

OBITUARIES

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ANTHONY, Joan Marie - It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our mother on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, just short of her 93rd birthday. Born in Halifax on January 3, 1923, she was a daughter of Jeanette and John (Jack) MacDonald, of Kentville. She was predeceased by husband, Frederick Edson "Ed"; daughter, Judy (Woodley); sisters, Jeanette Christie, Joyce, who died in infancy; granddaughter, Rachel Curry; son-in-law, John Lightfoot. She is survived by her son, Fred; daughters, Joyce (Lightfoot), Jayne (Curry), Joanie Anthony; sons-in-law, Michael, Reed and Clary; eight grandchildren, Cale, Caitlan, Anna, Jenny, Maggie, Matthew, David, Dan.; six great grandchildren. Funeral service was held Saturday, November 21, 2015, at St Ignatius Roman Catholic Church, 1288 Bedford Highway, Bedford, Father Patrick Cosgrove officiated. Interment was held in Brookside Cemetery, Bedford. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MACQUARRIE, Eoin Preston - 69, Lower Onslow, formerly of Pugwash, passed away Tuesday, November 24, 2015, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late John and Margaret (Ross) MacQuarrie. Eoin is survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda (Aitchison); daughter, Alisha (Shawn) Putnam; son, Fraser (Melissa); brother, Roy; grandchildren, Aiden, Shae-Lynn, Robin, Elizabeth, Johnathan, Jack. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Fraser and Donald. A family graveside service was held. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

WILLIAMS, Lorne "Paul" - 68, Bass River passed away November 26, 2015 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born February 6, 1947, he was the son of the late Walter and Henrietta (Carde) Williams. He is survived by wife, Betty Neal; sons, Michael, David, Jamie all of Oshawa, Ont.; stepson, Mark Neal, Toronto, Ont.; brothers, James, Barrie, Ont., Stanley (Ollie), Amherst, Alfred (Jean), Dalhousie, NB; sisters, Patricia Cottendon, Amherst, Elizabeth McInnis, New Minas, Pauline (John) May, Truro; several nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews. Besides his parents he was predeceased by brothers, Roy, Robert, Cecil, David, John; sister, Ruth; brothers-in-law, Ronald Cottendon, Ernest McInnis; sisters-in-law, Nellie Williams, Gladys Williams, Audrey Williams, Elta Williams. Cremation has taken place with no visitation by family request. A memorial service was held December 2nd, 2015 at 2pm in Riverside United Church, Bass River, Rev. Florence Antle-Brison officiating. Donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro where on-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

HAZEL, Dianne C. - Age 71, of Parrsboro passed away Thursday, November 26, 2015 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Spicer and Mae (Stronge) Hazel. She is survived by her friend, Donna Higgins, Parrsboro; daughters, Linda, Como, B.C.; Glenda, Parrsboro; Angel Sears (Todd Howatt), Amherst; sisters, Lois Allen, Advocate Harbour, Joyce, Saint John, N.B.; Eugena, Yarmouth; Cheryl Stewart (Angus), Parrsboro; brother, Clifford, Spencer's Island; 5 grandchildren, Brittany, R.J., Jessica, Charles, Valerie, 7 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Howard "Sonny"; brothers, Glen, Bob and Rupert. Funeral service was held November 28, 2015 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Rev. Henry Devito officiating. Burial followed in the Parrsboro United Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the South Cumberland Community Care Centre Foundation or to a charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

SOLEY, Nettie Alberta - 72, Economy, passed away peacefully at home in the arms of her husband, David, on Saturday, November 28, 2015. Born in Springhill, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Marian (Brown) Scott. She is survived by her husband, David; daughter, Cathy Hubley (Kevin), Hubley; son, Kenneth, Milford; sisters, Shirley and Carolyn; brothers, Carl, Ross and Dennis; grandchildren, Daniel, and Kendell. Graveside service and interment was held Thursday, December 3, 2015 in Economy Cemetery, Economy, Reverend Florence Antle-Brison officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

KILLEN, Gary Allan - 71, Debert, passed away peacefully, with his loving family present, on Sunday, November 29, 2015, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Elderbank, he was a son of the late Murray and Ada (Rhind) Killen. Gary is survived by his wife of 49 years, A. Colleen (Livingston); children, Gary, Andrew, David (Crystal), Cindy (Tom), Holly; grandchildren, Bethany, Matthew (Sheena), Graham, Jason, Rieley, Gyanna, Michael, Anthony; great granddaughter, Madison; sister, Patricia (John) Miller; brothers, Alden (Shirley), Charles (Elizabeth); chosen brothers: James, Larry and Kevin; brother-in-law, Roger (Joan) MacDonell; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Ethel MacDonell; brother, Douglas in infancy. Liturgy of the Word was held Saturday, December 5, 2015, at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 669 Prince Street, Truro, Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

VANCAMPEN, Joan Marie - age 74, Lower Onslow, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, December 2, 2015 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Stewiacke, she was the daughter of the late Ken and Greta (Whidden) Andrews. Joan loved her work with the seniors at Hillcrest Manor. She also enjoyed Bingo, watching movies and being with her cats. She is survived by her husband, Cornelis "Kees"; daughter, Laura (Ronnie George) Wright; sons, Ricky Wright, Lonnie (Christine) Wright, Derek Wright, Dana (Jennifer) Wright; stepchildren, Chris (Mar Richards) vanCampen, George vanCampen, Matilda (John) Umlah; sisters, Anne (Charles) Jewers, Christine (Wayne) Johnson; brother, Glenn (Shirley) Christensen; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; nieces and nephews; brothers-in-law, Jack Roode, Everett Dickie. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Kenny; sisters, Bea, Shirley, Barb and Joyce; brothers, Wayne, Max; stepfather, John Christensen. Interment took place December 7 in Clarke Cemetery, Lower Onslow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clarke Cemetery, Lower Onslow. On-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

STRUTZ, David - 85, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully, on Thursday, December 3, 2015, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Samburg, Saskatchewan, he was a son of the late Samuel and Sophie (Kossowan) Strutz. David is survived by his wife, Olive (McLellan); daughters, Sandra Strutz (Michael Wistard), Joyce (Blair) Murray; son, David Brian (Darlene) Strutz; grandchildren, Sandi Ashley, Christopher, Lorie, Troy; great grandchildren, Zoie, Sam, Max; sisters, Mary (Russell) Bowerman, Cecelia (George) Summerville; brother, Joseph (Ruth) Strutz. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, John (Carolyn) Strutz. Honouring David's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

A look at the standings and stats for the Cribbage League, as it gets ready to take a break for the holiday season, shows the team of Debbie Cock and Ron Eastcott leading the League with 677 points. Debbie Buchanan and Norm Eastcott have taken over second spot with 709 points and Tom Manley and Bobbie Pash sit in third spot, only 2 points out of second. Bob and Tom have 711 points.

As we head into the break there has been a total of 13 twenty-four hands and Debbie Buchanan leads the way with 3.

Debbie Buchanan and Norm Eastcott are tied with Earl Harvey and Doug Matatall for Most Winning Nights, they have 3 each.

Most Hidden Scores has Gerry Dykens and Danny Martell leading the way, they have 4.

The Crib League will start the second half of their schedule on Wednesday the 5th of January. (Thanks Earl).

Happy Birthday wishes for December are passed along to Ron Francis, Ron Eastcott, Don (Padre) MacQueen, Owen Gormley, Vernon Shay, and Neil Bennett.

Happy Anniversary wishes for December are passed along to Leona and Earl Harvey (57). My gosh, Earl that's a lot of years with a nice lady.

To all the people who are saving and dropping off the pull tabs, thank you very much. They are appreciated.

To all our readers, we here at Branch 106, hope you have a Happy and Holy Holiday Season and spend it with family and friends- from the President, Executive and members of the Branch. See you at the New Year's Levee.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran; it is because of their sacrifice that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our Country.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

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God bless and thank-you. Thomas A. Marshall (ex-navy)

DUJAY, Ralph Burgess, 89, of Truro, passed away peacefully at The Mira on December 11, 2015 with his family by his side. Born in Springhill, NS, he was a son of the late James and Elizabeth (Melanson) Dujay. He was predeceased by his wife, Leta Kathleen Dujay in 2011. He is survived by daughters, Joanne Brown (Doug) and Shelley Dujay (John MacLellan); 9 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. He was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family and tinkering around with his 1952 Willy's Jeep. No visitation or service by request. Arrangements under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro. Interment in Robie Street Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of N.S. or Heart and Stroke Foundation of N.S. On-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Church Services for January

By Christine Urquhart

Church services for the month of January will all be at 10 am. There is a special meeting after Church on December 20th with Truro Presbytery where we will find out if we are going to close one or two Churches for the winter months; and also to vote on calling an acting minister for three months. If there is only one Church closing for the winter months services will be:

January 3 - Masstown,
January 10 - Debert,
January 17 - Masstown,
January 24 - Debert and
January 31 - Masstown.

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Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

The Friday Night Suppers have taken a break for the holiday season and will be back on the table (serving haddock) on Friday, January 8th.

Very special thank you is passed along to all the good people who show up Thursday morning to help with the veggies and other such things. Also, thank you to the Friday crew, who are preparing some fabulous meals, and what about the clean-up crew, they deserve a thank you, and finally all those good people who supply us with so many trips down memory lane (the musicians), thank you.

A quick peek at the menu for the early new year (2016) shows Jan. 8th- Haddock, Jan. 15th- Chicken, Jan. 22nd- Pork, Jan. 29th- Beef and Feb. 5th- Haddock.

The standings and individual stats for the Debert Mixed Dart League, as of Dec. 4th are as follows: Team #6 (Charlie's Angels) are leading the way with 41 points, Skip Dawson and Team #2 are holding down second spot with 39 points and rounding out the top three is Ron (Easy), Team #1 and they have 34 points.

High Stat (M) - Craig Fraser 134, (L) - Dawn Hatt 101; High Finish (M)- Hughie White and Ron Eastcott 115, (L)- Debbie Cock 100; High Score (M)-Ron Eastcott 171, (L) Deanna Martell and Dawn Hatt 140; Most Starts (M)- Kenny Smith 48, (L)- Dawn Hatt 39; Most Finishes (M)- Ron Eastcott 29, (L) Dawn Hatt 24; Most Tinkles (M)- Ron Veno 70, (L) Debbie Buchanan and Louessa Grady 64.

Staying with Darts, there was a Turkey Shoot held here at the Branch on Sat., the 12th of December, and after the final double out was recorded the duo of Deanna Martell and Kenny Smith took home first place honours, which was Walmart gift cards.

Lee Ann Fisher had High Score for the ladies, while J.P. Wood had High Score for the men and both with 140's and they took home turkeys. High Finishes went to Dawn Hatt with a 90 for the girls and Clayton Zinck with a 124 was the top man. They both went home with a bird.

Clayton Zink won the 50/50 draw and Charlie Moore (from Charlie's Angels) won his Christmas Dinner in the Turkey Draw. There were 10 teams participating in the Shoot.

To all the winners, congratulations and to all the shooters, thank you for coming out. (Thanks Earl).