

OBITUARIES

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HENWOOD, Cathy E. – Age 61 of Parrsboro passed away unexpectedly on Friday, April 28, 2017 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Albert and Vera (Ayer) Henwood. In her lifetime, Cathy had been a teacher, business owner and spent many years working with a variety of organizations for the betterment of the Parrsboro area. Cathy is survived by a daughter, Giselle; her brother, Christie and sister, Carole. As well, she will be greatly missed by her "grand-kitties". A private family service will take place at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to VON Cumberland or to the Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

WORSLEY, Mary Jeanette "Jean" – 83, passed away Saturday, April 29, 2017 in Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro, surrounded by the love of her family. Born October 14, 1933, she was the daughter of the late John and Marie (Marchand) Aucoin. Jean became interested in music from an early age while living in Armdale. She became a member of the Rhythmal Band and eventually became a member of the Armdale Chorus under the direction of the late Mary Dee Girroir. Jean carried this love of music throughout her life. In 1954, she married Flying Officer Don Worsley who was serving with the RCAF. Transfers through the service had them stationed in Greenwood and St. John's, NFLD. After service life, Jean, Don and their family returned to Halifax only to be on the move again a few years later to Amherst, Moncton, NB and London, Ont. They returned to Nova Scotia in 1975 and settled in Truro Heights. Jean is survived by daughter, Patricia (Andy) Lyall, Enfield; sons, Donald (Vickie), Brentwood, Michael (Angela), Onslow, John (Cathie), Hilden; nine grandchildren; six great grandchildren; sisters, Yvonne (Frank) McGrath, Shirley (Doug) Bell; brother, John (Irene) Aucoin; many nieces and nephews. Jean will especially be missed by her lifelong friend, Paulette Theriault. Besides her parents, Jean was predeceased by husband, Donald; sister, Arlene and grandson, Jason. A special thank you to Cedarstone Enhanced Care and the angels on Garden Road for their care. A Funeral Mass in thanksgiving and celebration of Jean's life was held May 5 in Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Truro, Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiated. Interment will be held at a later time. Family flowers only. If so desired, donations in Jean's memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WATT, P. Laverne – 72, Debert. It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Laverne Watt on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. She was predeceased by parents, Reginald and Pearl (Snow) Gilby; husband, John; companion, Neil Stephens; brothers, Lee Gilby, Ross (Marie) Gilby; sister, North Taggart. Laverne is survived by daughter, Janet (John) McCallum; son, Robert (Venita) Watt; granddaughter and her pride and joy, Janelle McCallum (Mark Peppard); brother, Boyd (Simonne) Gilby; sisters, Janet (Lloyd) Nelson, Joyce (Wayne) Spencer; sister-in-law, Carole Gilby; brother-in-law, Phillip Taggart; several nieces and nephews. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Sunday, May 7, Pastor Kaj Binderup officiated. Interment was held in Watson Cemetery, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

SHEEPWASH, John Nelson "Jack" – 72, Truro, lost his battle with cancer on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at Windsor Elms, Windsor. Born in Springhill, he was a son of the late John and Verlie (Leadbetter) Sheepwash. Jack is survived by his children, Leo (Lisa) Sheepwash, Bass River; Christena Smith, Truro; Tony Sheepwash, John MacKenzie, both of Toronto; grandchildren, Michael Sheepwash, Samantha Sheepwash, Tyler Sheepwash, Victoria Sheepwash, Matthew Smith, Benjamin Smith, Rachel Smith, Destiny Dodge; great grandson, Jaxson; sister, Virginia (Kevin) Kelly, Springhill; best friends, Russell McNally and Winston Williams; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Helen Rushton (Dosithe Gould), Doris (Lewis) Reeler; brother, Leo (Marjorie) Sheepwash. Private interment at a later date in Hillside Cemetery, Springhill. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

O'RILEY, Donald Wilfred – 81, Lower Onslow, passed away Tuesday, May 2, 2017, in Debert Court, Debert. Born in Mattawa, Ontario, he was a son of the late Brant and Sybil (Kenney) O'Riley. Loving husband of 58 years to Violet (nee MacIsaac) O'Riley; devoted father to son James, Medicine Hatt, Alberta; daughter, Sandra Walker, White Court, Alberta; grandchildren, Shiloh, Kathaleann; great-grandchildren, Trayce, Shaelyne, Payton, Kayze, Jayda; brothers David (Margaret) of Halifax; sister Wendy O'Riley of Dutton, Ontario. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by brothers, Robert, John, Stuart, Brian; sisters, Eleanor, Audrey. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. A family funeral service will take place at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

CANNING, Jeffrey Lewis – 55, of Lake Charlotte, Eastern Shore, passed away suddenly, but peacefully on Friday, May 5, 2017 at home in the arms of his loving wife Kathleen (Kathy Cross-Bridgewater). He was born on April 15, 1962 to the late Aubra and Geraldine (Melanson) Canning. Jeff grew up in the small town of Parrsboro, a place where his presence left an everlasting impression upon all ages. As a teenager and young adult, he directed his interests and enthusiasm to his school and community; serving as a member of the Student Police, Katimavik, Curling Club, Golf Club, Fire Department, Auxiliary RCMP and Coach of Perry's Esso Ball Team. Jeff's sense of humor and love for entertaining, earned him many gigs at the Parrsboro Band Hall, where he was well known for imitating Foster Brooks and Red Skelton. In 1994, fulltime employment with Canada Post as Post Master, took him to Tangier on the Eastern Shore. On July 6, 1996 he married Kathleen. Later in years, he switched employment to the Halifax Regional School Board as a dependable custodian and substitute caretaker. Jeff proudly served over 100 schools within the board and enjoyed meeting the many students and staff members. Accomplishing much throughout his life, Jeff was most proud of being "Dad" to his remarkable son Adam, 14. Along with his wife Kathleen, Jeffrey is survived by his son, Adam Lewis Canning; sister, Debby (Bob) Woods, Montgomery, Texas; nephew, Josh Woods, Midland, Texas and niece, Tessa Woods, Birmingham, Alabama; Special cousin Shelley Dow (Rob Grant), Parrsboro. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents Raynold and Gladys (O'Rourke) Melanson and paternal grandparents Lewis and Vivian (Boyd) Canning. Friends and family were invited to celebrate Jeff's life and honour his legacy, by sharing memories and expressing condolences at D.S. Crowell & Son Funeral Home, Sheet Harbour May 11th with a Celebration of Life Mass at Saint Brigid's Catholic Church, Parrsboro May 13, 2017; Father Phil Thibodeau officiating. The family requested in lieu of flowers, donations are to be made to an Education Fund for his son, Adam by donating at either D.S. Crowell & Son Funeral Home or Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro.

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McMANUS, Audrey Rebecca – 79, Upper Onslow, passed away peacefully in the evening hours of Saturday, May 6, 2017 at home. Born in Sunnybrae, Pictou Co., she was the daughter of the late George and Evelyn (Bray) Jackson. She leaves behind her husband of 62 years, Pat; children, Eva (Michael) Fortune, Brookfield, Twila (André) Guay, Rougemont, QC., Ruth Murphy, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Joey (Roxanne) McManus, Truro, Effie (James) Linkletter, Hilden, Beth (Garth) Lunn, Debert; 15 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren. Besides her parents, Audrey was predeceased by daughter, Bertha. A special thank you to all who helped in any way to honour Audrey's wishes to remain at home. In particular we would like to thank the VON Palliative Care team, Colchester East Hants Hospice Society as well as granddaughter, Rachel. In keeping with her wishes, Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life was held May 13 followed by Words of Remembrance in Truro Horseman's Club, 288 Main St., Bible Hill. Donations celebrating Audrey's memory may be made to Palliative Care (C/O CEHHA, 625 Abenaki Rd., Truro, N.S. B2N-0G6) Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

LUNN, Dayne Michael – 37, Upper Onslow, passed away in his sleep at home on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Born in Truro, he was a son of Linda (McWhirter) Lunn, Upper Onslow, and the late Willis Lunn. Along with his mother, Dayne is survived by his brother, Kelly Lunn (Dana Holmes), Bedford; nieces, Madison Lunn, Baxter's Harbour; Eden Lunn, Bridgewater; uncles, Dale Lunn (Paulette), Advocate Harbour; Duncan Lunn (Lorraine), Advocate Harbour; Fred Smith (Sally), Kentville; Gerald Smith (Genevieve), Dartmouth; many cousins. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Thursday, May 11, 2017, Keith Selwyn-Smith, DLM officiated. Private family interment will be held at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MacKINNON, Marlene Louise (Higgins) – 71, Belmont, passed away Sunday, May 7, 2017, at home. Born in Crowes Mills, she was a daughter of the late Albert Esson and Grace Mae (Barnhill) Higgins. Marlene is survived by her husband, Donald MacKinnon; brother-in-law, Bill (Val) MacKinnon; sister-in-law, Jill Higgins; nieces and nephews, Wade (Rona), Bobby (Cara), Garth, Krista (Greg), Stephen, Tonda (Wade), Kenda (Brad), Lisa (Kevin), Jeff (Theresa); numerous great nieces and great nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Rona, Ruth; brother, Grant. Graveside interment service was held Saturday, May 13, 2017, at Belmont Cemetery, Belmont, Reverend Glenn MacLean officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

SPRAGUE, Wayne Ernest – 75, Great Village, passed away suddenly, May 7, 2017 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. He was the son of the late Ernest and Marquerite (Hawkins) Sprague. Born in Kitchener, ON Wayne spent many years travelling from Ontario to visit his children and grandchildren who were the pride of his life. Later he moved to Nova Scotia and enjoyed his time playing Bingo and being with his family. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by daughters, Lisa (Laurie) George, Great Village; Vickie (Kelly) MacNutt, Memramcook, NB; son, Grant (Annette), Mt. Uniacke; grandchildren, Chelcea (Blake Wells), Serena, Brandon (Taylor), Jacob, Mike, Damien, Joey, Connor, Cal, Wilson, Aliya, Harrison, Myra, Nolan; great grandson, Everett; sisters, Nancy (Zen) Ostrowski; Bonnie (Wally Stewart) Sprague; Bev (John) Robinson; brother, Dennis (Nancy); several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by sister, Patricia Hiedeman and brother, Brian. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to the NS Lung Association. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro where on-line condolences and donations may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

THOMPSON, William R. "Bill" – We, the family of William "Bill" Thompson are broken hearted to announce his passing on Monday, May 8, 2017 surrounded by his loved ones. Bill was born in 1946 to the late Ralph and Margaret (Palmer) Thompson of West Brook. Bill worked in the telephone offices of MTT in Halifax, in building supplies for Deane Allen and as a lumber inspector with the Maritime Lumber Bureau. In 1979, Bill purchased his Uncle Percy's blueberry farm which he operated until 2008. During this time he brought the fields and the old farm house back to life for all to love and enjoy. He was an expert at fixing what was broken and creating beauty in wood lamps and refinishing furniture. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Willo of 47 years; daughters, Melanie Thomas (Michael); Stacy Thompson (David); a son, Luke (Meagan). He is the proud "Poppa" of Joseph, Willo, Maggie, Bailey, Skylar, Brooklyn, Owen, Summer, Noah, Neveah and Liam. Bill also leaves his brothers, Jim (Claudia), Boyd (Cathy); Willo's mother, Barbara Hudlin (Al); siblings, Julia, Ira (Bernice), Angela, Annemarie, Arthur (Bertha), Susan (Greg), Tina (Neil); numerous nieces and nephews, and greats. Also, close friends, Keith and Wendy Siddall. Our thanks to Dr. Short, Carla, the VON and to all those who helped with Bill's care. Funeral service was held May 11, 2017 at the Southampton United Church, Rev. Elizabeth Davies officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the West Brook Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

BENNETT, Virginia G. (Roche) – Age 80 of South Farmington. On Monday, May 8, 2017 the dark clouds parted revealing the clear blue morning sky allowing Mom to soar on the wings of the angels to heaven. Born in Greenfield in 1936, Mom was the daughter of the late William and Ethel (Brown) Morine. In her early years Mom stayed home raising her children and taking pride in her cooking, while maintained a clean house. During her time while living in Advocate Harbour, she worked at the Chignecto Manor. She enjoyed knitting, fancy needlework and crocheting. Left to mourn are her daughters, Marie (Paul) Rawding, Christine (Curtis) Foster; her sons, Raymond (Darlene) Roche, Paul Roche and his wife Fern Robar; 7 grandchildren, Everett, Lisa, Melissa, Jessica, Jennifer, David, Amanda; 8 great grandchildren, Emma, Jacob, Megan, Owen, Delilah, April, Nova, Chase; brothers, William, Eric, Perry; sisters, Shirley, Margaret, Jean, Betty and Frances; an Uncle, Chet Brown; several nieces, nephews, cousins and special friend, Shayna Rawding. She was predeceased by a sister Elaine; a brother, Ernie. A private graveside service will be held at a later date in Lakeville Cemetery, Billtown. Memorial donations in Virginia's memory may be made to the Annapolis Community Health Centre Palliative Care in Annapolis Royal or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

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