

OBITUARIES

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MacDONALD, Gerard Alexander - age 62, of Crowes Mills, NS passed away peacefully at home with his wife and children by his side on May 28, 2020 after his well-fought battle with cancer. Raised in Fraser's Grant, NS, he was a son of the late Allan Joseph MacDonald and Florence Theresa MacDonald. Gerard enjoyed meeting people and had a special gift for conversation. Gerard worked for the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing as an Agricultural Technician from 1981-2000 and later worked as a Research Technician for the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. Gerard went on to work for Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal as a Driving Examiner until his retirement in 2016. After retirement, he became a school bus driver for the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board until 2019. Gerard also made many valuable contributions to the local community as a (retired) honorary member of the Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade. Gerard is survived by his wife of 33 years, Frances ten Brinke; son, Allan of Lower Sackville; daughter, Ann Terese of Halifax; mother, Florence of Antigonish; sisters, Audrey of Antigonish, Janet (Wally Norman) of St. John's, NL, Martha (Mark McKeough) of Fraser's Grant, Alanna (Dale Rytter) of Lower Sackville; brothers, Regis of Antigonish, Andre of Fraser's Grant (Darlene Pottie), Dennis (Lindsay Manuel) of Fredericton NB. He was predeceased by his father, Allan Joseph. A very special thanks to our beautiful children, Allan and Ann Terese, for the tremendous support given during such an uncertain time. Our heartfelt appreciation is also extended to family, friends and the wonderful nurses, doctors and home care workers involved in Gerard's care. Due to the pandemic, a memorial service will be held at a later date. 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

FORBES, Roland Cecil passed away peacefully on May 30, 2020. Oh darn!! If you're reading this - gosh, it means I must have went up yonder...or I hope I did!! Please don't grieve for me, instead celebrate my life for I have had a good one. I experienced working in the nickel mines in Ontario for a couple of years, rode the rails out West while working for the Canadian Pacific Railway for a few years. Really saw how beautiful our country is, but Nova Scotia was calling me back home to Truro, where I went to work at the carpet factory for a few years. I joined the Labour International Union #612 Halifax, NS working on a lot of projects and buildings in and around Truro for over thirteen years after which I was offered a job at the Main Brace Veteran's Club where I was the bar manager for over twelve years until the Main Brace Club closed its doors. After a couple of years, I was fortunate to get a job at the RCAFA Air Force Club Wing 102 where I worked at the bar there for thirteen years. The years working in the bars were really enjoyable - I met so many really good people, listened to their stories and laughed at their jokes. Today, I am sad to say that I leave behind my best friend, the one I lived for, dreamed with and loved - my common-law wife of 36 years, Elizabeth "Liz" Dyke; my two beautiful daughters, Kathleen (Kathi) Barkhouse and her husband, Rick and their sons, Justin, Logan and Jordan and Miriam Forbes and her son, Steven - all living in Kentville; my wonderful stepson, Roy Butt and his wife Cindy living in Kelowna, BC. I was predeceased by my father, Charles Forbes; mother, Kathleen (Lewis) Forbes and brother, Lewis Forbes. No service by request. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Red Cross. 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

HARRISON, Phillip Allan - age 81, of Great Village died on May 30, 2020. Phil was a remarkable man who looked everyone in the eye and welcomed them with a smile, a firm handshake and a big hug. Born in Halifax, Phil had a very humble childhood. His move to a Shubenacadie farm as a young teenager was life-changing. As a young man, he went on to Bible Hill to study at the Agricultural College. It was at a dance in Bible Hill that he met his lifelong sweetheart, Margie, of Great Village. While at the A.C. he worked at the Subway Bottle Exchange where his hard work enabled him to acquire and then grow the business allowing him to retire at age 45 years of age. Phil called Great Village home for over 55 years and he had been an active community member. For many years he volunteered his time and mentorship to countless youth in West Colchester coaching minor hockey and broom ball. He was instrumental in building and maintaining the outdoor rink in Great Village and worked diligently towards establishing the West Colchester arena. He was happiest when working around his yard, off to an old-time dance, on a travelling adventure, sharing a meal with family or teaching his kids or grandkids one of life's lessons. He was a no-nonsense kind of guy who often offered or was sought out for his opinion and advice. Phil had a sparkle about him and will be cherished by family and friends for his determination, work ethic, generosity, wit and charm. He was a loving husband to the late Margaret "Margie" (Lundie); Dad to Mike, Darren, Connie and Steve; father-in-law to Chrissy, Debbie and Kim; Grampie "Pee-Pee" to Emily, Meaghan, Mark, Cody, Ryan, Libby, Abbey, Jason, Connor, Logan and Andy; Great Grampie to Landon, Sadie and Dakota and dear friend to Barbara Lush. He was predeceased by parents, William and Violet; foster parents, Albert and Clea MacPhee; brothers, Bobby and Billy; sisters, Kay, Edna and Marie and brother-in-law, David. A celebration of Phil's life will be held at a later date. 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

WOOD, Owen H. - 81, of Parrsboro. It is with heavy hearts that we announce Owen's passing on Sunday, May 31, 2020 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Roy and Effie (Hatfield) Wood. Owen is survived by his wife, Irene (Stonehouse); daughter, Vicki Brown (Timothy), Parrsboro; sons, Roy (Jane), Gary, Allan (Cynthia), Darrell (Marsha), all of Parrsboro; sisters, Sylvia Jordan (Roderick), Parrsboro; Mary Gilroy, Amherst; Nancy Gilroy (Lester), Parrsboro; brothers, Donald, Parrsboro; David, Dartmouth; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Barry; brothers, Roy, George, Arden, Reginald, Murray, Croyden. With respect to the health safety of others surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, a private family service is being held at a later date. Memorial donations in Owen's memory may be made to the Barry Wood Memorial Bursary or to the South Cumberland Community Care Centre Foundation, Parrsboro. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

FULTON, Ardith Lorraine - age 82 of Truro, NS, formerly of Bass River, NS passed away peacefully on June 8, 2020 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Portapique Mountain, NS, she was a daughter of the late Lawson and Blossom (Ettinger) Fulton. She is survived by her brother, Reginald and sister-in-law, Gladys, Miramichi, NB; her nieces and nephews, Brenda, Larry and Pamela; her cousin, George Fulton and special friends, David, Jimmie, Diane and Shirley. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Gloria and nephew, Steven. Ardie worked all of her life for the Department of National Defence in telecommunications. She was an avid lover of animals, especially her cats. A private graveside service will be held in Bass River Baptist Cemetery. No visitation or funeral service by request. Donations in Ardie's memory may be made to the SPCA or charity of choice. 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

OOSTEROM, Lambertus - age 86, Debert, formerly of Onslow, died unexpectedly at home on June 8, 2020. No visitation or service by request. 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

BOYCE, Harold Douglas - age 98, Bible Hill. Doug was born in Amherst, Nova Scotia on February 11, 1922, a son of the late Charles Hilton and Harriett Elizabeth Magdalene (Hay) Boyce. July 21, 1941, he married Elsie Eileen Connolly (deceased June 12, 2003). He is survived by his three children, Garry Douglas (Sharon) Boyce, Gail Louise (Alan) Jankov and Michael Jay Boyce; eight grandchildren, Craig Douglas (Joanne) Boyce, Kelly Lynn (John Griffin) Boyce, Alyson Dawn (Allan Livingstone) Boyce, Marion Louise (Blaine) MacIsaac, Alanna Gail (Stephen McLean) Jankov, Jay Spencer (Tracy Liu) Boyce, Ian Michael Boyce and Shane Michael Boyce, together with fifteen great grandchildren and tons of nieces and nephews. Always proud of his family, he leaves to carry-on the family traditions his sister, Flora 'Flo' (Vince) Weatherbee; brothers, Charlie (Della) Boyce, Ralph (Audrey) Boyce, Sydney (Irene) Boyce and George (Linda) Boyce. Doug's kids extend a special thank you to brother/uncle Charlie for his commitment to caring for his big brother whenever the need arose, which was frequent. Doug was predeceased by his brothers, Ronald Frank Boyce and his wife, Margaret, William Ernest Boyce and his wife, Lillian and sisters, Helen Mae Boyce and her husband, Charles McNeill and Harriett Grace Boyce and her husband, Ronnie Moore. He was a lifelong learner, as he never stopped educating himself. This led to him becoming one of the first to receive a provincial licence Journeyman Certificate of Qualification in the Electrical Trade. His career was varied, C. Smith Transfer, Robertson Candy, CNR, Imperial Oil, T. Weldon Mills Service Station, Truro Electric, taught night school and then in 1947, started his own business, Hub Electric Company in Bible Hill. He was an integral participant in the establishment of the Village Commission of Bible Hill where he served as Chairman, a commissioner and the original village clerk (a position he held from 1956-1987), a charter member of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade and until his passing, a Director Emeritus and a charter member of the Bible Hill Cemetery Company holding several responsible posts since 1974. After formally retiring he took time to write the History of the Bible Hill Cemetery and the even more comprehensive History of Bible Hill, a 964-page bound volume printed in limited edition. On a personal note, he gathered information and compiled an extensive collection of notes on his ancestors with the objective of writing the history of the Hay, Rennie, Connolly, Higgins, and Boyce families. In compliance with Doug's wishes and that of his surviving children, a private graveside interment service will be held later this year following the lifting of the COVID-19 limitations. It is Doug's wish that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to one of his favourite projects in the village, the Bible Hill Cemetery Company. 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

THOMPSON, Theodore "Alfred" - age 80, Bass River. Dad was born in Truro, NS, on September 6, 1939 to parents, Ralph (Bunny) and Marjorie (Lewis). He grew up on Portapique Mountain where he attended the one room school house through the woods and down the lane. Dad describes his childhood as playing 'at work' - he logged small trees and hunted and trapped for furs in the woods, all the while bossing his younger sister, Heather around as the 'hired hand'. Dad later attended the 'big school' in Bass River and he worked part-time at Hill's Garage until he left for Toronto to take his heavy duty mechanics course. When he returned home, he started working at NS Tractors and this led to a career with Wilson's Equipment, the Department of Transportation (Bible Hill and Miller Lake), Dexter Construction, Miller Group and Nova Construction where he excelled in supervisory positions. Dad built a reputation for being a hard worker and getting things done. Dad was a great storyteller. He had a tremendous interest in local and family history and many a Sunday afternoon car ride would begin with someone asking, "tell us the one about Little Elmer or Spurgie and the Pies," and we would laugh as we heard the folklore shared about Bass River and beyond. One of Dad's special memories was his involvement in helping with the Swiss Air tragedy. Dad is survived by his loving partner, Sybil Brown; daughter, Carolyn Cooper (Joe); sons, Charles (Dawn), Bert (Toni) and Glenn (Sandra) and their mom, Joan (Fulmore) Thompson; Sybil's children, Matt and Jenny; grandkids, Robert, David and William Cooper, Sadie, Abby, Sappho, Molly, Oscar, Charley and Davey Thompson; Sybil's grandkids, Emma and Mya Brown, Malik, Safiya, Adam, and Noah Rizwan; sisters, Heather Tomm (Larry) and Karen Casey (Glen); nieces and nephews, Noel (Tricia), Julie (Jeff), Shawn (Mel), Kevin (Amy). In accordance with Dad's wishes, there will not be a funeral. There may be a celebration of his life at a later date and the family will be spreading his ashes on his beloved Portapique Mountain. Donations may be made to the Colchester Food Bank, the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

BROWN, Max Graham - 91, Truro, occurred on Sunday, June 14, 2020. Born at home in Westchester Station, he was the third son of the late Roy and Rachael (Ferguson) Brown. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Vera (Halliday); daughter, Heidi Brown, Dartmouth; son, Scott (Nancy) Brown, Truro Heights; step-granddaughter, Kristen MacPhee; brother, David (Judy); sisters, Minnie, Willa, Mary (Ron); many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Percy, Fred; sisters, Helena, June. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a private funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020. Interment was held in the Eagle Hill Cemetery, Westchester Station. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

McGINNIS (Macdonald), Heather Marie - age 79 of Dartmouth and Economy, passed away peacefully in Debert Court, June 17th, 2020. Heather was born and raised in Halifax, attending QEHS. She met Doug, the love of her life in her teens and they started a family together. In the early 60's, the family moved to Woodlawn and Heather stayed home to raise her boys. Eventually, she entered the workforce and spent most of her fulfilling professional career with the NS Department of Education and in the Marine Division of the Imperial Oil refinery in Woodside. Heather was predeceased by parents, Alvin and Dorothy Macdonald (Walsh); brother, Alvin and sister, Vivian. She is survived by husband, Doug; sons, Jim (Chris) and Steve (Carolyn Judd); grandchildren, Brett and Keegan McGinnis, Julie and Sarah Richard and brother, Bruce (Liz), nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the management and staff at Debert Court for all the loving care they provided Heather in the last years of her life. Cremation has taken place. Graveside ceremony for immediate family only, TBD. Donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia, Canadian Cancer Society (breast cancer research) or a charity of choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WILLIGAR, Trueman M. - Age 85, of Lower Five Islands passed away Friday, June 19, 2020 at home. Born in West Bay, he was a son of the late Melvin and Reta (Bennett) Willigar. Trueman is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary (Skidmore); daughters, Christina Withrow (Wally), Truro; Sharon (Kevin), Moncton; Joanne Willigar, Parrsboro; John Willigar (Barbie), Moncton; sisters, Maisie Skidmore, Parrsboro; Judy Durning (Ted), Economy; brothers, Carl (Suzann), Parrsboro; Doug (Sharon), Back Bay, NB; Roy, Surrey, BC; 9 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Christina (MacNeil); a daughter, Mary; sisters, Viola, Alice; a brother, Lloyd; also, two brothers and two sisters in infancy. In keeping with Trueman's wishes, no funeral services will be held. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

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