

# OBITUARIES

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**WEAVER-SCHROCK**, Paula Renee - It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Paula Renee Weaver-Schrock on December 19, 2025, in Truro, Nova Scotia. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Brian Schrock; her three children, Kellan, Eliana, and Ingrid; her mother, Jean (Frey) Weaver; and her three siblings, Carmen (Rick Horst), Joel Brian (Dawn), and Amy. She was predeceased by her father, Robert Weaver. Paula was born in Hershey, Pennsylvania on July 6, 1964 and was raised in Cleona. Whether trimming tombstones or picking peppers at her uncle's farm market, she learned the value of hard work from an early age, a principle she carried throughout her life. Her childhood was also marked with many camping and canoe trips, highlighted by family outings to Bethany Beach, Delaware. Paula's last two years of high school were spent boarding at Lancaster Mennonite School. After graduation, she pursued a degree in social work at Eastern Mennonite University, where she started dating Brian, who was also in the social work program. After university, she packed up her car and moved to Boston and got a job as a child protection worker in the inner city. She recalled this as a life-changing experience, both professionally and personally. Paula then decided to pursue a master's degree in clinical social work at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. After graduation, she and Brian married and moved to Philadelphia, where she took a job at Pennsylvania Hospital as director of a drug and alcohol program for women. With a sense of adventure and a heart for service, Paula and Brian took a volunteer assignment with Mennonite Central Committee to help establish a counselling center in Truro, Nova Scotia. Throughout her journey with cancer, Paula faced obstacles with both courage and honesty. Anchored in her faith, she accepted life in its fullness, its beauty and its pain, without ever hiding the hard parts. She often shared Frederick Buechner's words: "Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid." Paula will be remembered for her infectious smile, sharp wit and sense of humor, generous and kind heart, and authentic way of living. She left a lifelong impact on all those who knew her. We deeply appreciate the exceptional care that Paula received from Dr. MacFarlane and the Oncology unit in Halifax; Dr. Rowe and the amazing nursing team in Truro; the Palliative Care unit; and many others who supported her along the way. A celebration of life will be held in January 2026, with details to be shared at a later date.

**PETERSON**, Marjorie Louise (née Webb), 81 years, Upper Economy, NS. With deep and abiding love - but also great sadness, Marjorie's family announces her passing on December 2, 2025. Marjorie endured her lengthy cancer battle with tremendous courage and infinite grace. Marjorie was born in Boston, Massachusetts, to Norman and Hazel Webb as their only, and precious, daughter. One of her first jobs was working at Canada Dry in Boston, but eventually her parents convinced their smart and capable daughter to manage the industrial catering business that they owned. In 1972, Marjorie married the love of her life, Ken Peterson. Together they began a highly specialized security company training police and guard dogs. They worked closely with the Massachusetts State Police training both the human and canine officers. As a devoted dog lover, Marjorie was perfect in this role but at the end of the day, she came home not to German Shepherds or Rotweilers, but to her elegant Afghan Hounds and feisty little West Highland White Terriers. Marjorie's Canadian roots went deep in Five Islands, NS, and in 1977, she and Ken settled there for good. They bought an old farm in Carrs Brook, Colchester Co., and restored it with care. They raised their children, Tracy and Brad, in happy proximity to extended family nearby. Eventually, along with raising cattle and horses on the farm, Marjorie and Ken would buy and operate the General Store in Economy. Marjorie was involved in her community and loved to be a part of its vibrant and busy activities. And as anyone who knew her would tell you, Marjorie had a huge capacity for kindness - she fostered over thirty children in her lifetime opening her home and her heart to kids who needed Marjorie's compassion and support at the most vulnerable time in their lives. Her last years were spent happily together with Ken, and her extended family, in Upper Economy, NS. Marjorie will be lovingly missed by Ken, her husband of fifty three years; son Brad (Charlene), granddaughter, Justine; family members, and the many dear friends she made throughout her life. Marjorie was predeceased by her beloved daughter, Tracy Peterson, and her parents, Norman and Hazel. Donations in Marjorie's memory may be made to We Care About Cancer, in support of the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Cremation had taken place under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Condolences may be made online at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**KENNEDY**, Dorothy Mae (Russell) - Age 79, passed away peacefully with family by her side on December 23, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Hilden, she was a daughter of the late James Trueman and Elizabeth (Rae) Russell. Mom was a cosmetologist, graduating from Lucien's Beauty School with master's diploma in 1967. She went on to own and operate two businesses in two locations. After her retirement, Mom went back to college graduating with Honors in Floristry. She will be greatly missed by her daughter, Dineen "Dee" (Brad) Kennedy-McCully. Mom will also be missed by her grandchildren, Bradley, Jenna Mae and Brayden; her great granddaughter, Aurora; sisters, Bertha Burrill and Emma Russell; brothers, Lewis (Shannon), Daniel (Patsy), Elwood (June) and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 57 years, Paul Kennedy, in May 2025; brothers, James, Robert, Leonard and Norman; sisters, Shirley Webb, Ester Kennedy, Merle Pettigrew, Myrtle Conrad, Isabelle Nielson, Irene Patterson, Florence Day and nephew, Paul Conrad. She was a beautiful cook, known in her younger years as, "the pie lady." Mom loved nature, her heart always lay in the country, much like Dad, but being by the water at the cabin was her favourite place. I would like to personally thank my uncles, aunts, cousins and friends along with my parents' friends for being there for our family when we needed them the most. Love you all! Our family also deeply appreciates the exceptional care that my mother received from EHS, the First Responders, CEHHC Emergency Dept., Dr. Blois and the entire CEHHC ICU. To all of Mom's caregivers for helping Mom to stay in her home as long as she could - thank you. Donations in Mom's memory may be sent to the Canadian Red Cross or the Heart and Stroke Foundation. As per Mom's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. A celebration of her life will be held in 2026, details to be shared at a later date. A private family interment will take place in the Spring 2026 in the Lower Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

**WRIGHT**, Alena (Wasson) passed away December 27, 2025, at the age of 83 years. The daughter of Arlie and Pauline Wasson, she was born at home in the family farmhouse in Lower Debert on February 22, 1942, during a winter snowstorm. It was an entrance that seemed to suit her. Strong, determined, and deeply resilient. She was predeceased by the love of her life, Dennis; her parents, and brother-in-law, Bill. She was the steadfast and loving mother of four children: Diane McLean (Karl), Randy McLean (Sandra), Nancy Rutherford (Logan), and Paula Button (Darrin). She also lovingly embraced her stepchildren, Jason Wright (Leanna) and Darin Wright (Tammy). She was a proud grandmother to nine grandchildren and a cherished great grandmother to seven great grandchildren. She is also survived by the father of her children and friend, Marvin; her sister, Libby, as well as her niece, Debbie (Harvey); nephew, Robert, and three great nieces, all of whom will miss her deeply. Professionally, she was a trailblazer. As the first female Registrar of Deeds in Truro, she took great pride in her work and carried out her role with integrity and care. Over the years, she formed many lasting friendships in the workplace and was someone others naturally turned to for guidance and support. It was during this time in her life that she met Dennis, with whom she shared many love filled years together, and whose absence she felt deeply over the past nine years. To most, she was Alena. To her family, she was Mom, Beamie, and most recently and perhaps most importantly, Gigi. The family would like to take this time to thank all the healthcare workers who cared for Alena both in her home and the hospital. She spoke so highly of you all. As requested, there will be no funeral. The family will have a private graveside service at a future date. Donations may be made in Alena's name to the Folly Village Cemetery in Glenholme or to a charity of choice.

**MacKENZIE**, Darryl Wayne - 63, Portapique. We are heartbroken to announce the death of Darryl Wayne MacKenzie (born Darryl Wayne Pickett) on Friday, January 2, 2026 at his home following a brutal battle with cancer. Born in Hamilton, Ontario with a wandering spirit, he has lived in many areas of Ontario and British Columbia, and spent his final years in Nova Scotia. Home to Darryl was close to family, and he was always happiest when his family was together. Darryl is survived by his wife of almost 40 years, Birgit Renate Katzer, to whom he was sealed for Time and All Eternity in 1986. He is also survived by their five children that they welcomed into their family - Zjanya (Matthew), Calida (Jamie), Chenoa, Caleb, and Andrew, as well as grandchildren, Eliana, Jerric, Alexandre, and Kailani, and many others who he held close to his heart. He told anyone who would listen that he had a blessed life because it was filled with love. He viewed family as a treasure, and emphasized the importance of those relationships continuing on beyond death. A celebration of Darryl's life was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 148 Evergreen Drive, Salmon River, on Saturday January 10, 2026. 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)

**CAMPBELL**, Rhoda Maude - With love and gratitude for a life well lived, we announce the passing of our dear mother and wife. Rhoda Maude Campbell passed away on December 30, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Windsor, Nova Scotia, she was a daughter of the late Dorothy (McCarthy)Whitehead and Richard Whitehead. Rhoda was a lady of strength, grace and kindness, known for her resilience and determination throughout her life. In 1954, she attended the Halifax County Vocational High School, where she studied Beauty Culture. She then moved to Truro, where she worked for Lenore Bigelow and later Mert Crowell (LaSalle) before opening her own business, Rhoda's Beauty Salon, on Dominion Street, Truro. Together with her son, they moved to Sydney, Cape Breton. Mum continued her craft as a hairdresser while nurturing her lifelong love of gardening. She was a founding member of the Sydney Garden Club and volunteered at the Cape Breton Arts and Crafts Shop. In 1994, Mum and a fellow volunteer wandered through local fields of wildflowers collecting Queen Anne's lace for Queen Elizabeth II's visit to Sydney. Returning to Truro a few years later, she became a member of the Bible Hill Garden Club. She was an active volunteer with Friends of the Garden and took great pride in helping to create the rock garden at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Campus. The return to Truro allowed Mum and Clayton to enjoy many happy years surrounded by those they loved. Rhoda is survived by her husband, Clayton Campbell; daughters, Kathy Gorveatt, Fredericton, NB, Kim VanBuskirk (Kevin) Greenfield, NS, and son, Brian Crowell (Tracey) Beaverbank, NS; grandchildren, Chelsey Gorveatt (Kyle), Nevin Dunn (Phoebe), Jarrett Gorveatt (Kendra), Jena Dunn (Dan), Mitchell (Mal), Makayla (Etnie) and great-grandchildren, Tyson, Brooklyn, Logan, Leo, Albie, Hudson and Julian; sisters, Ella Dearman, Julia DeWolf and Pat (Gary) Cox, along with extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her brothers, Basil, Ronald, Richard, Owen; sister, Francis and son-in-law, Lester Gorveatt. On behalf of our family, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the palliative care team, as well as the nurses and doctors who attended her at Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Their kindness, professionalism, and dedication brought comfort to her and our family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Palliative Care Team and VON. A Mass of Christian Burial in celebration of her life was held Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm in the Immaculate Conception Church, 669 Prince Street, Truro, Father Jim O'Connor officiating. Reception will follow in Campbell Hall. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home. Online condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**LANGILLE**, Frances Lucilla, Age 96, Truro, passed away December 30, 2025, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Percy and Grace (Upham) Fulton. Frances was educated in the Truro schools and then attended Mount Allison University. Prior to her marriage, she was employed at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. Later on, she served as the first curator of the Colchester Historical Museum for many years. Frances volunteered in several organizations including the IODE of which she was a Primary Life Member, the VON, Colchester Hospital Auxiliary, and various heritage organizations. She was a member and former elder of the First United Church. Frances and her late husband, Malcolm, were both Honorary Life Members of the National Trust for Scotland. She loved to travel, and she and Mac enjoyed many wonderful holidays in the Scottish Highlands and the English Cotswolds. She was predeceased by Malcolm in 2005 and her sister, Phyllis Gratton in 2019. Frances is survived by her son, Bruce and niece, Emily Gratton. Donations in Frances' memory may be made to the Colchester Historical Society, First United Church, or a charity of choice. Following her wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Interment in Robie Street Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**STEWART**, James Garfield passed away January 2, 2026, at the age of 87. He was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia on April 22, 1938. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend who dedicated his life to supporting his family throughout his military career and retirement. Jim is survived by his son, Rod, and his daughters, Michele and Carole Stewart; his grand children, Logan Green (Jocelyn), Oliver Totten (Emily), and Alex Stewart-Totten; great-grandchildren, Eva, Aspen, and Nevaeh; siblings, Leona Turnbull (Raymond), Gary Stewart, and Donna Turnbull. He was predeceased by his wife, Jean (nee Fiebelkorn) Stewart; parents, Garfield and Frances (nee Clarke) Stewart; his parents-in-law Fred and Lydia (nee Freund) Fiebelkorn; his son-in-law, Tom Totten; his sister-in-law, Patricia Stewart; and his brother-in-law, Denis Turnbull. James Garfield Stewart exemplified a life of profound dedication to his country, his community, and his family. His distinguished military career commenced in 1953 with the Pictou Nova Scotia Highlanders, eventually transitioning to specialized roles within the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA) and the Royal Canadian Signals. Over more than 30 years of service, his career included numerous domestic postings across Canada and Germany, and a significant international Peace Keeping tour in Egypt and the middle east. Parallel to his military service, Jim was a steadfast mentor to Canadian youth serving with distinction as a leader with Scouts Canada. In this capacity, he utilized his professional expertise to instill the values of leadership, outdoor craftsmanship, and civic responsibility in the next generation. Upon his retirement from the military in 1987, he transitioned to a second career as a self employed carpenter continuing his legacy of hard work and craftsmanship by building homes in Nova Scotia. His 61 year marriage and the resilient spirit he instilled in his children and grand children will remain his greatest enduring legacy. Jim's family would like to extend deep thanks to the quiet heroes in our community - the first responders, volunteers, and staff at Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to the Veteran's Memorial Fund or the Ostomy Foundation. A celebration of Jim's life was held January 15, 2026 in the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 26, 42 Brunswick Street, Truro.

**PAUL**, Lorne Andrew - Age 62, Millbrook, passed away on January 3, 2026, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, surrounded by his extended family and close friends. He was born in Truro, NS on August 1, 1963. Lorne is survived by his wife, Michelle Gloade; daughter, Juliana Paul and her mother, Elizabeth Paul; his daughter, Chenoa Levi and her children, Noah and Phoebe; godchildren, Eva Adema, Keith Paul Jr., Jared Paul and his special kwis, Justin Gloade. He is also survived by his siblings, Eldon Paul, Kim Paul, Leeanne Maloney, Audrey Mayes, Ann Marie Marchand, Jenny, Lisa, Billie Jo, Tracey, Jackie and John Henry Knockwood, Al Francis, Brian Knockwood and Wendy Gehue. Lorne was predeceased by his parents, Henry S. and Leona V. Paul; his biological parents, Geraldine Paul and Clarence Knockwood; his siblings, Keith Paul, Kenneth Paul, Shawn Maloney, Mark Howe, Clarence Jr., Ann Margaret and Cyrilla Knockwood. Lorne was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved travelling to new and exciting destinations and fishing for different species of fish around the world. He was a huge sports fan - hockey, baseball, golf and, much to Michelle's annoyance, darts. He worked at Millbrook Band in the Construction Department for over 30 years and most recently held the title of Director of Housing and Public Works. Donations in Lorne's memory may be made to Colchester East Hants Hospice Society. Wakes were held on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm and 6-9pm and on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm and 6-9pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Sacred Heart Church, Millbrook with Father Jim O'Connor officiating. Salité will follow in Nora Bernard Community Centre, Millbrook.

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