

OBITUARIES

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Van Zeumeren, Hielkje (Hilda)

It is with great sadness we share the news of our mother's passing on November 24, 2022 at the age of 94. Mum passed away of congestive heart failure, just 58 days after the passing of her husband (Gerrit) of 69 years. Mum was born in in Oosterbeek, The Netherlands in 1928 on a beautiful property that would later be a landing site for liberating Allied Paratroopers in World War II. Shortly after completing nursing school in 1953 mum arrived at Pier 21 in Halifax with her new husband and his family. Mum's early immigrant years were challenging as she learned a new language, customs and was quickly managing a household of six children. Nevertheless, she found time to contribute to the community as a member of the Masstown United Church UCW and Bass River Women's Institute. A woman of hard work and determination, mum was a willing partner supporting our visually impaired father's ventures and was frequently behind the wheel accumulating mileage rivalling a long haul trucker - whether for business or pulling RVs around North America. Mum also supported Dad by describing what he could not see in day-to-day life or during their shared love of travelling. Our mother was an exceptionally wonderful cook and entertainer. She could present a beautiful dinner with what looked like little effort. She loved recipes (which helped her learn English) and relished in finding new favourites such as a tourtiere recipe in Canadian Living Magazine that was soon incorporated into our family Christmas celebrations. As children, Mum always seemed to be ready at the end of a school day with a cup of tea and treat to listen to the day's event. As adults we are grateful she has passed on her soup-making secrets, and imparted her most quoted culinary tip being that "with enough butter or whip cream, you can make a stone taste good." Mum had the family's creativity. She was talented with sewing, knitting (especially for her grandchildren), needlepoint and tried her hand at woodworking, pottery and watercolours. Mum loved nature and especially flowers. Whether during the annual travels to & from Florida or at home in Nova Scotia, she revelled in the nature's seasonal delights. Always a lady, our six foot tall mum loved to wear dresses - preferably colourful ones. Mum completely loved her last 20 years with Dad at Folly Lake frequently referring to their serene life "On Golden Pond" as they enjoyed the loons, change of seasons plus many family visits & celebrations. Mum's greatest joy was family. She made every child feel special and will be dearly missed by sons, Brent (Rhona), Woodstock, ON; Ralph (Janice), North River, NS; Paul (Irene), Calgary, AB; and daughters, Audrey (John) Conroy, Folly Lake, NS; Johanna (Masoud) Alborzi, Lake Jackson, TX.; Joyce (Tom), Calgary, AB.; Oma's grandchildren include Sarah (Steve), Leanna (Greg), Rachel, Byron (Alison), Trevor (Jill), Grant (Amanda), Ross, Nina (Matthew), Kevin (Sarah), Sean (Saachi). Oma's great-grandchildren Carter, Adelyn, Layla, Ellie, Theo, Ava and Leah. Mum's sister Joop Hoogendam, sister-in-law Teuny Hoogendam in The Netherlands her Canadian in-laws including John (Geri), Henk (Ria), Herman (Freda), Irene and Elly (Pat) plus many wonderful nieces and nephews in Canada, USA and The Netherlands. Our mother will also be missed by her dear friend Rosemary Baas. Mum was predeceased by brothers Huib and Bert, her sister-in-law, Mety; and brothers-in-law, Cor and Jim. At Mum's request, cremation has taken place and there will be no memorial service.



DEDRICK, Arnold George— 85, Great Village, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Friday, November 25, 2022, at Debert Court, Debert. Born in Little River, Digby County, he was a son of the late William and Winnie Davis. Arnold is survived by his loving wife, Georgina (Upham); children, Curtis (Ann) Millen, Little Dyke; Dennis Millen, Five Houses; Marilyn (Perry) MacKinnon, Skir Dhu, Cape Breton; Donna (Tim) Sharpe, Great Village; Doug Dedrick, Red Deer, Alberta; Debbie (Scott) Lundie, Glenholme; Rodger Dedrick, Halifax; grandchildren, Allan Millen (Bobby Jo), Eric Millen (Jacy), Melissa Sharpe (John), Jonathan Millen (Megan), Alicia Sharpe (Jeff), Nathan Millen (Natasha), Ryan Millen (Tanya), Samantha McMasters (Eric), Brandon Millen (Clarissa), Sarah Millen (Allan), Brett Lundie, Dylan MacDonald (Samantha), Brooke MacDonald (Rob), Drew Lundie (Marissa), Ashton Lundie, Anthony Lundie, Leo Lundie; many great grandchildren. He was an adored Grampy and Great Grampy to many. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Michael Dedrick in infancy; daughter-in-law, Diane Millen; grandson, Marshall Lundie; brother, Curtis Dedrick. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Wednesday, November 30, 2022, Pastor Steve Adams officiated. Interment was in Masstown Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

FIELDING, Cecil George – 82, Truro, passed away Monday evening, November 28, 2022, at Glen Haven Manor, New Glasgow. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Henry and Helen (Hamilton) Fielding. Cecil is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Diana (Stiles); children, Mark (Shannon) Fielding, Debert; Wendi Fielding (Roger Asprey), Truro; grandchildren, Matt (Tori) Fielding, Dartmouth; Stephanie (Jesse) Fielding-Lake, Dartmouth; Lucas Stevens, Truro; sisters, Shirley Gayowsky, Patricia Barlow, Kitchener, Ontario; brother, Errol Fielding, Guelph, Ontario; several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law; numerous nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his cherished daughter, Jennifer. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where Cecil's family received friends on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Spring interment in Crossroads Cemetery, 110 Salmon River Road, Valley. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MILLEN, Walter D. – Age 76, of Great Village, Colchester County passed away on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 peacefully at home in his sleep. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Vern and Lila (Brown) Millen. He is survived by a daughter, Barbara Pratt (Patrick), Debert; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Barbara in infancy; brothers, James and Allen; a niece, Phyllis Haircrow. Funeral service was held Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at Faith Baptist Church, Great Village, Pastor Steve Adams and Pastor Joshua Fillmore officiated. A Burial in Mahon Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations to Faith Baptist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at: www.smithsfuneralhome.com

COOKE, Douglas Raymond – Age 78, Highland Village, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro on July 15, 1944, he was a son of the late Harold and Muriel (Spencer) Cooke. He is survived by his wife, Shirley (Miller) Cooke; sons, Brent (Shirley) Cooke, Kevin (Cheryl) Cooke; daughter, Pamela Chisling; brothers, Lester Russell Cooke, Terry (Patricia) Cooke; sister, Jean (Allan) MacDonald; grandchildren, Christina (Bobby), Catherine (Cody), Kevin (Lauren), Jessica (Lee), Julie (Matt), Bradley (Autumn), Benjamin (Alicia) and Kaylee, and great grandchildren, Mackenzie, Ethan, Caleb, Kayden, Kara, Everleigh, Bria, Ava, Ella, Megan and Lucas along with many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Doug was predeceased by his brother, George (Martena) Cooke and sister-in-law, Louise (Richards) Cooke. Doug worked at Lafarge in Folly Lake for 38 years before retiring in 2002 to spend his time at home working even harder in the yard by his wife, Shirley's, side to have a property envious of anyone who passed by. Doug also served as a Councillor for the Municipality of the County of Colchester for 20 years. This was a position he took great pride in. Some of Doug's favourite things included listening to classic music, spending his evenings watching the Montreal Canadiens or the New York Yankees, piling wood, or eating a delicious feed of mashed potatoes. In his younger years, he loved spending time back at his camp or down at his camper in Five Houses. Doug also enjoyed the years he spent playing old-timers baseball. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with family and friends. Doug loved spending time in his garage and telling very detailed stories. Donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A visitation was held Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 2:00 p.m., in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Rev. Larry Harrison officiated. Interment followed in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. Condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

READER, Hazel Elaine – Age 75, Hilden. It is with immense love and sadness we announce the passing of Hazel Elaine Reader (Crowe), who blessed us so abundantly as a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, niece, aunt, cousin, and friend. She passed away peacefully, with family at her bedside on December 2, 2022. Her incredible tenacity and fight proved over and over again that she was not leaving her loved ones until it was on her terms. Hazel grew up in East New Annan as a daughter of the late Lonel and Carrie (McCallum) Crowe. She was 50 years married to beloved Brent and the devoted, loving mother to Anita. She worked hard for Atlantic Wholesalers since the age of 23, ending her 37-year career assuming most of the administrative responsibilities. Hazel had an affinity for gardening and aside from her fervent faith and her love for her family, it was most certainly her truest passion. There wasn't a bud, bloom, or blossom that she couldn't identify. She was greatly committed to her community and was an active and long-time member of Hilden United Church and United Church Women's Group. She had a fondness for the simple things in life; the beauty of the birds gracing her many feeders, an old tune marked with memories, a (competitive) card game with family in New Annan, a beautiful sunset, the cadence of the peepers marking the beginning of spring, and receiving a visit, phone call, or letter from an old friend. She was skilled with a paint brush and we will continue to treasure some of the many creations she has left behind for us to enjoy. Hazel was predeceased by sisters, Doreen Crowe and Faye Steeves; brothers, Lloyd, Lyman, Bernard, and Sonny in infancy. She is survived by husband, Brent; daughters, Anita Reader, Sandra Guerrier (Ernie), and "adopted daughter," Tessa Davison (Shawn); son, Steve (Lisa); sister, Eileen Crowe; brother, Clarence (the late Leona); sister-in-law, Elva Mitchell (Bobby), Marion (Alton), Jean; brother-in-law, Donnie (Jeanette). We would like to give a very special thanks to Peggy for all the love, great care, and kindness she showed mom in her final six months with us. We would also like to express our deep appreciation to the Victorian Order of Nurses, home care support and the palliative team. We are so grateful for the warmth and compassion you showed our family. Donations may be made to the Tatamagouche Mountain Cemetery Fund or Hilden United Church. A Service of Remembrance was held in Hilden United Church on Saturday, December 10th. Reception followed in the Church Hall. Condolences to the family may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

YOUNG, Elisabeth Franziska "Ellen" – Age 83, Truro. A beautiful lady, loved by so many, peacefully passed away on December 2, 2022, at home surrounded by her children and friends. She will be dearly missed. The eldest daughter of the late Franz Joseph and Franziska (Engles) Schüttler, Elisabeth, better known as Ellen, was born on August 6, 1939, in Arnsberg, Germany. She and Al were married by Prelate Dr. Theodor Legge in Prospektkirche St. Laurentius, her hometown, Arnsberg in 1960 and emigrated to Canada living the military life with various postings in Canada and overseas, finally settling in Truro after Al's retirement. Mom was known as "the Cake Lady," creating cakes for all occasions. Her wedding cakes helped make the day special for hundreds of brides as far away as California and the UK. She was able to illustrate the beauty she observed in nature, from the tiniest hummingbird to sweeping seashores and her watercolours grace the homes of family and friends. With all the incredible talents that Mom possessed, her strongest devotion was to her family. She taught us to always be respectful and kind to others. Even with moving around often, in the military life we lived, Mom was forever the cornerstone of our family, keeping everything and everyone close, to ensure we were always aware of her love and dedication to us, and that we would never drift apart. Her grandchildren, Alex and Morgan, were the apple of her eye, as well as her great-grandson, Harrison. She would move heaven and earth for them to make sure they had all the love and attention she could provide. She is survived by son, Patrick (Tanya), Marion Bridge; daughter, Susan, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; grandchildren, Alexander (Ashley), Guysborough and Morgan (Emily), Marion Bridge; great-grandson, Harrison; sister-in-law, Heidi Schüttler, Arnsberg, Germany; brother, Hans (Gabrielle) Hildebrand and sister, Maria Lindemann-Posner, of Darmstadt, Germany; brothers-in-law, Gerry Young (Karen), Rothsay, N.B. and Ernie Young, Glace Bay; sisters-in-law, Brenda Borgeal, Glace Bay and Helen Young, New Glasgow and numerous nieces and nephews. Mom also leaves behind her beloved cats, B.J. and B.B. Besides her parents, Ellen was predeceased by husband, William Albert (Al); brother, Franz-Joseph, Arnsberg Germany and sister, Monika St. Laurent, Darmstadt Germany. We would like to thank Dr. Mashallah Masoumi; Dr. Cortney Smith and Angela McDonnell of the Palliative Care team, as well as Mom's care team for their compassionate care which allowed Mom to stay in her home. Donations in Ellen's memory may be made to Doctors Without Borders. In keeping with Ellen's wishes, cremation has taken place. Family and friends were invited to a Liturgy of the Word on Saturday, December 10th at 1 p.m. in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, N.S. Reception followed. Burial will take place at a later date. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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