

# OBITUARIES

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**Lewis, Shirley Elsie**, - Age 83, Truro. On June 8, 2026, God welcomed another angel to his flock with the passing of Shirley Elsie (Sandeson) Lewis following a short stay in Springhill, formerly of Truro. Shirley was the daughter of the late Fred and Catherine (McWilliams) Sandeson. She was predeceased by her husband, William "Bill" and son, Trevor. Shirley is survived by her son, Timothy of Halifax; daughter-in-law, Oulay of Calgary; grandsons, Milo and TJ of Calgary; brothers, William and Helen of Angevine Lake, Darrell of Greenfield, Bruce and Heather of Dartmouth and Clayton and Sandi of Truro. Shirley retired from the Prince County Hospital in Summerside as a Laboratory Technician. After retirement, she worked with the library system in Kinkora, PEI. Shirley and Bill enjoyed many travels with their beloved Pomeranian dog, Muffin. One of Shirley's many hobbies was her card-making for special occasions, which were enjoyed by friends and family. Shirley will be missed by all who knew her, rest in peace, beautiful lady. A graveside service was held Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Old Barns Cemetery, Old Barns, NS. This would have been Shirley's 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. Friends and family are welcome. Online condolences are available at [www.CochesterCommuntiy.com](http://www.CochesterCommuntiy.com)

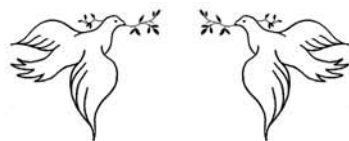
**KENNETH Anders Peterson**, of Upper Economy, passed away unexpectedly on June 8, 2026, at the age of 81. Born in Malden, MA, on May 28, 1945, he was the son of the late Paul and Doris (Williams) Peterson. Kenneth grew up in Randolph, MA and spent much of his early life at Pease's Point, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, a beautiful ocean town where his parents met. He spent his time there enjoying the company of his late relatives and playing the drums in a band with his friends. It was there he learned much about his Swedish family history and holiday traditions. Kenneth married his wife, Marjorie, in 1972 and moved to Carrs Brook, Colchester Co., Nova Scotia in 1977. Marjorie and Kenneth operated the General Store in Economy, later raising chinchillas, horses and cattle on their farm. For many years, Kenneth carved molds for a local pewter company. He was a truck driver for a short time until his retirement in the early 2000's. His craftsmanship expanded into hand crafted rocking horses, wood carvings and model ship building which he continued with later in life. He was a gifted musician who enjoyed playing the mandolin with his friends at Victoria Hall in Bass River, where he could be found most Monday nights. Kenneth was the husband of the late Marjorie (Wells) Peterson and brother to the late Carl Peterson. He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Peterson, five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and one great great grandson. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Michael Peterson, Stephen Peterson, Charles Peterson, Annette Dilorio and Rebecca Skinner. He leaves behind his cousin, Susan Hall-Burbine, his Pease's Point and forever companion, as well as his other cousins, Marjorie's family, and his many friends and compatriots. A private family service will be held to honor Kenneth's life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kenneth's memory to Victoria Hall in Bass River, NS.

**WILSON, Stephen Foster "Steve"** - 76, Portauapique. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Stephen Foster "Steve" Wilson on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of June (Ryan) Wilson, Truro, and the late Raymond Foster Wilson. Along with his mother, June, a special lady of 98 years, living at Cedarstone Enhanced Care in Truro, Stephen is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bev (Smithers) Wilson; daughters, Christina Wilson, Portauapique; Carrie-Jo Wilson, Portauapique; grandson, Brandon Wilson "Buds", who was the best part of Stephen's world every day. He is also survived by his brother, Rick (Nancy) Wilson, Truro; sister, Carolyn (Paul) Roberts, Highland Village; Mary-Jo Wilson, Ingersoll, Ontario; several nieces and nephews. A celebration of Stephen's life was held on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 72, Great Village, 8 Great Village Lornevale Road, Great Village. If so desired, donations in Stephen's memory to Canadian Cancer Society 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)

**CULLEN, Judith Ann** - Age 71, Brookfield, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2026. She was the daughter of the late Earl and Ruth (Buckler) MacDonald. Judy worked for several years for Central Eastern Trust and TD Bank as a teller, before joining her husband, Ed at the Village Hyundai Dealership in Bible Hill. Judy had many hobbies. She loved doing diamond art, photography, baking and took great pride in her flower gardens. She would spend endless hours watching and photographing the critters in her yard - everything from deer, birds, bunnies and even the occasional black bear. Judy is survived by her loving husband of almost 49 years, Edson "Ed" Cullen and her daughter, Jaimie Cullen (Gordie Hudson), of whom she was very proud. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Charles and Donald MacDonald. Cremation has taken place. There will not be a service at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

**CARPENTIER, Joseph Simon Edgar Ferréol "Albert"** - Dad, born on April 5, 1928, in Drummondville, Quebec to the late Guillaume Exéas Carpentier and Marie Espérance Paré, who coined such phrases as, "the Golden Arm" and our personal favourite, "Drummondville Rules", passed away on June 14, 2026. Dad was a brilliant man. This was evident in how he lived his life. His technical training at McGill in electrical engineering was the jumping off point to what would prove to be a magical career of mechanical and electrical inventions. His brilliance in these fields took him from Quebec to Newfoundland, back to Quebec, then to Boston, on to Ontario and finally, Nova Scotia. Each step of his career opened up avenues for his problem-solving skills and his innovative mind to be set in motion. From his inventions, consisting of certain new and useful improvements in hammer tools for Ramset Fasteners Ltd., to head electrical for the Prudential Tower in Boston and Commerce Court in Toronto (Standard Electric), Dad spent most of his life contracting electrical systems for high-rise buildings. Dad had many opportunities to put imagination to work, and he continued to do so in the last stages of his career, as a project manager at Lafarge Coppée. Dad wanted to figure out what was causing a kiln to short circuit and shut down virtually every week. He theorized that buffing or air movement was causing the electrodes to breach and short against the collecting plates. One night while examining the electrodes through a magnifying glass he saw what the real problem was. The electrode's break was cut like a knife, indicating to him that the clips that held the electrode wires to the supports were losing their spring tension due to the gas and high temperature, permitting a destructive and substantive arc to form. On the wall behind his cluttered desk, there's yet another sign of a marvelous mind at work. Neatly holding up a picture of dad's children is a spare precipitator clip, a true Carpentier original. Al was predeceased by the love of his life, his wife, Catherine Kent. They met on Bell Island, and it took ten years of courting before she agreed to marry him. He is also predeceased by daughter, Debe, his parents, and all his brothers and sisters. Al is survived by children, Gary (Charlene), Lisa (Chris) and Tina (Robert); grandchildren, Stephanie (Luke), Matthew (Brittany), Nicholle (Mark), Jonathan, Evan and Nolan, and great-grandchildren, Maximus, Catherine, Sayer, Wyatt and Sutton. Al will be missed by dear friends, Jill Greene and Ruth Mathewson. Thanks to the staff at E2 at Colchester East Hants Health Centre and at Debert Court for making his last weeks comfortable. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 669 Prince St, Truro. Interment and further celebration of life to be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St. Donations to Colchester Food Network.

**ALLEN, Andrew Aubrey** - Age 60, Earltown, passed away on June 18, 2026. In keeping with Andrew's wishes, there will be a private family interment at a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to the SPCA. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.



**LAYTON, Meredith Ann Merriam Boyd** of Great Village, Colchester County, passed away peacefully at age 94, surrounded by family at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro on Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Born in 1932 in Lower Five Islands, she was the daughter of the late Robert Percy and Christena (Wells Merriam) Boyd. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 59 years, Robert Francis Layton (2014); brother, Robert Wells Boyd (2025) and sister, Grayce Kathleen Merriam Boyd (2023). Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her in-laws, Raleigh Hull (1971) and Flora (Stanford Flemming) Layton (1985). She is survived by her son, Jeffrey (Sarah) Layton, Concord, MA; grandchildren, Bennett and Calder Layton; sister-in-law, Rose (Guimond) Boyd, as well as loving nephews, Stephen (Sheila), Andrew, Peter (Boyd), Marc (Elaine), Neil (Leeann), and Ian (Pellerin). A celebration of life was held on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Great Village Arts and Entertainment Centre. Private interment in Mahon Cemetery, 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) ALLEN, Andrew Aubrey - Age 60, Earltown, passed away on June 18, 2026. In keeping with Andrew's wishes, there will be a private family interment at a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to the SPCA. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro

**Collins, Colleen** - Our mother's story began on March 5, 1937, and on June 22, 2026, she quietly turned the page to her final earthly chapter and began her journey to the Spirit World, where she was joyfully reunited with the love of her life, Dawson, (May 2009) and the son she had carried in her heart every day since his passing, Billy, (June 1974). In January of 1955, Colleen married Dawson Collins, beginning a love story that would span fifty-four devoted years. Though Dawson's passing came far too soon, the love they built never faded. We find peace in imagining that, after all these years apart, he was waiting for her with an outstretched hand, ready to lead her onto Heaven's dance floor for the dance they had both waited so patiently to share once more. Together they welcomed five children into the world. While Colleen worked hard throughout her life—first at Muskol and later at the Homestead Donut Shop—there was never any question what mattered most to her. As her earthly journey came to a close, she was surrounded by the very love she had spent a lifetime giving away. It feels only fitting that on the evening of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dawson reached for her hand once again. We can almost hear the music beginning as they stepped onto Heaven's dance floor, never to be separated again. Colleen is lovingly survived by her sons, Roger (Elizabeth) of Camden, Nova Scotia; Stephen (Julia) of Bible Hill, Nova Scotia; Larry (Mary) of New Annan, Nova Scotia; and her only daughter, Mary (Larry) of Truro, Nova Scotia. She also leaves behind the many people she lovingly claimed as her own: Darren Lynds, Anita McKinnon, Glen Bodenham, Cindy Bodenham, Cathy Bailey, Lisa Bailey, Mark Bailey, and Aaron Bailey. She was the proud grandmother of Natasha (Jamie) Skinner, William (Donald) Richards, Jennifer (Paul) Collins, Patricia (Assad) Collins-Zuberi, Catherine (Shawn) Collins, Nathan (Nicole) Collins, Anthony (Natasha) Collins, Sara-Jane MacQueen, and Ryan MacQueen. Her greatest treasures were her great-grandchildren: Ella, Drew, Isabella, Sawyer, Sidney, Erin, Chloe, Will, Delaney, Devon, and Bo. Colleen is reunited in eternal peace with her beloved husband of fifty-four years, Dawson Collins May 2009; her cherished son, Billy (William) June 1974; her parents, Ellis and Dorothy (Delaney) Bailey; her sisters, Pod (Roberta) (Fulton) Bodenham and Nan (Nancy) (Freddie) Lynds; and her brothers, Wayne, Darrell, and Rodney Bailey. Our family wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to those who walked beside our mother during her final journey. To the remarkable staff of Colchester East Hants Health Centre, especially Dr. Kukula, Dr. Smith, Cyndi, Hershul, Linta, and Keirstin of 3D, thank you for treating our mother with extraordinary compassion, dignity, and respect. You are, without question, angels in scrubs. In keeping with Colleen's wishes, a family graveside service was held Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Bible Hill Cemetery, Warren Drive, Bible Hill, where she will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband, Dawson and her beloved son, Billy. Family flowers only, by request.

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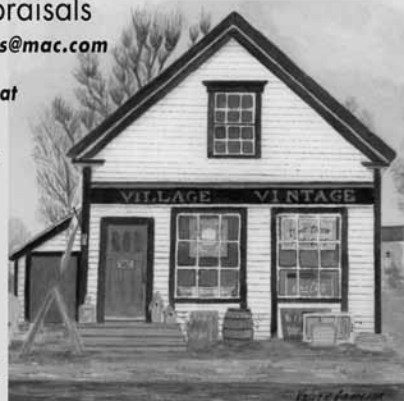
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