

OBITUARIES

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Wier, Frank Gilbert – Age 90, Crowes Mills, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2026, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre with his loving wife of 66 years, Myrna, by his side. Frank was born on a farm in Nine Mile River and moved to Truro when he was twelve. That's where he met the love of his life, Myrna, and together they raised three children between Salmon River, Lornevale, Truro and Crowes Mills. Frank worked for CN for 41 years. During those years, he was also an avid hunter, golfer, ball player, curler, you name it. He kept busy running the Portapique Dance Hall and a hobby farm. Frank was also one of the last founding members of the Salmon River Fire Brigade and a founding member of the Londonderry Athletic Association. Frank kept busy during his life building three houses in Truro and Crowes Mills and three cottages in Five Houses and Eden Lake. For many years, he and Myrna travelled to Myrtle Beach to enjoy a month there every spring. Frank is survived by his loving wife, Myrna; his three children, Gregory (Joy), Scott (Carolyn) and Marsha (Mark); grandchildren, Brenton, Megan (Devin), Lauren, Kelsey (Adam), Garth (Leah) and Ben (Taylor); great grandchildren, Aiden, Grayson, Felix and Connor. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was the last surviving member of his family, having been predeceased by his parents, Brenton and Ruby (Borris) Wier and his eleven siblings. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends and neighbors. We wish to express our appreciation to Dr. Chris Cook, Dr. Cortney Smith and all of the palliative care nurses who took care of our family. Your kindness and compassion will never be forgotten. Donations may be made to the Salmon River Fire Brigade. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. A service will be held at a later date.

LeBLANC, Karolyn Alice age 65, of Truro, passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2026, in the care of the wonderful staff at Debert Court Nursing Home. Karolyn was born in Woodstock, New Brunswick, the third of five children to Rev. Daniel Swim, Sr. and late mother, Crystal (Nye) Swim. Karolyn recently retired from her position as a licensed practical nurse of over 35 years in the Salmon River and Truro areas. The majority of her career was spent working at the Mira Long-Term Care facility on Young Street in Truro. Karolyn was raised in the United Pentecostal Church, and had a fondness for Southern Gospel music, particularly the Gaithers. She loved reading and had a large library with an overabundance of Karen Kingsbury novels. Karolyn also loved Christmas and kept her Christmas décor up year-round. Karolyn was predeceased by her sisters, Joanne (Bob) Swindell and Ruth (Brian) Keddy. She will be missed by her father, Rev. Daniel (Marsha) Swim Sr.; sister, Connie Corney; brother, Rev. Daniel (Penny) Swim, Jr., and her daughters, Camela LeBlanc and Jocelyne (James) Kang. Donations may be made in Karolyn's name to Third Place Transition House in Truro at thirdplaceth.ca. A celebration of life was held on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 1:00pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. All are welcome to attend.

MACFADDEN, Darryl, James, Age 55 of Truro, passed away on January 4, 2026, in Vimy Court Continuing Care, Bible Hill. Born in Truro, he was the son of Ruth Mckeen and Jim MacFadden. Darryl worked for several years at Intertape Polymer as a Forklift Driver. In his early days, he would be described as the life of the party, doing what he loved which was making people laugh, spending time with his friends and drinking his rum and coke. He also loved going to the gym and weightlifting, he was always pushing himself to get new weight accomplishments. He spent alot of time drawing, he was extremely artistic and had a passion for drawing his own comics and pictures. Darryl was very family oriented, always attending birthdays at his mother's house and spending time with his family. A big part of his life revolved around his daughter, who was always a topic of conversation for him especially in his time at the nursing home, telling all the staff about her. He adored his daughter even in the final days. He would want to thank each and every one of his friends for coming into his life and spending time with him. A special thanks to Mike Dean and Tim Purdy who frequently visited him at the nursing home and were there to remind him of the Darryl he truly was despite being in the situation he was, due to his stroke. A special thanks to his mother, Ruth Mckeen for coming and bringing him his favourite meals and taking care of him in the best way she could. He is survived by his daughter, Kiersten MacFadden; mother, Ruth Mckeen; father, Jim MacFadden; sister, Cynthia Beaton (Paul); niece, Jenna MacFadden and nephew, Keegan Matheson and his many aunts, uncles and cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. As per Darryl's wishes, cremation has taken place and he will be buried and planted into a tree. His final resting place will be at his mother's home. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MURRAY, Gloria Jean, age 76, passed away peacefully on January 5, 2026, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Aylesford, Nova Scotia, she was the daughter of the late Ray and Jennie Webster. Gloria grew up in the Valley and loved to tell stories about all the adventures she had. The Valley always had a special place in her heart. Many memories were made at the cottage on Swamp Road in Economy, NS. Her love for needlepoint and tole painting could be seen with many of her creations on display in her home. Gloria spent most of her life caring for others. She graduated from nursing and worked at the Colchester Regional Hospital and Colchester East Hants Health Centre for 38 years before retiring in 2013. Gloria was known by many names over the years but her most treasured name was "Nan". She loved being a grandmother and took every opportunity to boast about her grandchildren. She was their biggest cheerleader attending book readings, plays, football games, dance recitals and graduations. She was so proud of each and every one of her grandchildren. Gloria is survived by her son, Jason Matthews (Katrina) Truro, and daughter, Jennifer, Sydney; grandchildren, Ashalen, Payton, Paige, Payce, Quinlenn, Paloma, Luchien, Maizie, Jamani, and brother, Donnie, Antigoniash. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Brian Webster; sisters-in-law, Dawn Robar and Kay Webster. The family would like to extend a special thank you to all "the girls." Gloria had the best group of friends that she loved beyond words and we appreciate all the love and support you have given her over the years. Special thank you to Dr. David Henderson and Dr. Cortney Smith for your kindness and providing comfort to Gloria with your visits over the last few years. Donations in Gloria's memory may be made to the Palliative Care Team or a charity of choice. Following her wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

ROGERS, Joanne Evelyn – Age 78, Brookfield, passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, NS. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late Douglas and Evelyn Rogers. Joanne worked for many years as a Legal Secretary for the Nova Scotia Government. She was a very loving and fun person and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and cousins. Besides her parents, Joanne was predeceased by her brothers, Wayne Rogers, Roy Rogers and David Ransome. In keeping with her wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

FIELD, Earl Blair (Sonny), Edmonton, AB age 70 died peacefully at home on January 8, 2026. Born in Lower Five Islands, NS to Hazel and Earl Field, Sonny was well-known along the shore as the Farmers Milk Truck delivery man before moving to Edmonton where he worked with hydraulics. Survived by his wife Suzanne (Lewis); sons Warren (Mandi), Great Village and Graham, Edmonton; grandchildren Marshall, Hailey and Kegan; sisters Dorothy (Robbie) and Helen (Tim), Lower Five Islands; brother Keith (Kim), Bass River; nephews and nieces Terry, Jim, Allie, Ryan, Aiden, Taylor, Zoe, Jaden, Leo as well as many members of his extended family. Cremation has taken place in Edmonton. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

FIELD, Norma Faye (Doyle) – Age 83, passed away peacefully in her home in Bible Hill with her loving husband, Marshall, by her side on January 8, 2026. She was born in Bible Hill, Nova Scotia on October 14, 1942 and was the daughter of the late Mildred Ileen Doyle (Roode) and Lewis Ralph Doyle. She and Marshall have been married for 62 years and had been inseparable during their time together. She prided herself in putting the needs of others before her own and often took the lead in organizing family events; both joyous like the Doyle reunions as well as the not so joyous. Norm was the lynchpin who kept relatives and family together. Besides being a mother, Norma had a diverse career including private child care, The First United Church, The Truro Raceway, The Stonehouse Motel and finally the Colchester Regional Hospital. After her working career, Norma kept active by volunteering with the Meals on Wheels Program, donating her plasma for a cause dear to her heart, reading, gardening, baking, card parties, bowling, taking long walks and spending quality time with her granddaughter, Amy. Besides her parents, Norma was predeceased by her sisters, Marlyn (Ronald) Wolfe, Diana Pender and her brothers, Donald "Duckie" (Corenne), Bill (RoseMarie), Phillip, Keith "Sonny" (Pam), Arthur "Butch" (Nancy); as well as three children in infancy. She is survived by her husband, Marshall Frizzell; children, Scott, Marty (Shelly) and Lisa (Kevin) Wood; her sister, Shelley (Kent) Archibald and her pride and joy, her granddaughter, Amy Jennings. Cremation has taken place and celebration of life will be held on January 15th from 12-2pm in H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, 69 Pictou Rd., Bible Hill. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

KILLEN, Patricia - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Patricia Leatta Killen, age 86, formerly residing at Cedarstone Enhanced Care Nursing Home. She passed away in Colchester East Hants Health Centre on January 7, 2026. Patricia was predeceased by her parents, Earl and Elva (Anthony) Seeton; her husband, Bennie; her sister, Joan Davis; and brother-in-law, Richard Davis. She is survived by her pride and joy, her loving children, Vaughn Muise (Juanita MacCabe), Valerie Grant (Paul MacDonald), Krista Whebby (Mark Newcombe), Leslie Muise (Scotty Maxwell), Lindsay Muise (Kim Cox), and Kary Muise; and by her children's father, Ernest Muise and son-in-law, Jimmy Whebby. She was a proud grandmother to Tim Luddington (Morgan), Tesha Grant, Shawna Grant (John), Brad Grant (Crystal), Amber Whebby, Michelle Whebby (Darren), Laura Whebby (Jordan), Sheldon Muise (Amanda), Connor Muise (Desiree), Logan Muise, Breanna Muise, Brian Nelson, Mark (Alexis) Mayfield and cherished her great-grandchildren deeply. She is also survived by her sisters, Beryle Kamai-Seeton (Hawaii) and Lola Hughes (New Glasgow); brother, Clyde Seeton and sister-in-law, Debbie Seeton (Truro); many nieces and nephews; and shared a special bond with her great-nephew, Ty Borden. Patricia was a lover of life. She enjoyed golf, cross-country skiing, yoga, and playing games with her family. She was a planner, a protector, and her family's biggest fan. She was happiest when surrounded by family. Her sense of humour, quick wit, that special twinkle in her eye when she was being her silly self, and her ability to make you feel so loved, was her greatest gift. Donations in Patricia's honour may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia. There will be a graveside service in the warmer months with more details to come at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

PRIEST, Charles Elliot – 87, Diligent River, Cumberland County. It is with profound sadness that the family of Charles Elliot Priest announce his sudden passing at home in Diligent River on Saturday, January 10, 2026. Born in 1938, Charles was the son of the late Jess and Willamina (Canning) of Diligent River, where he was born and raised. Charles is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Pearl (Morrisey); brothers, Fred (Susan), Harvey; sisters, Helen, Carolyn, Christina. Additionally, he is survived by his extended family, sisters-in-law, Blanche, Phyllis, Donna (Clint), Kathy (Harvey); brothers-in-law, Kenny (Valerie), Karl; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Along with his parents, Charles was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Pearl Morrisey; siblings, Roydon, Mary, Jane; brothers-in-law, Eldon, Charles; sisters-in-law, Ailene, Shirley, Lori. Spring interment in Belmont Cemetery, 885 Belmont Road, Belmont. If so desired, donations in Charles' memory to Heart and Stroke Foundation or Belmont Cemetery 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

MEREDITH, Reverend Richard John completed his earthly journey on Monday, January 12, 2026, and rose in glory. Born in Shobdon, England in 1959 to Tom Meredith and Valerie Jinks, Richard was the middle child, nestled between Tom, Stanley, Rosie and Valerie. In 1969 they immigrated to Canada, making their home in Highland Village, Colchester County and establishing Meredith Farms. Growing up on the farm and working in the family business, until his early 30s, Richard learned to be a jack of all trades. He helped build the barns, tended the pigs and kept the farm equipment running. In his early 30s Richard answered a call to ordained ministry in the United Church of Canada. After nine years of dedication, determination and hard work he completed his GED, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Mary's University and a Masters of Divinity from Atlantic School of Theology. Richard was predeceased by his parents, Tom and Valerie; brother, Tom; nephew, Mitchell. Left to carry on his legacy are his wife of 45 years, Cindy; children, Christine (Holly), Andrew, Megan, Olivia (Matthew); grandchildren, Tierney, Conlinn, Finnigan, Winter; sisters, Rosie and Valerie; brother, Stanley; many nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart. Richard's wish for all would be "to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God." A celebration of life was held Friday, January 16, 2026, at First United Church, 711 Prince Street, Truro. Livestream of Richard's service is available via the link on his obituary on the funeral home website. If so desired, donations in Richard's memory to Parkinson Canada or a charity of your choice 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



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