

# OBITUARIES

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**NELSON**, Brenton Ellsworth "Brent" - 97, Central Onslow, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 1, 2026 at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Brenton was born and raised in Pleasant Valley, and was the only son of the late George and Jean (Brenton) Nelson of Onslow. He was predeceased by his wife, Reta (McLellan), and his son, Jeffery. Brent will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his four children, Rod (Julie), Crowes Mills; Kathy Nelson, Onslow; Joanne (Clay) Gamble, Londonderry; Barb Sullivan, Onslow. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Bruce (Kristin) Nelson, Daniel Muise (Taylor Andrews), Michael Nelson (Sarah Bailey), Jason (Nicole) Gamble, Sarah (Stanley) Johnston, Michelle Sullivan, Trevor (Bethany) Sullivan; great grandchildren, Emma, Brenton, Katie, Nyla, Vayda, Anthony, Logan, Brooke, Madelyn. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Wednesday, May 6, 2026, Reverend Glenn MacLean officiated. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**HAMILTON**, Edsel Milton - 94, Lower Onslow. A father holds his daughter's hand for a short while but he holds her heart forever. On Sunday, May 3, 2026, we held his hand for the last time. Dad was the last surviving member of his immediate family as he was predeceased by his parents, John and Alice (Webb) Hamilton, and siblings, Ellen, Cecil, Carl, Shirley and Betty. In honour of these two very important parts of his life, donations in his memory may be made to SPCA or Recreation Department at Debert Court. A summer graveside service will take place at a later date at Terrace Hill Cemetery, Kaulback Street, Truro where he will be laid to rest surrounded by his family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**MUISE**, Edith Dianne - 81, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 15, 2026, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was the second oldest of 16 children of the late William and Isabelle (Spencer) Rushton. Edith worked in the restaurant industry for many years. She went to work for DND Base Camp Debert in the mid-70s until her retirement. Mom and Ernie were members of Royal Canadian Legion, Debert Branch 106. Left to mourn her loss are her daughter, Colleen Hatfield, and Nan's fur baby, Sammy, Bible Hill; son, Gregory (Crystal) Barkhouse, Bible Hill; stepsons, John Muise, Ontario; Jason Muise, Ontario; granddaughters, Laura Hatfield (Alex Chisholm), Cassidy Barkhouse, Caitlyn Barkhouse; sisters, Velma Barkhouse (Douglas), Ruth Zimmer (Alan), Doris Ann Davis (Bill), Vivian Goviea, Helen Gill (Lawrence); brothers, Douglas Rushton (Sharon), Gary Rushton (Karen), Keith Rushton (Linda), Reg Rushton (Linda); son-in-law, Ian Hatfield; chosen daughter, Cindy (Paul) Adshade; close family friend, Percy Lindsay; Muise brothers and sisters; many, many nieces and nephews. Graveside service was held Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Mahon Cemetery, 8480 Highway 2, Great Village. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**LEWIS**, Beverley Anne "Bev" - 78, Lower Sackville, formerly of Economy, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 16, 2026. Born in Economy, she was the only child of the late Maxwell and Helen (Cameron) Smith. She resided in Lower Sackville for most of her life, however when asked, home would always be Carrs Brook. Bev was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Syd. She will be greatly missed by her two daughters, Kim, Hammonds Plains; Nicole, Lower Sackville; grandchildren, Sydney, Max, Jacob, Riley. A graveside service was held Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Economy Cemetery, 3600 Highway 2, Economy, Reverend Marty Clark-Ettinger officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**RUSHTON**, Karen Lee - 73, Truro Heights, passed away suddenly, as a result of a heart attack, on Friday, May 29, 2026, at Halifax Infirmary, QEII, Halifax, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Audrey (MacKenzie) Harris. Karen is survived by her best friend and husband of 54 years, Gary; children, Ann (Chris) Dykeman, Truro; Darrell Rushton (Vicki Whittington), Cambridge, Ontario; Judy Rushton (James Cook), Onslow Mountain; grandchildren, Michael Harris (Illie Toivonen), Austin Rushton (Charity Boutilier), Mya (Caleb) Dicks, Michael Whittington; "like granddaughter", Chelsea McNutt (Muin Herney), Pictou Landing; 13 great grandchildren; siblings, Fran Hicks, Truro; Rhoda (Peter) Walsh, Debert; Dianna (Trevor) MacDonald, Glenholme; Joey Harris (Leslie Bezanson), Truro; many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Judith Harris in infancy; brother-in-law, Randy Hicks. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Saturday, June 6, 2026. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**CHAPMAN**, Eric Bruce - 78, Debert. It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Eric Bruce Chapman, of Debert, on Friday, May 29, 2026, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. After a cerebellum stroke on May 4, 2026, he put up a valiant fight to try and regain what mobility he could, but the stroke brought on other issues that his determination could not overcome. He is survived and dearly missed by his loving wife of 55 years, Linda (Wilson); children, Andrew Chapman, Naples, Florida; Michael Chapman (Michelle Kirby), Deseronto, Ontario; Amy Chapman, Debert; grandchildren, Noah Hadley (Maddy Porter), Debert; Lexi Turner, Halifax; Ev Chapman and Isaac Chapman, Greenwich. He is also survived by his brother, Darrell Chapman, Bible Hill; sisters, Cathy (John) Armstrong, Kingston, Nova Scotia; Pat (Ron) Theberge, Edmonton, Alberta; Joan (Bill) Carlisle, Spruce Grove, Alberta; Wanda, Greenwood. Honouring his wishes, there will be no service by request. If so desired, donations in Eric's memory to Heart and Stroke Foundation are welcomed. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**CAMPBELL**, Hugh James - Age 75, of Truro, passed away on June 3, 2026. Hugh was born on November 2, 1950, to Colin Campbell and Margaret MacLellan in Johnstown, Cape Breton. He attended St. Peters District High and graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in 1974. He remembered his rugby days at StFX fondly. Hugh developed a wealth of knowledge in the home building industry starting with Irving Woodland in Saint John, NB, before moving to Truro with Kent Homes in Debert, then Fran Ackerman Homes. He spent the last 22 years at Harmony Grove Homes where he found his work family and thrived. He never considered retirement. Music was fundamental to Hugh. He, with his guitar, brought joy to many a family and community gatherings. He performed solo, sang in barbershop quartets and choruses and spent years performing Irish/Scottish music throughout the province with his band Ceilidh. He was a long-time volunteer in the community including MC for Colchester Relay for Life, and Colchester Highland Games. He was well known for his long white hair and beard and his commitment to walking everywhere. Hughie, as he is known by his family, is survived by siblings, Frances, Stellarton, Mary, Halifax, Dan, Johnstown, Louise, Johnstown, Rita, Red Islands, Bill (Cathy), Dartmouth, Liz (Albert Power), Arnolds Cove, NL, Fred, Halifax, Tom (Louise), Charlottetown, and Ronald (Rosanne), Ottawa; nephews and nieces, Colin (Brittany), Liam, Kelly (Aaron), Bert (Katherine), Angela (Nick), Ryan (Nikita), and Lily; grandnephew, Parker and grandniece, Paisley. A burial service will take place on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm, in Sacred Heart Cemetery, 15290 Highway 4, Johnstown, Cape Breton. Celebration of life to follow in the Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers the family ask that donations can be made to a charity of your choice, in Hughie's memory.

**HAMILTON**, Doris "Ellen" (Ross) age 93, of Lower Onslow, passed away on June 1, 2026 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Ellen was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, U.S.A., and was the youngest daughter of the late William and Rose (MacLaughlan) Ross. In 1935, she moved with the family to Glenholme, Nova Scotia and lived there until she married Keith Hamilton in 1952 and moved to Lower Onslow. Ellen was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She was a member of the Lower Onslow United Church and a member of the choir for many years, and more recently a member of Trinity United Church in Onslow. She was a life member of the United Church Women and an honorary member of the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade, of which she was very proud. Her family always came first, and she took a great interest in what her children and grandchildren were doing. She and Keith loved to camp over at Brule Point and later were members of the Nova Scotia Roadrunners Trailer Club. Ellen is survived by daughters, Judith (Bruce) Langille, Crowes Mills, Linda (Charles) Harrington, Glenholme; son, Larry Hamilton, Lower Onslow; grandchildren, Erin Cleveland, Kyle Langille, Charles, Daniel, and Thomas Harrington, Amy Byers, Brittany and Rachael Hamilton and 11 great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Keith Allister Hamilton, after 57 years of marriage; her sister, Phyllis MacNeill; brothers, Ian, David and Richard Ross and grandson, Ryan Hamilton Langille. The family would like to thank Mom's neighbours, John and Hazel MacKay, for always helping her, but most importantly, for their friendship. Also, thanks to the VON, especially Barb, for their care and to all those who cared for her these last months in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation by request. A Funeral service was held Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, with Rev. Glenn MacLean officiating. Interment will be in Lower Onslow Clarke Cemetery, Lower Onslow. Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be made to the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade, Colchester East-Hants Hospice Society or a charity of choice.

**COX**, Shirley Temple (Halliday), - Age 89, Truro. It is with sad hearts that we announce the passing of Shirley Temple (Halliday) Cox on June 7, 2026, in Cedarstone Enhanced Care. She was born in Westchester Mountain to the late Arthur and Mary (Mitchell) Halliday. Shirley is survived by her husband, William Bamford Cox; sister, Vera Brown; niece, Heidi Brown; nephew Scott Brown. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by brother, Raymond; sisters, Beryl, Bernice and Inez. Shirley travelled to Western Canada after finishing her nursing degree. She worked in British Columbia as a nurse before returning to Halifax where she met and married William "Bill" Cox. She worked in private nursing and then at Victoria General until retirement. After retiring, Shirley and Bill enjoyed their peaceful solitude on their farm in South Branch. Her embroidery work was second to none. Shirley loved spending quiet moments solving her puzzles and Sudoku. She spent many happy hours tending to her flowers and veggie gardens. Thank you to the staff and doctors at Cedarstone Enhanced Care for their kindness and care. A graveside service was held Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in Fort Ellis Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

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