

# OBITUARIES

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**DICKIE**, Hazel Audrey of Peterborough ON, formerly of Bass River Nova Scotia. Peacefully at Extencicare Peterborough Ontario, on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at the age of 89. Predeceased by loving husband Arthur "Artie" Dickie. Devoted mother to Blaine (Ronda) Dickie, Peterborough Ontario, Sheldon Dickie, Chelsea Quebec, Shannon (John) MacInnis, Burlington Ontario, and the late Evan Dickie. Cherished Grammie of Alana (Dave) Fudge, Allison (Jason) Flemming, Jared (Holly) Dickie, Emma Dickie (Ron Bissonnette), Aaron (Nina) Dickie, Sara (Rob) MacIntosh, Jeff (Candice) MacInnis, and Nick (Brittany) MacInnis. Great Grammie of 12 with one more on the way. Hazel was born in 1927, one of eight children, on the family farm at Carrs Brook Nova Scotia, with four brothers and three sisters. Hazel enjoyed family events and liked hosting games, dinners and dance parties. She was active in the community, a valued member of the United Church Women, and the Bass River Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary. A memorial service was held at the ASHBURNHAM FUNERAL HOME, Peterborough ON, on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 1 pm. A committal service will be held at Riverside United Church, Bass River NS, at a later date. If desired, condolences to the family, directions to the service or donations to the Riverside United Church, Bass River NS, may be made at [www.AshburnhamFuneral.ca](http://www.AshburnhamFuneral.ca) or by calling 705-740-0444.

**MILLER**, J. Walter – 88, Londonderry, formerly of Holliston, MA, passed away quietly in his sleep on Sunday, April 9, 2017. Born on Prince Edward Island, he was a son of the late James Alexander Miller and Clara Miller. He is survived by his children and their spouses: James (Renee) Miller, Alton Bay, NH; Kevin (Sue) Miller, Leominster, MA; Peggy (Dan) Mattix, Londonderry, NS; Stephen (Pep) Miller, Riverside, OH; Scott Miller, Riverview, FL; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; siblings: Betty Adams, Sackville, NS; Louise Faulkner, Vancouver, BC; William "Bill" Miller, Economy, NS; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret P. "Peggy" Miller; brother John Miller; and granddaughter, Callie Miller. A graveside service was held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA. 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)

**JOBE**, Claude "Raymond" – 83, Lower Onslow, passed away peacefully May 23, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Westchester, he was the son of the late Earle and Olive (Lewis) Jobe. Raymond built many homes throughout his time on Lyman Street. He also worked for many years with the CNR Railway. After a serious accident, he needed a hobby and began to do custom framing which grew into an extensive activity. He was a longtime member of the Truro Lions Club and helped at whatever function he could. He was a former president and served two terms with the Disabled Consumers Society of Colchester and spent much of his free time repairing equipment for the disabled. He is survived by his wife, Judy (Fowler), to which he was a wonderful, loving husband; daughter, Elaine (Grant) Campbell, Truro; son, David (Lili Wei) Jobe; grandchildren, Benjamin, Jessie, Eleanor Lee; brother, Robert "Bob", Truro; sisters, Betty (Terry) Butler, Woodstock, NB, Irene (Jerry) Spargo, Halifax. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Eleanor. The family wish to thank Dr.'s Don Rowe and Adam Aleksis as well as the staff of intermediate care at Colchester East Hants Health Centre and the VON, especially Heather, Laura and Lois; the staff at Today's Nurse, especially Ashley, Melinda and Darlene. A Funeral Service was held May 29 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, with Rev. Valerie Kingsbury officiating. Burial in Bible Hill Cemetery. If so desired, donations may be made to Today's Nurse, VON or charity of one's choice. Online condolences at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**KENT**, John Hedley – 78, Lower Truro, passed away Tuesday, May 23, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was the son of the late Hedley and Alice (Clarke) Kent. John was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of the Cobequid District Fire Brigade and was their first fire chief. John was a member of the Old Barns United Church and served on the Board of Stewards as well as a member of the Men's Choir. He enjoyed fiddle music and dancing. John is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Janet (MacKay); daughters, Wanda, Truro, Sharon, Lower Truro; sons, Dale, Halifax, Blair, Lower Truro; grandchildren, Kyle Moore (Samantha), Ryan Moore (Joanne), Kent Gallant, Bradley Gallant, Haley Kent, Makayla Kent, Nicole Kent; great-grandchildren, Fulton and Lucas; sister, Mary (Wally) Fisher, Riverview, NB; brothers, James (Glenda) Kent, Lower Truro, Everard, St. Catherine's, Ont. Besides his parents, John was predeceased by sister, Katie. A Memorial Service was held May 27<sup>th</sup> in Old Barns United Church, with Rev. Dan Gunn officiating. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. Burial in Robie Street Cemetery, Truro. Donations in John's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**GLOADE**, Stephen Joseph, 78, Millbrook, passed away June 2, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro with his family by his side. Born in Truro he was the son of the late Stephen and Nancy (Glode) Gloade. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Eileen (Marderosian); children, Michelle (Lorne Paul) Gloade, Millbrook, Stephen Joseph (Bonnie), Regina, Sk., Mark Anthony (Kara), Langley, BC; grandchildren, Shayla, Stephen, Emma, Aviana; sisters, Muriel, Theresa, Mary; brothers, Thomas and Gordon; godchild, Joanne Cope; several nieces and nephews. Steve was a former Chief of the Millbrook First Nation. He was a champion of Native Rights and had a special interest in the future of Youth in his community. A conservationist his entire life, Steve was an avid fly fisherman and took pride in tying his own flies. He passed his 'catch and release' motto down to the youth every chance he could. His children were his joy and his French bulldog, Teagan, meant the world to him. Special thanks to his best buddy, Herman Taylor, who was always there for Steve and his family in tough times. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life visitation was held June 15<sup>th</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. In lieu of flowers or donations please introduce a youth to the joys of fishing or hunting. Online condolences may be made at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**MORRISEY**, Phyllis Marjorie (MacLean) - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of a beautiful mother, grandmother, sister and daughter, Phyllis Marjorie Morrisey, 76 of Belmont on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at her home. Born June 6, 1941 in Truro, NS. She was a daughter of the late Lewis and Estella (Gammon) MacLean. She is survived by her son, John "Wayne" Morrisey, Belmont; grandchildren, Benjamin Morrisey, Dartmouth; and Jennifer Morrisey, Truro; brother, John "Bub" MacLean, Onslow. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews and brothers-in-law. She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon Morrisey, Belmont; sisters, Lillian "Lil" Hamilton and Mary Smith, both of Ontario; brother, Ainslie "Tiddly" MacLean, Bible Hill and sister, Patricia "Patty" MacLeod, Brentwood. She had been employed at the chick hatcheries in both Truro Heights and Debert for several years. She will be remembered as a loving, caring woman who enjoyed working outdoors on her flower gardens and inside caring for her many house plants. She was known for her smiling face, welcoming hospitality and her love for her family. No visitation by request. A graveside service was held Wednesday, June 14 in Crossroads Cemetery, Belmont. Donations may be made in her memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Arrangements are under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Condolences to the family may be made at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**ANDREWS**, Margaret Vera "Peggy" – 84, Truro, formerly of Dartmouth and Bass River, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 10, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Russell and Emily (Colburne) Lewis. Peggy is survived by her children, Barry Andrews (Marlene), Vancouver, British Columbia; Debby Andrews, Windsor; Karyn Andrews (Brian), Truro; Richard Andrews (Kathy), Bryan Andrews (Diane), Ottawa, Ontario; daughter-in-law, Susan Andrews, Dartmouth; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; long-time partner, Cecil Blair, Moncton, New Brunswick. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 41 years, George Walter Andrews; youngest son, Bruce Russell Andrews. Funeral service was held Friday, June 16, 2017, in Riverside United Church, Bass River, Reverend Florence Antle-Brisson officiated. Interment was held in Riverside United Church 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)

**MILLS**, Maureen S. – Age 74, of Spencer's Island passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late John and Kathleen (Lake) Yorke. She is survived by daughters, Rosemary Mills (Brian Boye), Halifax; Christine Mills (Ricky Slocum), Portapique; Sunday Mills (Bruce Morris), Fraserville; Karen Mills (Shannon Dwyer), Napan; Jane Mills, Advocate Harbour; sons, William, North River; Edwin Mills (Kim Drysdale), Apple River; 15 grandchildren; a great grandson; sisters, Mary Yorke, Maccan; Christine, Pugwash; a brother, Robert (Maureen), Parrsboro; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Hiram William Mills "Billy"; sisters, Sally Ann; a brother, Lewis. There will be no funeral service at Maureen's request. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

## Masstown Community News

By *Christine Urquhart*

What a wonderful world we live in! With all the leaves coming out on the trees, the flowers in bloom and the birds singing, what more could we ask for? In our neighbourhood we have a pair of cardinals which we hope are nesting. I do have some chickadees nesting in a bird house which looks like a face. Although the birds aren't using my feeder as much I still make sure there is lots of fresh seed in it. I also make sure that my hummingbird feeder is filled with fresh sugar water for the many hummingbirds that are using it. I also have water for the birds to drink or bathe in.

I hope that you have planted flowers in your yard. Not only do flowers make your yard look nicer but they invite the bees and butterflies to visit!

Hummingbirds too! You can check to see what flowers are most inviting for your hummingbirds and butterflies but bees are just happy having flowers to enjoy! We need bees to pollinate our plants, especially our vegetables and the farmers' crops. Never kill a bee! Hornets, on the other hand, well, in my opinion you can help yourself! (I have never liked hornets since I was stung as a little girl!)

Canada Day this year is on a Saturday. Therefore our Masstown Community Association decided to celebrate Natal Day, August 7th instead. We are looking for some help with our activities so if you are interested please call 902-662-3550.

The Annual Strawberry Salad Supper is being held on Wednesday July 5th from 4:30 - 6pm at the Debert Fire Hall. This supper is a pastoral charge supper and helps with such things as maintaining our Church manse. Cost is Adults \$12 and children under 12 \$6 Everyone Welcome! Take outs are available if you can't make it!

The Masstown Community Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday July 18th, 7pm, at the Masstown Market - restaurant side. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

There have been some visitors! Susan Willet of Moncton, her daughter, Olivia and husband, Kyle Demasi, their son Cylas, Kamloops BC visited Susan's mother Gail Hines - grandmother to Olivia and great grandmother to Cylas!

They had a wonderful visit and were able to see other family members during their stay.

We have two cats that live at our house - you don't own cats! This quote describes their lives: "In ancient times cats were worshiped as gods".

## Colchester Trefoil Guild

By *Sheila Stewart*

Members of Colchester Trefoil Guild met on June 19, 2017 for the closing meeting of their 2016 - 2017 year. It was a warm, windy day - a perfect day for a picnic in Victoria Park. We were a group of five with most of the members busy in other ways - two working, two on the road travelling to points west, two in nursing homes and one with a medical appointment. However, we were together in thought.

The potluck meal began with the singing of a new Guiding grace and moved on to the wonderful spread of goodies: two salads, ham, and biscuits, with cookies and two rhubarb confections for dessert - not bad when there was no planning about what to bring! As we sat sipping our coffee and tea (thermoses worked great!), we signed cards for our members in nursing homes for delivery, one with a personal visit by Sheila and Jane and the other with mailing.

We were saddened to hear of the death of one of our Trefoil Sisters, Sue Loring from Oakfield, NS; two of our members attended the funeral. On a brighter note, each person was given a red maple leaf ornament in honour of Canada's 150th Birthday.

Looking ahead, we began planning for our opening meeting for the 2017 - 2018 year on September 18. And then, as true Girl Guides, we closed the day with Daylight Taps, "Thanks and praise, for our days, 'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky, As we go, this we know - God is nigh!"

*Sheila Stewart, Colchester Trefoil Guild*

## Casey Maintains RCMP Jeopardizing Safety

Cumberland-Colchester MP Bill Casey rose in the House of Commons in mid-June and asked the Minister of Public Safety why the RCMP are even considering a plan that would jeopardize the safety of Nova Scotians.

Casey cited two paragraphs of the 2004 internal report which recommended that the RCMP "not locate their primary OCC [operational communications centre] within the Halifax Regional Municipality" and which further recommended that "the two largest police communications operations in Nova Scotia" not be located in the same metro area.

The reason is simple: if a major disaster occurs in Halifax and both the centres are located there, 93% of emergency communications in Nova Scotia could be disrupted. Disaster management and recovery in HRM would be im-

peded; and normal dispatching across the entire province would be interrupted.

Yet, said Casey, the RCMP's Nova Scotia Division is considering doing just that. With space to fill in its Dartmouth headquarters, there is pressure to move the RCMP OCC—currently at a safe remove in Truro—to HRM. "FEMA, the National Emergency Number Association, the Toronto Police Service and others all agree that you need redundancy in an emergency communication system," says Casey. "You don't have redundancy if the whole system is located in a single metropolitan area."

Casey adds the RCMP should rule out further consideration of the move and focus on ensuring the Truro OCC has the facilities it needs for the long-term.

## Priscilla Jennings Hosts UCW Closing

By *Christine Urquhart*

Masstown UCW held their closing in early June, inviting all the Debert, Glenholme and Great Village UCW ladies to attend, along with others from our four communities. Thanks to Priscilla Jennings who so kindly offered up her cottage for this fun filled event! The ladies had a wonderful day of fellowship and great food and hated to leave to head back home.

UCW meetings will start up again come September. If you are a lady, 19 years or older, who would like to spend time with a group of great ladies, UCW is for you! We meet once a month, usually at the senior's complex on G. Porter Road in Masstown, and you would be made very welcome. Our meetings start out with a short worship - usually about 5 minutes long - and then we get into talking about things we can do to make our community better.

This past year we gathered up mittens, socks, hats and scarfs and took them to Chiganois Elementary

School. These were used for children who got wet during recess or lunch; or who forgot to bring their hats, scarfs or mittens (we figured they'd remember their socks!) We also set up a small financial lunch fund for those who forgot their lunch money - they could return it the following day if they remembered.

Another project our UCW did this past year was to do up large Ziploc baggies with a book, small toy and either stickers or crayons with a coloring book for children stuck in the hospital for more than one day. I understand that these were very much appreciated!

Once our meeting is over we usually have a very small lunch - biscuits with jam, sweet breads, etc. and tea or coffee! Anyway, UCW is loads of fun, so if you are free on the first Thursday of each month, show up around 7pm at the senior's in Masstown. We'd love to see you!