

OBITUARIES

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CANNING, Linda 'Lyn' (Turner) - Peacefully, in the early morning of April 26th, 2024, my beautiful bride of 52 years, loving and much loved Mom and Gramma, and dear friend to so many completed her life journey, leaving behind a trail of broken hearts and an abundance of joyful memories. Linda 'Lyn' (Turner) Canning was the only daughter of the late Philip and Frances Turner, sister of Larry (d.1997); the devoted wife and best friend of Don; Mom to their amazing daughter, Nancy (son-in-law, John); Gramma to her precious grandchildren, Owen, Seth and Kate; and special sister-in-law of Joyce and Sylvia; all for whom her love knew no bounds. The tributes have been heartfelt and heartwarming - "a brave, kind, loving, entertaining, lovable, funny and generous spirit", "the best teacher ever", "a talented, colourful artist", "a warm, welcoming hostess", "a force of nature" "a best friend for life". She was all of those and more. In 2002, Lyn and Don began their early retirement years with a move to Bedford enjoying the welcoming friends in their new condo community. A "second home" in Isla del Sol, St. Petersburg continued to be a treasured annual retreat, as was the century old "log cottage" at Pethern Point, near Perth, Ont. More recently, the family home in Five Islands on the shores of the historic Minas Basin has been a special refuge and getaway. A "Celebration of Lyn's Life" service is being planned for Five Islands in early August, and later in Toronto. Memorial Remembrances, if desired, may be made to the CNIB Guide Dog program, to the V.O.N. (Colchester-East Hants Nova Scotia Branch), or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, www.smithsfuneralhome.com

SMITH, Mary "Starlene" (nee Mooney) - It is with great sadness the family of Mary "Starlene" Smith (nee Mooney) of Mattatall Lake, Nova Scotia, announces her passing on May 4, 2024, at the age of 72 years. She was the beloved wife of Allison; devoted mother to Greg (Stephanie) and Kevin (Susanne); loving grandmother to Hudson, Kennedy, Olivia, Eli and Bowen. Starlene will be remembered for her kind and gentle nature, her love of life, and her generous heart. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. She was predeceased by her parents, Ed and Laura (nee McCormick) Mooney; sister, Margaret Mooney and is survived by her sister, Frances McCallum. If so desired, donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada. A Celebration of Life was held from 6-8pm on Thursday, May 9th in the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 12 Willow St., Truro.

ZWICKER, Bruce Edward - Age 77, Londonderry. It is with great sadness and much love that we say goodbye to Bruce "Sudsy" Zwicker. He passed away on May 5, 2024, in Halifax. Born on November 25, 1946, in Peterborough, Ontario to proud parents, George and Joan, who instilled in him the values of honour and service. Bruce was a loving husband to Daralyn; a caring father to Lisa (Mark) and Jodi (Mario); grandfather to Breanne; big brother to Susan (Kim) Hillier and Judy (Stephen) Locke; stepfather to Jason and Timothy; uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Bruce joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1964 to serve his country and "see the world." Over the span of his 28 years of service, Bruce served on eight different ships, the fleet diving unit and various land-based naval units. During his time in the Navy, Bruce spent nine months aboard the HMCS Terra Nova as a Hull Technician during the first Gulf War. Beyond his military career, Bruce was deeply involved in community organizations such as the Royal Canadian Legion and the Masonic Lodge. He was President of the Legion, Branch 72, in Great Village, from 2005 to 2006. He was also a third-degree Master Mason at the North Star Masonic Lodge in Londonderry. Bruce was Master of the Lodge from 2007 to 2008, and most recently he served as the historian and Marshall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bruce's honour to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A Masonic service followed by a Legion Tribute took place on Wednesday, May 15th beginning 1 pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

BENJAMIN, Gervin M. 'Jimmy' - Age 80, of Fox River passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at home with his family by his side. Born in Advocate Harbour, he was a son of the late Harry and Gladys (Allen) Benjamin. Jimmy loved spending time in the woods, especially four wheeling, trips to the camps and crib games. He also enjoyed hunting, trout fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. Jimmy is survived by his wife, Sharon (MacGillivray) Benjamin; a daughter, Norma Schiefer (Lorne), West Northfield; a son, Kevin (Kim), Bridgewater; a brother, Reid, Fox River. Jimmy is also survived by his grandchildren, Kait, Connor, Tierney; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Ethel; brothers, Richard, Arden, Kenneth and Seldon. Funeral service was held on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 2 p.m. in Grace United Church, Port Greville, minister Jamie McLellan. Burial in the Allenville Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Grace United Church Cemetery Fund, Port Greville or the Allenville Cemetery Fund. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, www.smithsfuneralhome.com

MacLellan, Joseph Primus - Age 95, Truro, passed away on May 13, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Dunvegan, Inverness Co. He was a son of the late John Angus and Mary Maggie MacLellan. He spent many years working for the Department of Transportation. He retired as an Ironworker with the Local 752 and was a longtime member of the Truro Legion. Joe is survived by his children, Ralph, Darrell, Robert, Paul; six grandchildren; two step grandchildren; three great grandchildren; sisters, Kaye Bracebridge, Theresa, Chris (Charles) Clements, Dilla (Jack) Holland, Mary Burton, Jessie McNutt, Peggy Gorai; brothers, Peter and Norman (Maureen). Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Harriet "Hattie" (Welsh); brothers, Alex, Angus, Jim and Donald and Archie both in infancy; sister, Jessie in infancy; sisters-in-law, Kay, Helen, Pat, Muriel and brother-in-law, Ed. Joe's family would like to express their gratitude to VON and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #26. Donations in Joe's memory may be made to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer". A visitation was held on Tuesday, May 21st from 6-8pm. A Legion Tribute will begin at 11:00am on Wednesday, May 22nd followed by a Liturgy of the Word with Father Jim O'Connor, all in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Burial will take place following the service in Watson Cemetery.

FORTUNE, Randell Workmen - On May 14, 2024, Randell Workmen Fortune, age 90 of Truro passed away peacefully in Cedarstone Nursing Home, Truro. Beloved Father, Husband and Grandfather, Randell is survived by his children, Randy (Cindy) Fortune, Mike (Eva) Fortune, Cindy (Tim) Smith, Shari (Roger) Fortune-Langille, Wayne (Marce) Fortune; ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Our father was a force of nature. The only thing predictable about Dad was his unpredictability. The only person who could tame that man was his wife of 67 years, our Mom, the late Anne Fortune who has been waiting (perhaps impatiently) for him to join her. Randell was a devoted family man. Grampie to his grandkids and Dad, Randy, Ralph and Randell to his many family and friends. Randell joined the Canadian Armed Forces at a young age and represented his country with pride in the Korean War. After ending his service, he married and started a family. He worked in the saw sharpening trade and opened his own business after moving back to Nova Scotia from Ontario. His second love after his family was music. Specifically country western music. He also had an impact on his community. Everyone knew him. Donations in Randell's memory may be made to the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. #26. A Legion Tribute, Br #26, took place on May 31st followed by a Funeral service. Marty Clark-Ettinger officiating. Reception followed. Burial in Robie Street Cemetery followed the reception. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

GRAHAM, Robert L. - Age 75, of Diligent River, passed away on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Amherst with his family close by. Born in Parrsboro on January 4, 1949, he was the son of the late Clayton and Irene (Gasser) Graham. When he wasn't working, he would often keep busy using his tractor, backhoe or dump truck and loved helping out anyone in the community whenever they needed a hand. Robert will be deeply missed by his wife, Susan (DeWolfe) of 56 years; along with his children, Debbie Surette (Darren), Bridgewater; Rodney (Angela), Lawrencetown; Jeff (Kristen), Amherst; Andrew (Amie), Parrsboro; his sister, Vivian King, Edmonton, AB; nephew, David King, Calgary; niece, Stephanie (Jaoa) Cunha, Edmonton; and his grandchildren, Malcolm, Avery, Summer, Layla and Everly. In keeping with his wishes, a private family gathering will be held at a date to be determined. Memorial donations can be made to a bursary to be established and given to a student pursuing post-secondary education in the field of trades (contact Smith's Funeral Home during regular business hours for specifics on how to make a donation). Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, www.smithsfuneralhome.com

FIELDING, David John - Age 76, Truro. To our family of friends and relatives, scattered far and wide, we are heartbroken to announce the sudden and unexpected passing of David Fielding (1947-2024). Known as our beloved husband, (Alison); father, (Sam, Gavin and Jade); brother, (Alan); grandfather, (Andrew, Emma, Hunter and Kendall) and friend of many. David had a departure that was shocking for us but perfect for him. We were walking along our beautiful tidal estuary, Cobequid Trail, with the outgoing tide, a fish eagle hunting overhead, and a sunny spring day. He wanted a little rest, so he sat on a bench and told me (Alison) to go on a bit and enjoy the day. I returned twenty minutes later and he looked relaxed and asleep on the bench but he was gone. David had led a very interesting life starting from a working class family. The trajectory changed when he won a scholarship at a good school, which led onto a degree at Manchester University. After graduating he leaped at the opportunity to work in Uganda teaching building science at the Uganda Technical College, exploring East Africa and meeting his future wife, Alison. After returning to England and getting married in 1973, David and Alison started a new adventure together in Hong Kong for the next twenty years. Upon their return to England with three children, David then obtained his MBA and worked with the UK Audit Commission for ten years. It was time for a new adventure with a move to Canada in 2004. Over the next ten years, he enjoyed teaching and became a lecturer at Dalhousie University in Truro before moving to Calgary where he took on a similar role as a lecturer at the University of Calgary. Finally retirement called, so David and Alison moved back to their loved Truro to enjoy the Nova Scotia way of life, old friends and beaches! In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory may be made to 'Médecine sans frontières'. A celebration of David's life will be held during the summer, date yet to be determined.

PRATT, David Martin - Age 75, Belmont. Surrounded by his loved ones, Dave passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 16, 2024, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, NS. Dave will be missed by all those who knew him through his many years working at the Home Hardware Distribution Centre in Debert, his years of participation in the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade, various sports as an umpire/referee, cribbage events and of course, as a fixture at the Truro Bearcats Hockey Games. Dave was active in the Faith Baptist Church family and we know he will be welcomed by his wife, Sharon who pre-deceased him in 2022, along with his parents, Lee and Audrey Pratt. Dave is survived by his daughter, Shauna (Henry); his son, Christian (Wendy) and his two grandsons, Kyle and Gavin; and his son, Patrick (Barb); his sister, Darlene (Yopie) Robben; brothers-in-law, Bill (Sandy) Caldwell and Dave (Nancy) Whitehurst and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Faith Baptist Church or the Colchester Hospital Auxiliary. Visitation was held on Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 1-2pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. A Fire Fighter Tribute will begin at 2pm, with a memorial service to follow, Pastor Josh Fillmore officiating. Burial will take place in Belmont Cemetery immediately after the service. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

BABINEAU, Mary E. - Age 78, of Parrsboro passed away peacefully on Monday, May 20, 2024 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Amherst, with family by her side. Born in Springhill, she was a daughter of the late Murray and Marguerite (Willigar) Fulton. She is survived by a daughter, Belinda Hilbrecht (Erich), Chase, B.C.; sons, John; Joey (Leisa), all of Parrsboro; sisters, Ruth McCully (Charles), Darlene Harroun, all of Parrsboro; Dorothy Logan, West Brook; brothers, Murray Jr., John (Martha Terfry) and David (Cathy), all of Parrsboro; grandchildren, Jenna, Natasha, Katie (Josh), Ashley (Logan), Tyler (Ethan), Travis (Jordyn); great grandsons, James and Scott; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Allan in 2021; a brother, Earl. The family are planning a 'Celebration of Mary's Life' at a later date. All will be welcome and details soon to be announced! Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, www.smithsfuneralhome.com

KENNEDY, Velma Lillian (White) - 82, Debert. Beloved wife, mother and friend, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 20, 2024, at Shannex Debert Court, following a lengthy battle with brain cancer. Born in White's Settlement, she was a daughter of the late Harold and Lillian (Gorman) White, and along with her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Ted (Delmer) White and sister, Ivy "Dolly" Lowe. Velma is survived by her loving husband, Ken (Erwin) Kennedy; son, Gregory (Cindy) Kennedy; daughter, Pamela Kennedy; cherished grandchildren, Sarah Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Olivia Kennedy. Funeral service was held Thursday, May 23, 2024, at Debert Baptist Church, 1273 Plains Road, Debert, Pastor Steve Adams officiated. 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



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