can be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia or to a charity of choice. A visitation was held Monday, January 20, 2025, from 12pm until time of funeral service at 2pm, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

JORDAN, June Marie - Age 86, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2025, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. She was born in Toronto to the late James "Mac" MacLeod Johnston and Minnie (Tuff) Johnston. Besides her parents, June was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Howard. June and Howard loved to travel and enjoyed many memorable trips including 33 winters in Florida. June also enjoyed the occasional trip to the Casino. June is survived by her daughter, Heather (Ben McLellan); grandchildren, Erin (Mike MacEachern), Hugh McLellan (Carly); great grandsons, Ian, Ryan, Reid, Grayson, and Bruce. Special thanks to physician and friend, Dr Sarbjit Singh, and the palliative care team at CEHHC, and to June's friends at Munroe Court, who she considered her extended family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MAXWELL, Carol Ann - It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of our beloved mother, Carol Ann Maxwell on December 21, 2024, at the age of 79 years. Her final moments were spent peacefully surrounded by family. Born in Truro, Nova Scotia, she was the daughter of the late Lena and Courtney Kaye. Mom was a woman of immense humour, quick wit and wisdom, cherishing every moment spent with her loved ones. A friend to many, she is leaving behind a legacy of kindness and strength. While our family grieves her loss, we are choosing to remember her in a way that honors her spirit. Mom was predeceased by her brother, John and daughter-in-law, Melanie. She is survived by her brother, Kenny; special sister-in-law, Betty and her five children, Philip, Debbie (David), Donnie, Krista (Darryl) and Julie; grandchildren, Brian, Jeremy, Brandon, Cody, Shanice, Rayven, Jade, Emily, Rebecca, Erin, Madeline, and several great grandchildren. Rest easy, Mom. You are now free from pain and do not worry, we will watch over each other until we meet again. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Victoria Order of Nurses and special nurse, Ash (Colchester East Hants Health Centre). Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Mom's precious life will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, beginning at 2pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

Next Tax Sale June 10

The following is the Finance Department section of Scott Fraser, Director Corporate Services, report circulated to Council Committee at its meeting on January 16, 2025.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The following items were presented in bullet form:

- Conducted recruitment of the Finance Analyst position. Our new hire started mid September and will be focused on the budget process and special projects; Various regulatory reports were completed and filed. March 31, 2024 audited consolidated financial statements were approved by Council in October; Statement of Estimates/ Provincial Grant in Lieu (GIL); Financial Information Report (FIR); Gas tax (AER) report; Federal GIL's; Corporate T2.
- Tax collection efforts are ongoing per normal process: The November 26, 2024 tax sale went ahead as planned. There was 1 property on the final tax sale list, and it sold at minimum bid; September & November standard reminders were mailed as part of our annual collection process. There were 6,441 & 3,919 reminders sent respectively.
- Staff continue to monitor the receivable balance, acknowledging economic conditions and increased assessment values are impacting property owner's ability to pay in a more



timely manner. There are currently 415 accounts in various stages of the official tax sale collection process with more to be added by late January 2025.

- For operational efficiency and to better manage receivable balances, staff moved the next tax sale date to June 10, 2025, opposed to a traditional November sale. In December 2024 staff sent 28 properties for title search in preparation of the upcoming tax sale.
- The 2025 assessment roll was received the end of December and is in the process of being tested and imported. The CAP (CPI) increase is 1.5% for the 2025 roll year.
- Other significant efforts in the following areas: Operating budget preparations: templates were sent to management for consideration in December, with Finance staff reviews beginning late January 2025. As in prior years, the document is on track to be presented April 2025.
- Preparing year end payroll & T4's in-house for the February 28th deadline.

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