

OBITUARIES

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YORKE, Helen M. - Age 86, of Lower Five Islands passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at the East Cumberland Lodge, Pugwash. Born in Five Islands, she was a daughter of the late Austin and Edna (Alkern) MacBurnie. She is survived by a daughter, Gail Spence (Darrel), Lower Five Islands; a sister, Beulah Davis, Five Islands; a grandson, Christopher Spence, Five Islands; several nieces and nephews. Also, her companion of many years, Theodore Wilson, Bridgewater. She was predeceased by her husband, Royce in 1971; a sister, Evelyn; brothers, Cecil, Bernard, Everett, Chester. A graveside committal service was held December 1, 2016 in the Peniel United Cemetery, Five Islands, Rev. Florence Antle-Brison officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Five Islands & District Fire Brigade. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

CONRAD, Thomas Joseph Franklin "Frankie" - 71, Truro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Saturday, November 26, 2016, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Joseph and Vera (McCabe) Conrad. Frankie is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Gail (Tibbitts); daughters, Vicky Conrad (Brian McCallum), Onslow Mountain; Sherry Bolger, Bible Hill; son-in-law, Chris Bolger; grandsons, Doug Conrad (Kristy), St. Stephen, New Brunswick; Brandon and Jacob Bolger, Bible Hill; siblings, Heloise (Earl) Morgan, Brookfield; Erma Conrad, Bible Hill; LaVerne (Jimmy) Campbell, North River; Debbie Smith, Bible Hill; Bernard (Joanne) Conrad, Pleasant Valley; Hector Conrad (Joanne), Greenfield; Wade Conrad (Robin), North River; many nieces and nephews whom he adored. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Frankie. Frankie's family received friends on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at Truro Horsemen's Club, 288 Main Street, Bible Hill. Private interment was in Crossroads Cemetery, Valley. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MACARTHUR, Harvey J. - Family, where life begins and love never ends. With heavy hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of Harvey J. MacArthur on November 27, 2016, with family by his side, at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Harvey was born in Sydney, NS on June 28, 1933. He was the son of the late Frank and Virginia MacArthur. He attended the Maritime School of Social Work where he received his Masters of Social Work. For the next 35 years, as a social worker, Harvey dedicated his time building stronger communities in support of children, youth and families. Harvey retired in 1994 as the Executive Director of Colchester Children's Aids Society. Over the past 50 years in Truro, he was involved in many community organizations such as Foster Families association, Rotary Club, Kinsman Club, and the Immaculate Conception Parish. His faith and belief in community was showcased in his volunteer efforts. The most cherished friend and love of his life was Jean Ivey, from North Sydney. Their love and dedication spanned over 60 years. He is survived by his loving wife Jean; his sister, Doreen MacDonnell, his brother-in-law, Ronnie Ivey, his sister-in-law, Jean Ivey; daughters, Jan (John); Betty Jean (Raymond); Doreen, (Kelly); sons, Frank; Greg (Carolyn); Ian (Carole); Harvey (Wanda). Harvey was blessed and honoured to share the importance of kindness and family with his 12 grandchildren, Alex, Patrick, Nicholas, James, Elizabeth, Sebastian, Michael, Mark, Ryan, Matthew, Hannah and Hayden. He was also known as Uncle Harv to many nephews and nieces. Funeral mass was held December 1st at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 669 Prince St., Truro. We, the family, would like to thank the staff, nurses and doctors of the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Online condolence and donations can be made at: www.colchestercommunity.com.

STRANG, James Terence "Terry" - 72, Truro passed away suddenly November 27, 2016 at his home. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late James and Marie (Ivany) Strang. Terry loved model airplanes and enjoyed his Monday morning coffee buddies. The family would like to express their appreciation to all his neighbors who he had such a deep regard for. Special thanks to the VON for their extraordinary help and care over the years. He is survived by daughter, Jennifer (Todd) Watty, Ont.; sister, Heather Boyd, Belmont, three granddaughters; niece, Leisa Burton (Arnold Selway); nephew, Troy Boyd. Besides his parents he was predeceased by brother-in-law, Ken Boyd. Cremation has taken place. Memorial service was held December 4 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Boyd Vincent officiating. Interment in Belmont Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Colchester SPCA. On-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

SMITH, S. Wayne - 73, Kemptown, passed away peacefully, following a brief illness, on Thursday, November 24, 2016, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Sherman and Vivian (McNutt) Smith. Wayne is survived by his wife, Fay (nee Donald) Smith; sons, Micheal (Tracey) Smith, Winslow, Prince Edward Island; Kevin Smith (Christine Brown), Red Lake, Ontario; grandchildren, Lauren Smith, Julia Smith, Caitlin Hamilton, Kierstin Smith; sisters, Heather (Bruce) Sandeson, Barbara (Stephen) Smith, Dartmouth; many nieces and nephews. Wayne's family received friends on Sunday, November 27, 2016, in Kemptown Community Hall, Kemptown. Private family interment was in Bible Hill Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

WILLIAMS, Jessie May (Geddes) - 73, Great Village, passed away peacefully on November 28, 2016 in the Mira Long Term Care, Truro. Born in Halifax, she was the 11th child of the late David and Ada (Patton) Geddes and the first one to be born in a hospital. Jessie did her nursing training at Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow, graduating in 1964. Later she attended Dalhousie University where she obtained her degree in Public Health. She worked as a nurse in Parrsboro and Truro. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Carl; daughter, Carol Ann Williams, Great Village; step-children, David (Theresa) Williams, Truro, Debbie (David) Bowen, Halifax; sisters, Annie (Elmer) Archibald, Elizabeth (Creighton) Russell, Wanda and Terry Geddes; grandchildren, Justin and Johnathan; several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Jennie (Roger) Wardrope; brothers, David, Kenneth, Harry, Donald, Gerald, William and infant brother, John Robert. Cremation has taken place. Funeral service was held December 3, 2016 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Rev. Dan Gunn officiating. Interment in Mahon Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Victorian Order of Nurses or to a charity of choice. On-line condolences at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MCKAY, John Robert Wayne "Bobby" - Debert, 36, passed away on December 1, 2016 in Truro Heights. He was the son of Donald and Irene (Cook) McKay. He grew up in Debert. He spent his time doing what he liked best being with his boys, father and brother, hunting and fishing. He worked at Tandus/Centiva (Crossley Carpets), for 17 years. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. Besides his parents he is survived by the mother of his children, and best friend, Farrah Allen, Truro Heights; sons, T.J. Allen, Truro, Daniel, Robbie and Maddox McKay, all of Truro Heights; step-sisters, Debbie Axworthy, Ontario, Donna Sutherland, Alberta; brother, Mike, Hilden; step-brothers, John, Jamie McKay, both of River John, David McKay, Ontario; grandmother, Linda R. Cook, Debert; several nieces, nephews, uncles and aunts. He was predeceased by his grandfather, Alfred Cook. Cremation has taken place. No visitation or service by request. Interment in the spring in Middle Rd. Cemetery, Debert. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro where on-line condolences may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

SLACK, Helen Marion - 95, Truro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Friday, December 2, 2016, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Folly Mountain, she was a daughter of the late William Garfield and Elizabeth Jane (Rogers) Patriquin. Helen was the last surviving member of her immediate family and is survived by her daughters, Patsy (Bobby) Matheson, Truro; Linda (Frank) Poce, Kingston, Ontario; Barbara Slack (Al Brandenberg), Bayfield, Ontario; Dawn (Frank) Gulenchyn, Oshawa, Ontario; sons, David (Mary) Slack, Oshawa, Ontario; Ronnie (Leslie) Patriquin, Bowmanville, Ontario; eight grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; one great-great grandson; many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, James Osborne Slack; siblings, Gladys MacLeod, Mildred (Warren) Norcross, Ralph (Wilda) Patriquin, Raymond (Helen) Patriquin. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Monday, December 5, 2016, Pastor Melody Patriquin officiated. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

HORTON, Everett "Nelson" - Debert. We regret to announce the passing of Nelson on Sunday, December 4, 2016. He was the son of the late Weldon and Ada Horton, Port Bickerton. He was predeceased by his twin brother, Blois. Nelson is survived by his loving wife, Heather (Mahar); sister, Agnes; daughter, Elmira; sons, Everett and Dwayne; stepdaughters, Michelle and Tracy; 9 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren. To honor Nelson's request, there will be no visitation or funeral. Donations in his memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of N.S. On-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

BELBEN, David Maxwell - 69, Bible Hill, passed away Monday, December 5, 2016, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Bridgetown, he was a son of the late Florence Belben. David was the caretaker at the Immaculate Conception Church, Truro. He is survived by his wife, Doreen (Cameron) Belben, Burnt Church, NB; son, Andrew, Bible Hill; long-time friend, Ann O'Donnell; close friends, Faith and Rick. Funeral service was held Monday, December 12, 2016, at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 669 Prince Street, Truro, Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiated. Interment will be held at a later date in Robie Street Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

STEEVES, Ethel Gertrude - 81, Masstown passed away December 5, 2016 in Wynn Park Villa, Truro. Born in Masstown, she was the daughter of the late Hedley and Adeline (Downing) Upham. Ethel grew up on a large family farm and loved to go camping. She worked as a seamstress at Stanfield's Ltd. for several years and later at the Truro Regional Hospital as a nurses' aide. She is survived by sister, Georgena (Arnold) Dedrick, Great Village; step-daughters, Jeannie (Randy Lynds) Theriault, Brookside, Susan (Bruce) Whalen, North River; stepsons, Roy, George, Bernard, Donald; special niece, Heather Milligan, Masstown; several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her first husband, Fultie Irving and second husband, Gerald Steeves; sisters, Theresa, Lizzie, Eunice, Olive; brothers, Trueman, Logan, Leslie, Ralph, Basel; stepson, Danny. Cremation has taken place. A time of committal was held December 9 in Belmont Cemetery with Father Jim O'Connor officiating. Donations may be made to the IWK Hospital. A time to celebrate Ethel's life followed the committal at the home of Heather Milligan, 560 Shore Road, Masstown. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro where on-line condolences may be sent to www.ColchesterCommunity.com

GORDIER, Donna M. - 61, of Parrsboro passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Woodstock, Ont., she was a daughter of the late Harlan and Doris (Elliott) Chisholm. Donna married Terrance Gordier in 1974, and they worked as building managers for more than 20 years throughout Ontario. Moving to Nova Scotia in 1990, they purchased a home in Portapique, later moving to Halifax resuming their careers as building managers until her husband's passing in 2010. Donna moved to Parrsboro soon thereafter where she remained until her death. Donna loved music of all types, especially old time music, which was the music she grew up with being part of the musically gifted Elliott family. Donna's main love and concern was for her son, Glen. Although distance prevented them from seeing each other often, frequent telephone calls kept them very close. It was obvious by the pictures of him throughout her home and her conversations of the memories shared that her primary focus in life was for Glen. She is survived by her son, Glen, Truro; brothers, Brian and Wayne Chisholm, both of Woodstock, Ont.; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Terry in 2010. Funeral service was held December 12, 2016 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro with Rev. Marlene Quinn officiating. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneral-home.com

TOTTEN, Judy Ann (Peters) - 66, Masstown, passed away peacefully December 9, 2016 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, surrounded by her loving family. Judy was the daughter of the late Leonard and Vera Peters. She was born and raised in PEI and moved to Nova Scotia to further her education. It was here that she met her husband of 42 years, Bernie. Judy was employed with Crossley Carpets and most recently at the Masstown Market. Her love for her family had no limits and she will be missed by all who knew her. Besides her husband, Bernie, Judy is survived by daughter, Loretta (Mark); son, Dan (Megan); grandchildren, Wyatt, Leah; Ethan and Jessie (their mother, Erin); step grandchildren, Rembrandt, Mattia, Jasper; sister, Joyce (Mike), Albany, PEI; twin brother, John (Cathy), Charlottetown, PEI; brothers, Gordon (Rena), Ottawa, Ont., Paul (Jane), Calgary, Brian (Cathy), Kamloops, BC.

Besides her parents, Judy was predeceased by sister, Brenda. A special thank you to the VON and Palliative Care staff for their exceptional care of Judy. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. In keeping with Judy's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Donations in her memory may be made to the Palliative Care Unit of Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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