

OBITUARIES

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VAUGHAN, Gavin P. – Age 66, of Parrsboro and formerly of Montreal. Gavin passed away unexpectedly on November 20, 2019 at home after a short and courageous battle with cancer. Gavin was an innovative and effective leader with over 30 years in the aerospace and financial services sector, inclusive of The Boeing Company, Bombardier Capital and CIBC. He was born October 3, 1953 in Halifax to parents Ralph Thomas Vaughan and Elinore (Gavin) Vaughan. He attended McGill University where he graduated with a BA in Economics and Political Science (1974-1978). He also attended the Conway School of Business Management where he graduated in Contractual Negotiation Techniques. He leaves behind his son, Matthew Vaughan; siblings, Scott Vaughan, Patrick Vaughan and Martha Winnogram; nieces and nephews, Eva, Alexandra, Patrick, Richard, Ryan, Andrew and Nicholas; numerous cousins including Catherine (Cate) Savage and Kathie Kirkpatrick and many longtime friends. Gavin had a “gruff” character but a heart of gold. His passing took place in his Parrsboro home, the home he truly adored. Funeral service was held November 29, 2019 at St. Brigid's Catholic Church, Parrsboro, Deacon Howie Goldstein officiating. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

HILCHEY, Geraldine Elizabeth “Gerry” – 93, of Truro, passed away on November 21, 2019 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Canning, Kings County, she was the daughter of the late Capt. Gerald Chisholm McElhiney, MC and Josephine Elizabeth (Harris) McElhiney. She was predeceased by her parents; an infant brother, Robert; her husband, John; son, Robert and stepfather, Sheldon Eaton. Gerry grew up in Truro and attended Mount Allison University. For many years she served as Colchester County Deputy Registrar of Deeds. Gerry was active as a volunteer throughout her life, most recently as a member of the Hospital Auxiliary. Her last four years were happily spent in Parkland Estates in Truro. The family is grateful to everyone at Parkland, as well as the staff at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, who cared for her over the past three months. Gerry is survived by her brother, John McElhiney, Truro; son, David (Carol) Hilchey, East Chester; grandchildren, Andrew (Lori) and Stephen of Halifax; great-grandchildren, Gavin and Colin of Halifax; step-sister, Cheryl (Rev. Ted) MacDonnell, Midhurst, ON, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held November 28th in the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Private family interment. Donations in Gerry's memory may be made to the Colchester Hospital Auxiliary or charity of choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

SCOTT, Margaret Freda – 90, North River, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Londonderry, she was a daughter of the late Arthur and Mabel (Hanson) Rushton. Margaret is survived by her children, Paul (Suzie) Scott, Lake Echo; Krista (Glen) Henderson, North River; grandchildren, Walter Curren, Truro; Stephanie Curren, Truro; Aidan Henderson, North River; Emma Henderson, North River; five great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; sister, Catherine, Truro; numerous nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Ray Scott; daughter, Susan Scott; sisters, Jean (Art), Olive, Erma; brothers, Aubrey (Evelyn), Harold (Margaret). Private interment was held in Hillcrest Cemetery, Londonderry. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

PRATT, G. Arthur – 94, Central Onslow, passed away peacefully, with family at his side, on Friday morning, November 22, 2019, at The Mira Long Term Care Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Clarence and Bessie (Downing) Pratt. Arthur is survived by his daughters, Joan (Al) Roland, Truro; Mary Pratt (Judi Milne), Conquerall Bank; sons, Robert (Judy) Pratt, Truro Heights; Brian Pratt, Hart Lake; Michael Pratt (Joyce), Central Onslow; Randy Pratt (Pauline Currie), Harmony; sisters-in-law, Audrey Organ, Debert; Louise Pratt, and her two sons, David and Chris, Kamloops, British Columbia; 15 grandchildren; several great grandchildren. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Irene Edith (Dickson); brothers, Gary (Diane) Pratt, Arnie Pratt; brother-in-law, Rex Organ; niece, Carol Organ. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where visitation was held Wednesday, November 27, 2019. Private interment was held in Onslow Island Cemetery, Central Onslow. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

BLOIS, Wayne Stephen – 80, Central Onslow. It is with heavy hearts that we announce Wayne's passing on Friday afternoon, November 22, 2019, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, with his family by his side. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Douglas and Inez (Carter) Blois. Wayne is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Carol (Hoyt); daughter, Donna (Scott) MacNeill, Aylesford; sons, Rod (Rhonda), Thane (Theresa) Onslow Mountain; grandchildren, Carly Blois, Jenna Blois, Onslow Mountain; Nathan Blois, Five Islands; Jared Blois, Onslow Mountain; Merissa MacNeill, Calgary; sisters, Joan (Logan) Fulton, Truro; Avis (Ernie) Chapman, Ontario; brother, Keith (Martha) Blois, Salmon River; sister-in-law, Betty Blois, Truro; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Logan, Graham, Gerald, Brian. Funeral service was held Friday, November 29, 2019, at Trinity United Church, 415 Onslow Road, Upper Onslow, Reverend Glenn MacLean officiating. Interment was held in Onslow Island Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MURPHY, Adrian (Eddy) Augustine, SR. – 96, Debert, NS. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved father, husband, grandfather, great grandfather, great great grandfather on Nov 25th, 2019 surrounded by his family at home. Born in Lord's Cove, Newfoundland on August 28th, 1923. He was the son of the late Peter & Suzanne (Benteau) Murphy. He is survived by Tina (Jack) Kaulback, Suzanne (Donnie) Adshade, Adrian (Lynn) Murphy, David Murphy, Tommy (Ester) Murphy, Cathy (Peter) Wenham, Bernadine (Lorne) Clark, Eugene (Kathy) Murphy, Michelle (David) Adams, step brother Tommy (Hilga) Nordkap, his companion Catherine Joudrie, many Nieces & Nephews. He was predeceased by his loving wife Bernadine Mary (Phillip) Murphy, St John Newfoundland, Daughter, Elizabeth Cooke, son, Daniel, Brothers John, Michael, Placid, Eugene, and Sister Paulette. Eddy's love of life itself was what kept him going from teaching his many talents from cars, fishing, hunting, his music ability to teach himself to play just about everything. Dad loved to dance no matter what music was playing, his feet would slide across the floor. He ruled the floor at the dance night up to just about 6 months ago. Royal Canadian Legion Tribute and Celebration of Life was held at Debert Legion Branch 106 on December 7th, 2019. Cremation has taken place and burial will be at a later date

CAMPBELL-GREGSON, Barbara Madeline “Molly” – 93, Truro. Daughter of the late Harold McGeehan and Nina (McGeehan) Weatherbee, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, November 26, 2019. After a short stint in the army, Molly worked at Woolworth's and Murphy's Restaurant in Truro. She was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #26. Molly is survived by her children, Kenn Campbell (Irma), Anne Spencer (Dave), Gayle Currie and Peter Campbell (Donna); eight grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren and her half-brother, Malcolm Weatherbee (Lucy). She was predeceased by stepfather, Ernest Weatherbee; brothers, Alan and William McGeehan; half-brother, Ernie Weatherbee; son-in-law, Mike Currie; and husbands, John Norman Campbell and Fred Gregson. At her request, there will be no visitation or service. Private family interment in Robie St. Cemetery, Truro. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MOULTON, Susan E. ‘Sue’ – Age 65, of Halifax and Diligent River passed away Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the Halifax Infirmary, QEII, Halifax. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Clayton and Christena (Manuge) Yorke. She is survived by her husband, Leslie ‘Les’; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral service was held November 29, 2019 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. David Forbes officiated. Burial in the Parrsboro United Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Hope for Wildlife or the Lillian Allbon Animal Shelter. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

BROWN, Donna Darlene – 60, Truro. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Donna Darlene Brown, 60 of Truro on Saturday, November 30, 2019. She leaves behind her mother, Jean (Gunn), Truro; sister, Patsy (Marvin), Lower Debert; brother, Clyde (Suzanne), East River-St. Mary's; several nieces and nephews; her special cats, Buddy, Chloe and Tiger. She was predeceased by her father, Donald. A special thank you to friends Belinda, Ann and Lisa for their care and kindness. Interment will be held at a later date in Bible Hill Cemetery. If so desired, donations may be made to the Canadian Mental Health Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MacCALLUM, Audrey Isabel “Faye” – 86, Truro, passed away peacefully on November 30, 2019, in Wynn Park Villa, Truro. Born in Londonderry Station, she was a daughter of the late Daniel Steele and Pearl Irene (Johnson) Giddens. Faye was the last surviving member of her large Giddens family. She is survived by her sons, Mike (Barb); Darrell (Meg); grandchildren, Katie; Michelle; Emily (Tyler); Cara; Neil; great-grandchildren, Chardonnay; Christian; sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her adoring husband, Archie; beloved son, Glenn; and siblings. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where visitation was held Saturday, December 7, 2019. Private family interment was held in West Branch Cemetery, North River. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

WASHINGTON, Penny C. – Age 59, of Fox River passed away Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital, Tatamagouche following a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of Madeline (Allen) Lake, Fox River and the late Harold Lake. She is survived by her husband, Troy; her daughter, Shayne Lake, Amherst; a sister, Evelyn Pye (Cecil); brothers, Harold, Jamie and David; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her father, Harold; sisters, Yvonne “Bonnie” and Elizabeth in infancy. In keeping with Penny's wishes, a private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

LAKE, A. Thomas – Age 56, of Amherst passed away suddenly on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at home. Born in Amherst, he was a son of Helena (Cormier) Lake, Parrsboro and the late Anthony E. ‘Tony’ Lake. Besides his mother, he is survived by his companion, Susan Proctor, Amherst; a sister, Laura Jury (Doug), Moncton; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

Dykens, Karen Angelena, 66 of Belmont passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. She was the daughter of the late George and Mildred (Eagles) Dykens. She loved hunting, fishing, camping and in her later years, she enjoyed spending time with her friends, scrapbooking and quilting. Karen also treasured her volunteer work at the Colchester Food Bank. Karen is survived by her daughter Wanda (Robert) Forrest, Halifax; step-daughters Joanne (Marshall) Weir, Belmont; Patty Weir, Glenholme; step-son Percy (Marilyn) Murray, London, ON; brothers Gerry (Linda) Dykens, Debert; Owen Dykens, Debert; sister Fern (Doug) Lattie, Truro; ten grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four great great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Karen was predeceased by her husband Floyd Roode; step-son F. Gregory Roode; sisters Marlene and Ellen; brother James and sister-in-law Audrey Dykens. A very special thank you to all the nurses and doctors in the ER, ICU, 3 East Wing and Palliative Care for the wonderful care you all gave while looking after Karen. There will be no visitation or formal funeral service by request. A Graveside Service will be held in the spring in the Middle Road Cemetery, Debert for family and friends. Memorial donations may be made to the Colchester Food Bank or charity of choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Serenity Funeral Home, 34 Coldbrook Village Park Dr., Coldbrook, NS, B4P 1B9 (902-679-2822).

HANKEY, Bertha Elizabeth – 81, Truro, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Beaver Bank, she was a daughter of the late Ernest and Frances (Grove) Shunamon. Bertha is survived by her children, Douglas “Doug” (Trina) Hankey, Bass River; Darryn Hankey, Elmsdale; Karen, Lower Sackville; Janet, Ottawa; Debbie, Wentworth; Lisa, Belmont; grandchildren, Austin (Maddy), Shantel (Matt), Amanda and many other grandchildren and great grandchildren; special niece, Rhonda (Glen) Pike, Beaver Bank and many other nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Douglas Arthur Hankey, Sr.; daughter-in-law, Debbie Hankey; siblings, Johnny, Clyde, Clarence, Allie, Edith, Violet. Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 13611 Highway 6, Wallace, The Reverend John Morrell officiated. Interment was held in St. Andrew's Anglican Church Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

SMITH, Barry Lee – 65, Dartmouth, formally of Londonderry, passed away December 5, 2019 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Londonderry, he was the son of the late Cecil and Bertha (O'Toole) Smith. Barry is survived by his sister, Susan G. Lloy, Dartmouth; brother, Arnold Smith, Sutherlands Lake; step daughter, Cindy White, Sutherlands Lake; several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by brother, Henry W. Smith. Cremation has taken place with no visitation by request. A Memorial Service was held December 14 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Reception will follow. Interment at a later date in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

KOHLER, Peter, P. Eng. – 77, Valley. It is with great sadness we announce the sudden death of Peter Kohler at his home in Fort Myers, Florida on Monday, December 2, 2019. Peter was born in Talheim, Germany to the late Martin and Anneliese (Bossert) Kohler. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Richard and Paul Kohler; sister-in-law, Edith Kohler; brother-in-law, Helmut Ehrenreich. Peter will be lovingly remembered by his sons, Perry Kohler and Michael Kohler (Jamesie Coolican) and their mother, Joan Kohler; granddaughters, Annaliesa and Campbell Kohler; partner, Stella Yorke and her children and grandchildren. He will also be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his sister, Irmgard Ehrenreich; sister-in-law, Maria Kohler; special lifelong friend, Adolf Bauer, Talheim, Germany and many relatives and friends throughout Canada, Germany and the United States. Funeral service was held Sunday, December 15, 2019, at First United Church, 711 Prince Street, Truro, Reverend Carolyn Wilson Wynne officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MacKENZIE, Duncan R. – Age 87, of Parrsboro passed away Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Kempt Head, Boularderie Island, he was a son of the late John W. and Lena J. (MacDonald) MacKenzie. Duncan was employed for over 35 years with the Federal Government (Dept of Transportation) as a Marine Engineer aboard ice breakers, Labrador and John A. MacDonald, Atlantic Pilotage Authority and the Canadian Coast Guard. Duncan is survived by his wife, the former Barbara Henwood; a sister Jessie MacNeil, Sydney; sisters-in-law, Loretta Taylor, Parrsboro; Stella Hughes (Mike), Halifax; brothers-in-law, George Harrison, North Sydney; William ‘Bill’ Henwood, Gordon Henwood (Joanne), West Bay; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sisters, Evelyn MacDonald, Katherine MacLeod, Doris Harrison; sisters-in-law, Kathleen ‘Kay’ Willigar; Cassie and Muriel in infancy; brothers-in-law, John MacNeil, Alan MacLeod, Archie MacDonald, Bennie Willigar, Ralph Taylor; nephews, Gordon MacDonald, Glen Harrison; a great niece, Ashley Campbell. Funeral service was held December 10, 2019 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, with Rev. Dr. Brian Spence officiating. A later visitation and funeral service will be held in St. James Presbyterian Church, Big Bras D'Or at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to St. James Church Cemetery Fund. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

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