

OBITUARIES

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Memorial Service Announcement

Keith L. Graham - born May 7, 1922 - died March 2, 2018. There will be a celebration of Keith's life on Sunday, June 17th Church Service begins 1:30pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Fox River, NS. Reception to follow 3pm at The Ottawa House, Parrsboro, NS

MacKenzie, Ethel (Weatherbee) Truro. 90 years young. It is with much regret and sorrow that the family of Fluff MacKenzie has said their last goodbyes to a great wife, mother, grandmother, Aunt, Sister, Cousin and friend. She leaves behind Husband Karl of 71 years, daughters Patti Smart Economy NS., Becki Henderson (Peter) Fairview AB., and Katherine MacKenzie BC. Grandchildren Colleen Connolly Economy NS, Joseph Connolly (Christine) West New Annapolis NS., Carli Dunbar Reid (Phillip) Edmonton AB., Richard Dunbar (Charlena) Pictou Co. NS., and MacKenzie Smith California. Step grandchildren Bonnie Smart Borden Vancouver BC., Kim Smart Fredericton NB., Colin Smart London UK. Great grandchild Carli Dunbar Pictou Co. Nieces and nephews Harold, David, Debbie, Margaret, Sharon, Michael, Tony, Bobby, Stanley, Dale, Wayne, Derek and Karen Weatherbee. Cousins Rose Brown, Jeanne and Kent Archibald. She also leaves behind best friends Ted and Theresa Slaney Montreal and her RCR family. Predeceased by her Parents Muir and Florence (Totten) Weatherbee. Siblings Joan Bagnell, Harold, Vernon and Alvin Weatherbee. Cousins Maizie Archibald and Rose Tedford.

She was the rock of our family and set us on a good foundation, always there with a listening ear, care packages, lessons to be learned and opinions. With our many military postings, she treated them as adventures and was both mom and dad when Dad was away (Korea, Cyprus, many courses and military manoeuvres). When Dad retired from the military and moved back to Truro, she found a place for her opinions with the Conservative Ladies Association. She also enjoyed her yearly job selling tickets at the Exhibition and meeting all the people. A highlight for her in her later years was travelling to Korea at the invitation of the Korean Government and visiting the grave of her brother Vernon. She was also presented the Korean Medal by the Korean Ambassador on the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. There will be no service or visitation but there will be a Celebration of Life held in Economy NS the afternoon of the 24th of June. Last but not least, to the Primrose Lane team at The Mira Care Facility, we give you our everlasting thanks for the care and love that you gave to our Mom. She looked on you as her second family. Pro Patria. Completion of 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

ROBINSON-DeBAY, Elsie Marion - 53, Londonderry, passed away suddenly, Monday April 23, 2018 in Upper Economy. Funeral service will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, June 16, 2018, at First United Church, 711 Prince Street, Truro, Reverend Valerie Kingsbury officiating. Reception will follow in Memorial Hall. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GOGUEN, Albert N. - 87, Lower Five Islands Colchester County; passed away Tuesday, April 24, at South Cumberland Community Care Center, Parrsboro. Born in Cap-Pele he was the son of the late Napoleon and Elizabeth (Leblanc) Goguen. He worked as a Clam digger all of his life. He is survived by his wife Corinne (Cormier) of 57 years; Daughters, Linda (Tony) Lewis, Five Islands; Ann Stevens; Calgary, Alta; Sons, Roger; Lower Five Islands; Ronnie (Marylynn), Parrsboro. Sisters, Leonie Boleyn, Eleonore Legere; Brothers Alphonse (Leona); Leonce (Leona) all of New Brunswick; 6 Grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 3 sisters and 2 brothers. Funeral was held at Smiths Funeral Home Parrsboro, April 27, 2018. Deacon Howie Goldstein Officiating. Burial in St Brigid's Catholic Cemetery. Donations to Charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

EAGLES, Marie A. - 79, of Five Islands passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Five Islands, she was a daughter of the late Lester and Nellie (Eagles) Power. Marie was a very active community member, participating with numerous committees, fundraisers, her church and choir. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family. She is survived by her husband, Clayton; daughters, Christine Nicoll (Kevin), Halifax; Gina (Clinton), Lower Five Islands; Claytie, Five Islands; sisters, Stella Power, Truro; Virginia Brodie (Don), Stewiacke; Susan McCarthy (Ronald), Lower Five Islands; Eva Lewis (Mike), Five Islands; brothers, James, Lower Five Islands; Roland (Ruth), Five Islands; Robert, Parrsboro; grandchildren, William, Katherine, Christopher; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Mildred; brothers, Burton and William. Funeral service was held April 28, 2018 at Peniel United Church, Five Islands, Rev. Florence Antle-Brison officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Peniel United Church. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

SMITH, Catherine Louise "Cathy" - 77, Truro. With great sadness we, the family of Cathy Smith, announce her passing on Friday morning, April 27, 2018, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Yarmouth, she was a daughter of the late Horace and Ella (Harris) Wetmore. Cathy worked with the Truro Bookmobile and later at Colchester East Hants Public Library. Cathy is survived by her son, Colin (Michelle Melanson), Truro; daughter, Susan (Darcy) Sinclair, Fort Smith, Northwest Territories; daughter-in-law, Clarissa Smith, Lethbridge, Alberta; sister, Beth (John) Matheson, Marion Bridge, Cape Breton; adored grandchildren, Samantha and Brayden Sinclair and Charlie and Andrew Smith; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Eric; son, Peter; brother, Roy (Mary). Funeral service was held Thursday, May 3, 2018, at Brunswick Street United Church, 250 Brunswick Street, Truro, Reverend John Parsons and Reverend Boyd Vincent officiated. Interment was held in Watson Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

RECTOR, Joseph Seaman "Joe" - 86, Truro, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in River Hebert East, he was a son of the late Seaman and Roberta (Porter) Rector. Joe is survived by his daughter, Cheryl (Wayne) Woodworth, Central Onslow; sons, Terry (Glenda), Bible Hill; Leonard, Bible Hill; Steven (Denise), Belmont; loving grandchildren, Mandi, Michelle, Sarah, Joseph, Nicole, Mitchell, Allan, Matthew; great grandchildren, Cruz and Quinn; sister, Sandra "Sandi" (Colin) Galloway-Howell, Oakfield; brother, Dara (Elaine) Rector, Moncton, New Brunswick; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Marion Edith (Fletcher) Rector; brothers, Gerald, Morris, Charles. Special thanks are extended to all the staff at The Mira for their excellent care; Joe loved you and we know you loved him, too. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Thursday, May 3, 2018, Reverend Donna Lawrence officiated. Private family interment was held in Peniel United Church Cemetery, Five Islands. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

WARNING, Robert Lyn - 69, Masstown. With a heavy heart, the family of Robert Lyn Warning announces the sudden passing of a gentle giant at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Robert (or Bob/Rob as he was known by those in his life) was born in Galt, Ontario, and was predeceased by parents, Fredrick Earl and Alice Patricia (Wade), as well as wife, Margaret Anne (Kingston). The big man with an even bigger heart is lovingly remembered by daughter, Sarah (Bob) Morrison; grandson, Hudson; previous wife Kathleen Wellsman; their daughter, Sherry (Jerry) Thorpe; granddaughter, Katie-Sue (Chris) Meyer, great-grandson, Benjamin Robert; grandson, Randy (Aerial) Thorpe; brothers, Edward (Sue) and Doug (Evelyn) Warning; sister, Kim (Al) Wareham; long-time partner, Lynda Stevenson; her son, Mark; Bob's many nieces, nephews, and extended family members and friends. His family held a gathering at his residence on Sunday, May 6, 2018. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MUISE, Ernest John "Ernie" - 74, Truro, passed away Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Ernest and Mary (MacCormack) Muise. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Edith (Rushton) Muise; daughter, Colleen Hatfield, Bible Hill; sons, Jason Muise and John Muise, both of Sudbury, Ontario; Greg Barkhouse (Crystal), Bible Hill; grandchildren, Laura Hatfield, Cassidy Barkhouse, Caitlyn Barkhouse; four grandchildren in Sudbury, Ontario; brothers, Arthur (Barb), Alfred (Shirley), Norman (Darlene), Greg (Colleen), Robert; sisters, Gail Wilson (David), Margaret Shearer, Bonnie Staples (Keith), Deborah Rushton, Donna Shearer (Eric), Denise Nichols (Barry), Janet MacFadden (Tony); several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Paul and David; sisters, Betty and Diane in infancy. Graveside service was held Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Mahon Cemetery, Great Village, Reverend Florence Antle-Brison officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GILBERT, Irene B. - Age 88, of Parrsboro passed away Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro with her family by her side. Born in Advocate Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Capt. Harry and Charlotte Irene "Lottie" (Blenkhome) Newcombe. She is survived by daughters, Janet Sterling, Two Islands; Andrea Yorke, Parrsboro; 5 grandsons, Craig (Natasha), Andrew (Darcy) and Chris (Angela) Sterling; Ryan (Sue) and Jake (Gillian) Yorke; 5 great grandchildren, Molly, Alexandra and Leigh Sterling; Maxwell and Elizabeth "Libby" Yorke; several nieces and nephews. As well, "almost-daughters", Cheryl Cambuzzi and Lori Jamieson; her friend of more than 65 years, Margie Nickerson. She was predeceased her husband, Maxwell; brothers, Victor, Lawrence, Dean; half-brother, William. Funeral service was Saturday, May 12, 2018, at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro with Rev. Dr. Brian Spence officiating. Burial in St. George's Anglican Cemetery, Parrsboro. Memorial donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada or to the Adult Day Care Program, South Cumberland Community Care Centre. Online condolences: www.smithsfuneralhome.com

van Duren, Judith Carolyn, 70, died in the Palliative Care unit of the Colchester East Hants Health Centre in Truro on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. In spite of a devastating diagnosis, she counted her blessings and passed from this life with grace, dignity and courage. Judith was born in Montreal on June 21, 1947, the daughter of Ross and Bess Silversides. She met her husband Charles at the University of Guelph in 1969 and they were married a year later. After graduation, Judith worked at a variety of jobs before returning to university to earn her M.Sc. in Extension Education from the University of Guelph in 1986. This resulted in a job at Alberta's Athabasca University where she worked for twenty-one years. When not gardening, Judith volunteered as a literacy tutor, sat on the library board and worked with the Communities in Bloom committee that earned the Town of Athabasca the "5 Blooms" designation in 2005. To escape the long, cold, dark northern winter, Judith and Charles started travelling to Mexico and learning the Spanish language. Upon their retirement in 2007, Judith and Charles moved to Soley Cove in Lower Economy. Judith joined the Cobequid Garden Club and earned a Master Gardener certification from the Agricultural College in Truro. She volunteered at the Bass River Community Health Centre blood clinic and served on the boards of the Veterans Memorial Park and the Elizabeth Bishop Society. Rug hooking became a passion involving weekly gatherings of the Economy Rug Hookers, the annual rug school in May, and the regional hook-ins in the summer. Judith was pre-deceased by her parents and by her brother Brian. Judith's generosity of spirit will be missed by family and friends far and wide. She is especially missed by Charles, her partner, friend, and husband of 49 years and by her old tabby cat, Barley. Cremation has taken place. At Judith's request, no service is planned. Immense thanks to Dr. Karen Ewing and to the staff of the CEHHA Palliative Care unit. Words are not adequate. Judith asked that you support the volunteers and organizations that support you and your community, and above all, that you be kind to yourself and to each other. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home where an extended version of this obituary and online condolences may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

RUSHTON, LeRoy Stanley - 57, Truro, passed away Friday, May 4, 2018, at home with his family by his side. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late William and Isabelle (Spencer) Rushton. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Tothill-Rushton; son, Matthew Tothill (Nobella); sisters, Edith Muise, Velma Barkhouse (Doug), Ruth Zimmer (Allan), Vivian Goveria (Martin), Doris Davis (Billy), Helen Gill (Lornie); brothers, Gary (Karen), Doug (Sharon), Reg, Keith (Linda); several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Shirley Rushton, Marie Levy, Gail Mattatall; his brothers, Paul, Harold in infancy. Graveside service will be held at a later date in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

Dr. W. Bruce Ramsay, DVM, 75 - "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened" ... Dr. Seuss. Our Bruce passed away peacefully at home May 11th surrounded by the love of family and friends after a lengthy, courageous struggle with COPD. Bruce is survived by his wife, Susan; daughters, Jennifer (Lance), Robin (Nigel); son, Robert (Lisa); grandchildren, Alexander, Clara, Emerson, Ella and Daphne; brother, David (Lisa); father-in-law, Jack; sister-in-law, Brenda (Drew) and several nieces and nephews. Bruce was a war baby, born in Louth, UK and emigrated from England to Canada on Jan. 1, 1959, experiencing three New Year's Eves on the way. After his high school graduation in Calgary, he spent a year TB testing cattle which led to his enrolment at the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, Ont. After graduating in 1966 he worked in small animal practices until finding his niche in 1972, teaching and training Animal Health Technologists in a budding new field. He was one of the founding fathers of Veterinary Technology programs at St. Clair College in Windsor, Ont. and NSAC in Truro, NS. He is responsible for the professional, compassionate care that pets experience in many veterinary clinics across Canada. As one former student recently shared, "Dr. Ramsay was my veterinary idol". Many grateful thanks to the palliative care team: Dr. Henderson, Ann McKim and Lisa Weatherbee, and VON nurses: Margie, Tara, Cassidy, Sarah and Dwayne, and Dr. Rowe - you allowed Bruce to die with dignity among those he loved. Susan would especially like to thank her close nursing friends: Diane, Nellie, Kathy D, May, Kathy W, Alta, Wanda, and the Studiths for always being there. To the many friends who supported our family over the years - Thank you. His wishes were to be cremated and then "throw a party". A happy-hour celebrating a life well-lived was held May 18 26 Fundy Drive, Truro. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to *300 Felines*, a project initiated by Dal AC AHT students to improve the lives of feral cats, SPCA or charity of your 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

TOWER, Margaret Isabel "Margie" - 98, Folly Lake, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, May 12, 2018, at Debert Court, Debert. Born in Belmont, she was a daughter of the late Gilbert and Bessie (Donkin) Blair. Margie is survived by her son, Robert (Brenda) Blair, Folly Lake; grandchildren, Kathy Blair (Brad MacLennan), Folly Lake; Rob (Crystal) Blair, Great Village; great grandchildren, Robert Blair, Aaron Crossman, Janine Blair, Brett Crossman, Claire Carroll, Paige Blair; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Cedric Blair Tower; sister, Doris (Harold) Weeks; brother, Kenneth Blair (Gladys MacLeod). Special thanks to the wonderful staff of Debert Court who she thought of as her extended family and for the comfort brought to her by Mabel the cat. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where Margie's family received friends on Sunday, May 20, 2018. Private interment was held in Folly Mountain Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

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