

# OBITUARIES

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**CHISHOLM, Arthur Frederick** - 98, passed away on Friday, April 28, 2023, after a life of service and support for his family and friends, his employers, and his communities. Born in Highland Village, Colchester County, Art was the only son of the late Judson L. and Abbie (Layton) Chisholm and was the first person in his family to attend university. He was accepted at Mount Allison University in pre-engineering, graduating in 1946. He met his soon-to-be wife, Shirley Lewis, on a blind date on her birthday, and they were married nine months later in 1946. After graduation from Mt. A., he attended the Nova Scotia Technical College in Halifax, graduating in 1948 with a degree in Civil Engineering. For the next 35 years, he worked at Dalhousie University, teaching surveying to student engineers and, as Director of Physical Plant, was responsible for managing the existing buildings, central plant, grounds, and support systems at the university, as well as planning and construction of new buildings. Being presented to the Queen Mother at the opening of the Sir Charles Tupper Medical building was a highlight of his career. He was active in the National Association of Physical Plant Administrators and was the President for the Eastern Region of APPA for two years. He was President of the Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors where he also was on the Board of Examiners and a Life member of the association. In 1983, he and Shirley retired to his family home in Great Village, where he continued a commitment to service and community activity. He served in various roles in the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 72) where he was a life member. He was active in many organizations supporting seniors, historical societies, NS Garden Club, Clan Chisholm and others where he gave of his time readily, assisting in any role. In 1992, he was provided with recognition from the Premier, Don Cameron, for Volunteer of the year for Colchester County, and in 2019 Art received a resolution from the House of Assembly to recognize his contributions. In Halifax, he volunteered as a trustee and elder at Bethany United Church, and also acted as Cub and Scout leader over the years. In Great Village, he was an Elder, Steward, and Treasurer at St. James' United Church where he also sang in the choir. On November 11, 2018, the beautiful and massive bell in the St. James' United Church in Great Village rang 100 times, Arthur personally pulled the bell for more than 60 times, repeating that effort again in 2019 at 95 - a job he had done on Sundays for years, as his father had before him. His life of service was also constant in his devotion for Shirley through her later years as she suffered from dementia and crippling arthritis, caring for her in their home until her death in 2012. Committed to keeping busy, he took up "engineering" quilt tops, sewing over 100 quilts. He was a generous supporter of various charities and causes, especially for research into Alzheimer's disease. An avid outdoorsman, gardener, and creator of brilliant shortcuts of efficiency in everyday life, he remained active, alert, and continued to live in his own home until his death. Along with his parents, Art was predeceased by his wife, Shirley (Lewis); sister, Ruth McKinnon. He is survived by four children, Richard (Maureen), Nancy (Hubert Smith), Patricia Isnor (John), Alexander; four beloved grandchildren, Fiona Chisholm (Garth Murphy), Jacqueline Mahoney (Andy), Nicholas Isnor, Craig Comeau (Janet); six great-grandchildren; nephews and nieces from his and Shirley's families. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a service of celebration of Arthur's life will be held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 14, 2023. If you knew him, we hope you can join us. Interment in Mahon Cemetery, 8480 Highway 2, Great Village. In the meantime, if you are interested in honouring Arthur Chisholm, donations may be made in his name to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia or any charity of your choice. Private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by viewing Art's obituary on-line and selecting "Send A Condolence" at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)



**James "Jim" Leggate** - 90, Glenholme, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Sunday afternoon, May 21, 2023, at Shannex Debert Court, Debert. Born in Chapelton, Scotland, he was a son of the late Gavin and Margaret (Wilson) Leggate. Jim farmed in Scotland prior to immigrating to Canada with his wife, Mary, and their two eldest children, Gavin and Margaret, arriving through Pier 21 on December 4, 1964. Jim worked as a farm hand in Shubenacadie and later purchased his own farm in Rines Creek. In 1984, Jim, Mary and their two youngest children, Heather and James, moved to Glenholme where he worked in the forestry industry for well over 40 years and also helped Mary at her store, Glenholme General Store. Jim was a member of the former Erskine United Church where he served on the Board of Stewards and he was also the caretaker of Folly Village Cemetery in Glenholme for many years. He and Mary enjoyed travelling together, most notably their train trip across Canada, touring Newfoundland and sleeping in their van and family trips to Cuba and Scotland. He enjoyed going for long drives, reading, writing short stories and trivia of any kind, whether watching Jeopardy or doing crossword puzzles. Above all, he was a true family man who loved his family dearly and enjoyed spending time with them. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Mary (Hannah); children, Gavin Leggate, Rines Creek; Margaret (Larry) Hardy, Necum Teuch; Heather Leggate (Kevin Bushey), East Village; James Leggate (Christina Millar), Five Mile River; grandchildren, Bryson (Chelsea), Noah, Hayley, William, Angus, Maura (Tristan), James, Pearl, Clarissa, Nick (Jenna); great grandchildren, Trait, Flynn, Everly, Archie, Jamieson; siblings, Murray (Christine) Leggate, Helen Orr, Ian Leggate, Janey (Clive) Denton, Andrew (Christine) Leggate, Elizabeth (Jim) Watson, all of Scotland; sister-in-law, Mary Leggate, Scotland; brother-in-law, Jim Frame, Scotland; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter-in-law, Trish Leggate; siblings, Margaret Leggate in infancy, Martin (Morag) Leggate, Alex Leggate, Faye Frame. The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the staff at Debert Court for the exceptional care and compassion shown to Jim and his family during his time there; we will be forever grateful. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Saturday, May 27, 2023, Reverend Marty Clark-Ettinger officiated. Interment was held in Folly Village Cemetery, Glenholme. If so desired, donations in Jim's memory to STEPS on Arthur or Colchester Food Bank are welcomed. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family by viewing Jim's obituary on-line at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)



**LINDSAY, Dexter Leslie** - 82, Truro, passed away on April 14, 2023. Dexter was born in Belmont, Colchester County, to the late Alfred Steel Lindsay and Pearl Mae (Morrisey). He was the youngest of six children and has been predeceased by brothers, Sam (Bella) and John; and sisters, Clara (Irvin) and Elsie (Steven). He is survived by his brother, Russell Lindsay (Ann, deceased). Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the family received friends on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**CLARKE (PARKER), Carla Maureen** - It is with great sadness we must announce the passing of Carla Maureen Clarke (Parker) on April 6th, 2023, peacefully at home. Born March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1965, to Kay and Lester Parker, Carla was a determined, serious kid with a strong competitive streak. She was a graduate of the East Hants Regional High School Class of '83 and went on to Thunder Bay graduating from Confederation College as an interior designer. An excellent student, artist and athlete, Carla spent most of her childhood playing on the farm with her siblings, Leslie and Lori, drawing and coloring at the kitchen table, even when Kay begged her to go outside, but most of all in her favorite place, the chalk circle on the ballfield. This is where she truly shined as an athlete with multiple championship wins and a trip to the 1985 Canada Games. Softball was a lifelong love. Her time on the field led to so many friendships that she cherished and memories that she looked back on with pride and joy. Softball also introduced her perfect match, David. She would always say he was so shy when he was coaching her team, but after a few attempts, the pair finally made it official and built a beautiful life together. Together they continued their love of sports, ball and curling, and passed down their love of the game and talent to their two daughters, Taylor and Madison. The ultimate sports mom, Carla never missed a game, practice or big moment in her girls' lives. She motivated and guided them through summers on the field and winters in the curling club and hockey rink. Softball continued to be a passion as she helped Dave coach multiple teams to provincial championships, each team and player holding a special place in her heart. While sports were her passion, Carla did it all. Dedicated to education, she was always involved with the girls' school, volunteering her time, helping with homework and instilling in them, a strong work ethic. Though her time with us was too short, she made the best of it. She mastered every title: daughter, sister, athlete, wife, mother, coach and friend. She will be deeply missed by all who loved her. She is survived by her husband, David Clarke; daughters, Taylor Clarke and Madison Baker; son-in-law, Cole Baker; parents, Lester and Kay Parker and siblings, Leslie (Linda) Parker, Lori Higgins and husband, Todd Higgins and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Dr. Donald Rowe and his Oncology team as well as the Palliative care team for their outstanding care. They would also like to thank the many friends who supported both Carla and the family through this trying time. In particular, we would like to personally thank Allyson Burgess and her family as well as Cathy Butler and Fay Wambolt for going above and beyond in their care and ongoing support. Donations in Carla's memory may be made to the CEHHC Foundation - Dr. Donald Rowe's Oncology Department (link to follow). A celebration of life was held April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Truro Curling Club, 56 Young St., Truro, NS. Words of comfort were said by Larry Harrison.

**WHEBBY, William "Bill" John** - Age 64, passed away peacefully at home in the early morning of April 8, 2023. Bill was born on January 21, 1959, and was raised in Dartmouth, NS where he attended P.A. High School. He then went on to raise his sons and followed in the footsteps of generations before him, working in the family business. He was a smart businessman and very skilled in carpentry and construction. Over the years, Bill enjoyed being out in nature, hunting or fishing. His favourite being moose hunting or salmon fishing with friends and/or one of his Labrador Retrievers. He always enjoyed his trips to Newfoundland and spending time at his favourite camp on Rocky Lake. Anyone that knew Bill knew that he was strong-willed and never afraid to speak his mind. That was part of what made him so resilient. Bill was predeceased by his wife, Sandra Lowe Whebby and his father, Jack Whebby. He is survived by his mother, Flora Whebby; sons, Liam, John (Emily) and Charlie; grandchildren, Hailee, Ava, Freyah and Ben as well as many cousins and extended family members. A special thank you to Bill's sister-in-law, Marlene Lowe; great nephew, Michael and friend, Rene for their loyalty and dedication to Bill. Bill's wife, Sandy, was truly the love of his life and their time together brought him so much joy. He will be laid to rest next to Sandy and their beloved dogs at a celebration of his life with family and friends at his home at 90 Farnham Road, Bible Hill, NS. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**COOPER, Harry "Elroy"** - Age 80, Cross Roads, passed away on April 19, 2023. Born in Upper Stewiacke, he was the son of the late Harry and Muriel Cooper. Elroy will be deeply missed by his wife, Bessie; daughter, Darlene, Alberta; sons, Albert, Alberta and Stewart, Upper Stewiacke; sisters, Faye Deyarmond, Sharon Gay and Sylvia Archibald, all of Truro as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides his parents, Elroy was predeceased by his son, Scott. Donations may be made to the SPCA. A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 1pm until time of service at 2pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Funeral Celebrant, Eileen Corah officiating. Interment in Riverside Cemetery immediately following the service. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**HAMILTON, Ralph Leslie** - 87, North River, passed away on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Halifax Infirmary, QEII, Halifax. Born in Minasville, he was a son of the late Edward Reynolds Hamilton and Greta Bell (Hill) Hughes. Ralph is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Frances Jean (Carter) Hamilton; daughter, Donna Curtis, Valley; sons, Roger, North River, and Neil (Roxanne), Crowes Mills. He is also survived by his brother, Cyril (Ailene); sister, Georgina; grandchildren, Stacy (Abdullah), Ryan (April), Ashley (Kyle), Chantal (Alan), Gabrielle (Ryan), Riley (Emily); great grandchildren, Kyla, Ryan, Lucas, Jackson, Zain, Ivy and Amelia; brother-in-law, Victor (Myrtle) Carter; sisters-in-law, Irene (Patt) Dunphy, and Marie (Neal) Bowers; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sister-in-law, Betty Hamilton; brother-in-law, Don Brown; son-in-law, David Curtis; and infant brother, Edgar Prescott. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Friday, March 31, 2023, Reverend Andrew Campbell officiated. Interment in Watson Cemetery at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**DIAMOND, Barry Neil** - 78, Upper Onslow, passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Barry is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Kit (Lawson); son, Jeff Diamond (Jenny), Seattle; daughter, Dr. Carolyn Diamond (Mike Stropole), Oakville, Ontario and their children Alex, Hudson and Brielle; brother-in-law, Gordon Lawson (Joan); sister-in-law, Carol Elder (Ken); sister-in-law, Diane Kelly; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Roddy and Gordon. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the family received friends on Sunday, April 2, 2023. A private family burial will be held at a later date in Charlottetown. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**BARLEY, Douglas Norman "Doug"** - 67, Debert, passed away on Friday, April 7, 2023, at Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Masstown, he was a son of the late Edward and Ivy (Mosher) Barley. Doug is survived by his loving wife, Connie (Patriquin); daughters, Shannon (Shaun) Gates, Natasha (Matt) Barley; stepsons, Dana (Erin) Murphy, Travis (Jessica) Murphy; stepdaughter, Krisi (Adam) Murphy. He was the proud "Papa" of ten grandchildren, Jillian, Georgia, Kaylee, Ella, Blake, Shantel, Ian, Adalyn, Charlotte, and Carter. He is also survived by his brothers, Dave (Dot) Barley, Gary (Janet) Barley, Reg Barley, Dougie (Fern) Lattie; brother-in-law, Bill Simpson; many loved nieces, nephews and cousins. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Doreen Simpson. Honouring Doug's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**MILLER, Howard Walter Eugene** - 58, Belmont passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at home. Howard leaves to mourn, his wife and partner of 18 years, Doris; step-daughter, Samantha; and grandchildren, Shayla and Scarlett, who owned his heart fully; family friend, Phil; brother-in-law, Frank; along with his brother, Harold, niece and nephew, extended family, and small circle of friends. Howard was predeceased by his parents, Harold Eugene and Elizabeth (Greeley) Miller; sister, Helen, and mother-in-law, Marjorie. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

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