

# OBITUARIES

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**McLEAN**, Carolyn Elsie, 72, Debert, passed away peacefully November 4, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late Ronald and Gladys (Harrie) MacDonald. Carolyn enjoyed genealogy, cross-words and spending time with her family and grandchildren. She is survived by her second husband, Stephen McLean; daughter, Wanda (Shane) Slack; son, Darrell (Holly) Rector, both of Debert; grandchildren, Chris (Dalce) Slack, Kyle (Dawn) Slack; Brandon (Olivia) Slack; great-grandchildren, Carrie and Erica Slack; sister, Alice Ryan; brother, Wayne MacDonald; brother-in-law, Ross (Meredith) Rector; several nieces and nephews; mother-in-law, Phyllis McLean and extended family. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her first husband, Ronald Rector. Cremation has taken place. A private family committal will take place at a later date. Donations in Carolyn's memory may be made to the Christian Fellowship Centre, 1533 Plains Road, Debert, N.S. B0M 1G0 Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro where on-line condolences may be made at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**SWAN**, James "Brian" - 64, Truro. Loving son, brother, uncle and friend passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, after suffering complications due to intestinal surgery. Born in Windsor, Ontario, Brian was the eldest son of the late Basil and Delena (Geldart) Swan. He will be forever missed by his entire family and is survived by his brothers, David (Cathy), Robert (Kathleen), Gordon (Cathy); sister, Cindy (Eugene MacDonald); aunt, Joan Geldart; uncles, Paul Swan, Vaughn Geldart; nieces and nephews, Shawn, Amie, Jessica, Gavin, David, Christopher, Emily, Aaron, Kayla; ten great nieces and nephews and a wide circle of friends and colleagues. Private interment will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**SHEARER**, Alexander Watson "Alex" Jr. - 67, North River, passed away peacefully, with his loving family at his side, on Friday, November 24, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of Florence (Blackmore) Shearer, Belmont, and the late Alexander Shearer, Sr. Along with his mother, Alex is survived by his siblings, Teddy (Marg), Roach (Leona), Russell, Eric (Donna), Terry Lynn (Kevin) and an army of nieces and nephews. Along with his father, he was predeceased by his siblings, Curtis (Odessa), Elmer (Marg), Geordie, Perry. A very special thank you is extended to Gordie and Peggy for their special care for Alex over the last 22 years. Private family interment will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**LYNDS**, Evelyn Anna - 91, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 26, 2017, at Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late James and Winnifred (Dicks) Frizzell. Evelyn is survived by her children, Wayne (Grace) Lynds, Debert; Arlene (Mack) Blois, Hilden; grandsons, Wayne Sutherland, Truro; great grandson, RJ Sutherland, New Glasgow; sister, Helen (Doug) Glawson, Truro; brother, James Frizzell (Geraldine), Onslow; "like brother", Butch (Rosalie) Frizzell, Onslow; many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Howard Wyman Foster Lynds; sister, Joan (Phil) Lynds; brother, Eldridge (Jessie) Frizzell. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Friday, December 1, 2017, The Reverend Gary Yetman officiated. Interment was in Watson Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**MACPHAIL**, Earl Weaver - With heavy hearts we share the passing of Earl Weaver MacPhail, 87, of Truro, who passed away at the Vimy Court, Bible Hill on November 29, 2017. Born October 27, 1929 in Sydney NS, he was predeceased by his parents, James and Priscilla and son Randy. Earl's employment as a cook in logging and mining camps took him to every province and territory in Canada throughout his 30+ year work career. He had a love for dogs and cats, watching most sports particularly curling and his beloved Toronto Blue Jays and was a member of the Truro Lions Club. Earl was an avid bowler in his earlier years and it was fitting in the final days of his life that he bowled with his twin sister and lifelong best friend, Peggy at Vimy Court where he spent his final days a few doors down from her. Earl is survived by his wife of 40 years, Muriel MacPhail (nee Langille); twin sister, Marguerite (Peggy) White; son, Brian Fowlie, wife Tara, and grandsons Logan and Jackson of Calgary AB; daughter, Carol Ann, and son, Jim. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro from where a time of reception and visitation was held December. Family interment in Bible Hill Cemetery. If so desired, donations in Earl's memory may be made to the Colchester Branch SPCA. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**KEIRSTEAD**, LINDA G. - Age 69, of Caribou Island and Halifax passed away Wednesday, November 29, 2017 in Halifax surrounded by loved ones. Born in Springhill, she was the daughter of the late Hilton and Lois (Gilbert) Moore, previously of Parrsboro. Linda grew up in Parrsboro and then attended Mount Allison University and UNB. After teaching English at Saint John High School for three years, her lifelong interest in travel began when she journeyed alone around the world. In 1975, she returned to Canada and while playing the organ at a wedding she met the bride's brother, Drew, who soon became her best friend and loving husband. Linda and Drew lived in Truro for many years where she worked as a sales representative in the publishing business and later golf clothing before retiring to concentrate on her family, all while being a lifelong learner and an active volunteer. She served many charities and organizations - the Wentworth Ski Council, Cancer Society Corporate Fundraising, Marigold Cultural Cooperative Ltd., Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation, Opimian Wine Society Area Representative, Art Society and President of HALO, an international trade organization. Her journey continues knowing she will be dearly missed by Drew, her husband of over 40 years; son, James (Tanis) of Munich, Germany and daughter Christine O'Donnell (Drew) of Hammonds Plains; grandchildren, Liam, Ava, Maia and Senna. Linda was predeceased by her only sibling, her brother, Gilford Moore (Josie). The family wishes to thank the staff at the Nova Scotia Cancer Centre and all the medical community who offered her such great care. A celebration of Linda's life was held December 9, 2017 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. In keeping with her generous spirit, memorial donations may be made in Linda's name to a charity of your choice. A private family interment will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**MCCLELLAN**, Avangeline Odell - 67, Truro, passed away Friday, December 1, 2017, at home. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Bertram and Eleanor (Christie) McLeary. She is survived by her daughters, Rebecca McClellan and Rachel McClellan, Truro; Sarah Petrie, Belmont; son, Kenny, Kempton; grandchildren, Chayse and Alexis; sisters, Charlotte McLeary, Truro; Rachel Stevens, Bridgewater; Juanita McLeary, Ontario; several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by two brothers in infancy. Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at Cornerstone Assembly, 14 Cornerstone Drive, Valley, Pastor Terry Rideout officiated. Interment was held in Belmont Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**BENJAMIN**, Thelma Anne (Langille) - 88, Truro, passed away peacefully Friday, December 1, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Thelma was born in New Annan, Nova Scotia and was the daughter of the late Harry and Jean (Murray) Langille. Thelma will be remembered by many from her long career as an elementary school teacher. She and her husband Willis liked nothing better than going to old time dances. Thelma is survived by her children David (Gwen) and Craig (Heather); her grandchildren Andrew, Matthew and Owen; her brother Elmon Langille, and her sisters Carrie Matheson, and Reta Keizer, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Marie, her sister-in-law Florence, and her brothers-in-law Vernon, Jim and Murray. The family is grateful to the doctors and nurses of the CEHHC who provided such excellent care and exceptional kindness. Memorial Service was held December 8th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, Rev. Morley Bentley officiated. Interment will be held in Riverside Cemetery, Wallace River at a later date. Donations may be made to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre or to the Canadian Red Cross. Online condolences at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**FIFE**, Major H. LeRoy (Former CWO) MMM,CD. - 77, Portapique (Colchester County); Died Saturday December 2 at Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Springhill he was the son of the late H. Tupper and Irene (Webb) Fife. He had an accomplished career in the Canadian Armed Forces for 39 years (The Black Watch, The Royal Canadian Regiment, and The Nova Scotia Highlanders); He is survived by Starr Moore, Portapique and Karen (MacDonald) Fife; Oromocto, N. B. son, H. Angus (Joan); Lakelands Cumberland County, Daughter Karen (Dan) McGee, Son Col. John (Darlene) Fife; both of Oromocto, N. B.; Sisters Verlie McLeod (George) Amherst; Sherma Terrio (James) Sackville. N.B. Grandchildren, Phillip, Michelle (Fife), Kenda (Charles) Cloutier, Ryan (Chris) McGee, Colleen (Shannon) McCully, H. Jake (Tori) Fife, Shona (Randy) Yorke, special friends, PJ (Marley) Moore, Travis (Kendal) Moore. A celebration of life was held December 6 n Smith's Funeral Home. Burial in New Canaan Cemetery. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**CORMIER**, Barbara A. - Age 74, of Parrsboro passed away December 2, 2017 at home. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Percy and Julia (Williams) Atkinson. She is survived by her husband, Gerard; a son, Paul (Kathy), Ottawa; daughter in law, Wendy, Ottawa; a sister, Jean Shields (John), Cole Harbour; brothers, John (Clovia), James (Betty), Arthur (Dale), William (Sherry), all of Parrsboro; 2 grandchildren, Emma and Nicholas; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Brian. Funeral service was held December 8, 2017 at St. Brigid's Catholic Church, Parrsboro, Deacon Howie Goldstein officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**PUGSLEY**, Lewis M. - Age 73, of Amherst and formerly of Five Islands passed away Sunday, December 3, 2017 at home. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Victor and Frances (Eagles) Pugsley. He is survived by his wife, Margo Ripley; daughters, Valerie Lewis, Stellarton; Victoria Clark (Gerry), Parrsboro; Tina Ripley (Gary), Amherst; a son, Darren Pugsley (Leigh-Anne), Amherst; step-daughter, Mary Lloy (George), Stewiacke; step-son, Brian Ripley (Shelley), East Leicester; sisters, Edith Knockwood, Dorchester; Marion MacIsaac, Moncton; Joyce Comeau, Amherst; Ferne Gould (Ricky), Amherst; Robin Pugsley, Lower Five Islands; special cousin, Fred O'Hearn (Carolyn), Lower Five Islands; grandchildren, Kala and Dawson Clark; Kerry and Bruce Forbes; Ashley Cormier; a great-granddaughter, Gabrielle; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Delbert and Sidney. Funeral service was held December 7, 2017 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Pastor Douglas Lake officiated. Burial in the Peniel Cemetery, Five Islands. Memorial donations to the Palliative Care Program of Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**Chisholm**, Patricia Anne - July 1, 1934 - December 7, 2017. Pat passed away peacefully at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Palliative Care Unit, Truro. The family would like to offer a special thank you to the Palliative Care and Team for their kindness and compassion during Pat's time in their care. The family would also like to thank the many staff and friends at Pat's Parkland home for their support, love and friendship during her battle with cancer. Pat was preceded by her husband William "Bill" Chisholm. Pat will be greatly missed by her daughter Elizabeth (Rick), Bill (Pat), John (Sherry) and Don (Ronna) and 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Pat had a storied career as an ER nurse and her servant heart showed warmth and compassion to many a patient within her care. She also loved various forms of needlework and stitched her way through life, always making gifts for her children, grandchildren and friends. Pat will be missed by many far and wide in which she has touched along her life's journey. She carried with her fond memories of her time living on Vancouver Island, BC with her husband Bill before his passing and moving to Truro to be closer to loved ones. A Celebration of Life was held December 13<sup>th</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Interment will be at a later date. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. On-line condolences may be made at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**BERRY**, Donald Carl - 72, Shortts Lake, passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Halifax, he was the youngest of six children of the late Alexander and Emma (Roode) Berry. He was an enterprising entrepreneur who, together with his family, founded Berry's Furniture, building it into a successful business and a local institution. In addition to his parents, Don is predeceased by his two older sisters, Helen Onda Thorpe and Emily Boyd. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Margaret ("Peggy" Irwin) Berry; son, Mark (Vanessa) and grandchildren Alex and Caitlin, South Pasadena, California; daughter, Victoria (Theresa Frost) Berry and grandchild Angus, Toronto; daughter, Marianne (Michael) Michaud, and grandchildren Jack, Lily, and Andrew, Valley; brothers, Keith (Bessie), Truro; Reginald, Sutherlands Lake; sister, Carlene (Douglas) Crouse, Granville Ferry; sisters-in-law, Patricia Berry, Lower Truro; Linda (Bert) Pratt, Truro; aunts, Mavis (Roode) Wilders, British Columbia; Bessie (Roode) Sawatsky, Carole (Roode) Marshall, Truro; many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

