

OBITUARIES

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READ, James C., M.A., DDS 'Jim' – Age 73, of Wards Brook passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan surrounded by family. Born in Truro, he was the son of Peep and Harris Read. Jim is survived by his loving wife, Ann; children, Molly (Jonathan), Caroline (Tommy); grandchildren, Lucy, Sabina, Harvey, Evelyn; his sister Robin (Rod); brother-in-law, Roy (Debi); nieces and nephews, Bruce, Susan, Lauren, Philip; cousins, Chris and David. Jim was a passionate golfer who spent much of his retirement on the Parrsboro Golf Course. Summer weekends often found him at golf tournaments across the province with cousin Chris and friend Terry. As a teenager, he scored the first Albatross ever on the Truro Golf Course. One of the few dentists to also have an M.A. in English and to have previously written plays produced by the CBC radio, Jim was an avid reader, skilled chef, and enthusiastic gardener. A classical music aficionado, he sat on the board of the Maritime Conservatory of Music and spent much of his time ferrying his children to music lessons. Jim lived in Halifax for many years, but his home was in Wards Brook where he fished mackerel and herring, gardened, and spent hours listening to Red Sox games on stately radio stations. He will be missed for his fierce sense of humour, quick wit, and delightful pastries. A celebration of Jim's Life will be announced for June. Memorial donations may be made to the Parrsboro Golf Course. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

THOMPSON, Roy Melvin – Age 62, Truro, passed away on May 14, 2022, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, after a brief illness. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Louis Aubrey and Shirley Janet (Milligan) Thompson. After graduating from Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Commerce, Roy attained his CPA and CGA professional accounting designations. He was the owner of Thompson's Accounting Services in Truro. He was an active member of the Kinsmen Club in his earlier years. Roy always enjoyed the after-hour gatherings with a small group of friends at The Engine Room and playing the machines. He liked to travel, including many trips to Bermuda and a Rock concert tour in California that he had won. Roy is survived by his brother, Bruce (JoAnne); niece, Krista; nephew, Justin; and many Milligan cousins from Waverly, N.S. Donations in Roy's memory may be made to a charity of choice. A Celebration of Life will be held on May 24, 2022 from 6-8p.m. in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

McELHINNEY, Walter R. – Age 83, Central Onslow, passed away on May 13, 2022 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. He was a son of the late Ira and Helen (Fisher) McElhinney. He was born in Lower Debert on the farm that had been in the McElhinney family since the 1780's. He attended Mount "A" and Normal College in Truro. Walter taught Industrial Arts at Central Colchester Junior High for thirty three years. Walter loved music, especially "Old Time" fiddle music and waltzes. He and Jean attended many dances. Another favourite interest was antique cars. He restored several, but his favourite was a 1963 white Ford Thunderbird. In the summer, he golfed and in the winter, he curled. He liked to remind people that his name was on the trophies at the Curling Club and the Golf Club. Walter was a fifty year member of the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade. He served in several offices over the years. He was Deputy Chief, Chief and finally, Treasurer. Walter is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean (Bruce) McElhinney; daughters, Margie Andrews (Bill) and Donna (Dennis) Gertridge; sons, Bruce (Sharon) McElhinney and Ian (Tania) McElhinney; daughter-in-law, Anne Marie LeBlanc; grandchildren, A.J. Andrews, Steven (Dew) Andrews, Brenden McElhinney, Sarah (Joe) McElhinney, Zachary McElhinney, Reid (Sierra) Gertridge, Drew Gertridge; great granddaughters, Jackie Andrews and Ultra Legacy. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by son, David; infant twin sons; brother, Arthur (Marie) and sister, Margaret. Donations in Walter's memory may be made to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer," CEHHC Foundation or charity of choice. A celebration of life will be held on June 2nd from 6 – 8pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

ROBBEN, Shirley Mabel – Age 90, Crowes Mills, passed away peacefully at her recent home, Wynn Park Villa on May 15, 2022 to be with her love, Jacob, husband of 42 years. Born on February 12, 1932 in Tancook Island, she was a daughter of the late John and Beatrice (Young) Heisler. Mom spent her early years close to family and friends and was always on the go. She found her passion in cooking, sewing with her daughter Ellen, keeping a spotless home and traveling to Papa's beloved Holland and her "down home" (Mahone Bay). She loved her family, going out for ice cream, Tim's or dinner out in later years with Papa and/or friends. "On the road again", that's our mom, we miss you already. Shirley is survived by her daughter, Ellen (Elmer MacCallum); sons, Terry Crowell (Kathy) and Darren Crowell (Joanne); stepsons, Peter Robben (Rose Johnson), Yopie Robben (Darlene), John Robben (Lois Walker) and stepdaughters, Ali Chapman (Calvin) and Susan Robben. Shirley was a proud grandmother to Derrick MacCallum (Lindsay), Lorie (Derek McCarthy), Sheryl (Brian Clarke), Corey Crowell, Emily Crowell (Jay Srinivasan), Jenna (Jeffrey Gilroy), and Brandon Crowell (Alicia); step grandchildren, Laura Robben (Todd Kennedy), Andrea Robben, Amy Robben, Rebecca Robben (Phil Walters), Melissa Howell (Katie Shannon), Jantje Chapman, Lawney Chapman (Katie), Austin Chapman, Brittany Robben (Tyler), Morganne Robben and Alexander Robben, Raeleigh Walker, Tom Chapman, Shawn Johnson (Natalie), Stacey Johnson (Mike Davidson), Sara Turner (Simon), Tony Walsh and 23 great grandchildren. Shirley is also survived by her sister, Ramona Johnson (Wynn Park Villa), many nieces and nephews with special mention to Wayne (Noella) Johnson and Franklyn (Max) Heisler and her long-time friend, Leona Harvey. Besides her husband and parents, Shirley was predeceased by her sisters, Helen Pearl, Ella Newell, Irene McPhail; brothers, Walter, Aubrey, Douglas and Ernest Heisler and her first husband, William Crowell. Special thanks to the VON, home support workers, the special care provided by the nurses and staff at Wynn Park Villa for the past two years and Dr. Trevor Locke. Donations may be made to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer," Onslow Belmont Fire Department or a charity of choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A graveside service will be held at a later date in the Belmont Crossroads Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

GABRIEL, Stanley O – Age 91, Truro, passed away suddenly on May 24, 2022 at home. Born on December 7, 1930 in Springhill, he was a son of the late Albert and Winnifred (Gero) Gabriel. He is survived by daughter, Darlene Izzard, New Glasgow; granddaughter, Holly (James) Findlay, Dartmouth and his last surviving sister, the baby of the family, Arlene Noylander, Dartmouth as well as a number of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Marie Gabriel; siblings, Willena Jones, Alberta Martin, Ruth Downey, Helen Paris, Aubrey Gabriel, Doris Gabriel and several siblings in infancy. Stan was a great lover of horses which he raised and raced in Truro at the track. He was known as "Stan the Man". In his early life, he worked out West in Elkford, BC as a miner. Upon his return to Nova Scotia, he started a career in horse racing, which he did for almost 50 years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of choice. There will be no visitation or service by Stan's request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WILKES, James Alvin "Jimmy" – 93, Truro, passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at The Mira Long Term Care Centre, Truro. Born in Halifax, he was moved to Brookside at a very young age to live at the Youth Training Centre, never to see his family again. Jimmy made this his home until he was nineteen when he was placed on various farms in the area as the hired hand, but he became homesick for the training centre. He returned to the centre and biked back and forth to his work until eventually settling in with Charlie and Florence Yuill in Old Barns, where he was like family. On their retirement, he went to work at Brookfield Lumber for the next 25 years. Private interment will be held in Old Barns Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

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