

OBITUARIES

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LANE, Helen Patricia – 72, Debert. It comes with great sadness the passing of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother on Friday, November 25, 2011 at Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Margarite (Isnor-Smith) Baker. Helen lived her life to the fullest. She taught Sunday School and the Youth Group in Londonderry Station United Church for many years. She also organized the first Terry Fox Run and ball tournament in Londonderry. She is survived by her daughters, Florence (Kevin) Dobson, Londonderry, Tina (Kurt) Gratto, Masstown, Karen Lane (Greg Walters), Yarmouth, Judy Elliott (Greg Greenwood), Brookfield, Linda Lane, Debert; son, Richard, Truro; grandchildren, Vicki, Dustin, Jamie, Alec, Jeffrey, Karla, Shannon, Jordan, Hannah and Chloe; 8 great grandchildren, all with a special place in her heart; sisters, Marilyn Goucher, Spryfield, Kaye Vaughan, B.C., Joan Moulton, Spryfield, Barbara Oakly, Porters Lake; brother, Russell Baker, Halifax; sisters-in-law, Marjorie Hayward, Georgie Rushton, Beulah Trask; brother-in-law, Cliff Lane; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Keith "Alby" Aubrey Lane; mother-in-law, Alberta Lane (Mom); sister and brother-in-law, Blanche (Cliff) Roache, sisters, Lillian Mikkelsen, Edith LeBlanc; brother, Robert Baker. Funeral service was held on November 29 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Pastor Bill Martin officiating. Interment in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. Condolences at: www.colchestercommunity.com

BARNHILL, Blanche MacRae, Truro. With the grace and quiet dignity that characterized her life, our mother, Blanche Barnhill, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Saturday, November 26, 2011, in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro, surrounded by members of her loving family. Born in South Branch, January 15, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Stanley and Jennie (Fulton) Andrews. She is survived by her three daughters, Sharon, Carolyn and Angela, and her two sons, Logan "Ned" (Sandra) and Rex (Janice) Barnhill. She was predeceased by her husband, Logan; a granddaughter, Rebecca Barnhill in infancy; sister, Rena (Bill) Johnson; brothers, Fulton (Verna) Andrews, Arthur Andrews, Douglas Andrews in infancy, and brother-in-law, George Reeves. She is survived by sister, Muriel Reeves; brothers, Frank (Joyce) Andrews, Paul (Eileen) Andrews; sisters-in-law, Edith and Helene Andrews; several nieces and nephews. Nana will be sadly missed by her eight grandchildren, Jim Moody, Heather Moody-Gillis (Joey), Andrew and Adam Barnhill, Kyle (Michelle) Barnhill, Beth (Michael) MacLellan, Jennie and Logan McLeod. Blanche was a member of the Wesley United Church, Belmont, the UCW, the church choir and played the piano and organ. Funeral service was held Thursday, December 1, 2011, in First United Church, Prince Street, Truro, Reverend Valerie Kingsbury officiated. Interment was held in Belmont Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituaries and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

SPICER, Carson C. – of East Apple River. Our beloved father Carson Spicer passed away Friday, December 2, 2011 in Bayview Memorial Health Care Centre, Advocate Harbour with his brother, Duncan, by his side. Born in 1926 at East Apple River, he was the first son of John Brenton and Agnes Mae (Johnson) Spicer. He will be missed by his brothers, Clair, Glendon, Duncan and Hedley; sisters, Madeline and Bessie; children, Paul, Brenda, Karen and Bruce; 4 grandchildren; a great grandchild; his many cherished family and friends, especially Lillian. A strong, fiercely independent man, he seemed fearless as he explored life. He supported us in all we did and was as proud that we were his kids, as we were proud he was our father. There was never a doubt he loved us all completely. A decorated Air Force veteran but farmer at heart, plantation owner, big rig driver, log house builder, square dancer and caller, fiddler wannabe, maker of moonshine and activist in his own way, but greatest of all, our Dad, our Hero! A celebration of his life was held December 17, 2011 in the Community Centre that Dad built in Advocate Harbour. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

CAMERON, Carolyn R. "Aunt Caroline" – 94, of Spencer's Island passed away Monday, December 05, 2011 at Gables Lodge, Amherst. Born in Spencer's Island, she was a daughter of the late Leslie and Inez (Borden) Merriam. She is survived by sons, Randall (Elizabeth), Spencer's Island; John (Marilyn), Halifax; 4 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Reid in 1983; sisters, Thelma, Henrietta, Willena; brothers, Sydney, Clifton, Lawrence, Ross. A memorial service will be held in the summer of 2012 and details will be formally announced at that time. Memorial donations may be made to Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

PARKS, Robert Gale "Bob" – 86, The Mira Long Term Care Centre, Truro, formerly of Upper Stewiacke, passed away peacefully, Monday morning, December 5, 2011, at The Mira. Born October 30, 1925, in Upper Musquodoboit, he was a son of the late Christina Parks. Robert is survived by his children, Gail (Larry) Cullen, Stellarton; Robert, Jr., Jeanne (John) Koster, Ernie (Val), all of Alberta; June (Elwood) Russell, Onslow Mountain; 14 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; sisters, Shirley Andrews, Truro; Mary Stevens (Jim Morrison), Mechanics Settlement, New Brunswick; several nieces and nephews. Along with his mother, he was predeceased by his wife, Phyllis Lavinia (Colburne); daughter, Lynda in infancy; brother, William "Billy" Higgins. Arrangements were entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Friday, December 9, 2011, Reverend Marilyn MacDonald officiated. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Upper Stewiacke. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GOWER, Gerald Freeman – 78, Lower Truro. It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of Gerald Freeman Gower after a lengthy illness, on December 6, 2011 in Truro. Born in Wentworth Valley, N.S. May 1st 1933, he was the son of the late Charles and Gladys Gower. Gerald was the beloved husband of Anne (Connell) and devoted father of David (Susan Barnhill), Grace (David Langley), Barbara (Glenn Fell), Joan (Steve Smith), Philip (Tracey Sanford) and Anita (Krista Skodje); loving grandfather of Kathleen, Laura and Anna Keating and Breanna Langley, Adria, Caroline and Annette Gower, Ben and Colin Baird, Taylor and Mark Smith and Alex, Jaime and Riley Gower. Gerald is survived by sisters, Alice McRae, Myrtle Sprague and Elsie Tattie; brother Norman Gower. He is predeceased by one sister and three brothers. Love of and devotion to family was Gerald's greatest joy and priority in life. Gerald has fourteen grandchildren who think of him as the world's greatest Grampy, who always had a bright smile to greet them. The family sincerely thanks the nursing staff of Floor 3 North at the Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro for their dedication and the dignified care and comfort they provided. Funeral mass and reception was held at Immaculate Conception Church, at 669 Prince Street, Truro on Friday, December 9, 2011. On-line condolences and donations may be made at: www.colchestercommunity.com

Wentworth United Church Site 1802-2011



Rev. Brian DeLong, minister at the Wentworth United Church, Evelyn Barkhouse, and Gin Yee are volunteers helping to decorate the church for Christmas. Ms. Barkhouse and Mr. Lee are engaged and are planning to marry in June, 2012.

Story and photos by Hope Bridgewater

The Bulletin of the Wentworth United church, November 20, 2011 had a notice reading "Saturday, November 26, 1:30 p.m., Church Decorating: All welcome." The next Saturday ten volunteers showed up to decorate: Rev. Brian DeLong, Evelyn Barkhouse, Greg Bridgewater, Hope Bridgewater, Betty Curry, Carol Hyslop, Ella Patriquin, Bob Smith, Jan Smith, and Gin Yee.

Claire Patriquin, who has been a key person in decorating this church for many years, was unable to attend, and it was hoped ten volunteers could help in taking her place. Decorations both inside and outside the church had to be done. The church sanctuary

and downstairs hall each had a decorated Christmas tree and many colourful ornaments and artifacts.

Near the end of the decorating, talented Betty Curry (who has played the organ since nine years of age for 66 years) led the group up to the sanctuary to view the beauty there with all the decorated lights sparkling, the stained glass windows, and the handsome wood panels. Someone remarked, "I'm glad I came here today to share the work and the fellowship. We are fortunate to have a beautiful church in which to worship."

At 4:30 p.m., Bob Smith and Gin Yee came in the door with pizza hot from the Wentworth Market near-by. The pizza was a gift from Bob and Jan Smith. The group sat

down to eat pizza, butter tarts from Country Bread Basket and Pot of Gold chocolates and truffles.

The historic site of this Wentworth United Church goes back to 1802 when the itinerant Methodist ministers brought their message to the Loyalists and Huguenot Protestants in this area. In 1802 Wentworth was listed as a preaching point on the Cumberland Methodist circuit. At first, Methodist services were held in the home of the Bigneys of Lower Wentworth and in the home of Henry Teed of Wentworth Centre (Mr. Teed had married a Bigney). Henry Teed's home was near the present church site and later a near-by Methodist log church was built. After the log church burned down, a large white

frame church was built and completed by 1844 on the same site, which became known as the "Church Hill."

The large frame church was dedicated in 1851 by Rev. Richard Smith and served as the Wentworth Methodist Church until 1925, when the congregation joined the union of the United Church of Canada and remained active, although its church suffered a blow when the Trans Canada Highway in the 1960's sheared off the land frontage of the church and made the parking of cars difficult. Then, in the early 1960's, the Wentworth United Church congregations of the Centre, West, Lower, East, Valley, and Lake Road decided to amalgamate into a new centralized church building at the present site.

The old white frame church was dismantled and, directly across the road, the present church was built and dedicated on May 24, 1964. From 1802 to 2011, three churches were present at this site on the "Church Hill." There is now little of the hill left as the Trans Canada highway leveled it down so that it is now just a slight slope, and people now do not refer to it as the "Church Hill."

Twenty-first century electricity causes decorations to be more colourful and lasting, but the spirit of Christmas still survives essentially at this site as it was back in 1802. As the volunteer group left the decorated Church on November 20, 2011, they were glad to be part of the spirit of Christmas lasting at this site from 1802 to 2011.



Joan Ellis was pleased to purchase s polishing cloth from vendor Sabrina McGee at the Vendor's Sale held at the Lower Onslow Community Hall on Dec. 3rd. Sabrina lives in Crowes Mills and has been operating a home based business since 2009.

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