

# OBITUARIES

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**MANLEY**, Annabelle age 88, of Truro, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2026, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Born in Lundy, Nova Scotia, and spending the remaining years of her life in Truro, NS. Annabelle was the daughter of the late George and Sophie Levangie. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Reginald Manley; her son, David Manley; and her siblings, Joseph, Dennis, John Walter, Catherine, and her twin sister, Marjorie. She leaves behind her loving sister, Rita of New Glasgow, and her sons, Tommy, Michael, and John "Buddy" Manley, along with many cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will forever carry her memory in their hearts. Annabelle was known for her strong independence, quick wit, and honest nature. She told it like it was and never held back — always with love, humour, and a genuine heart. She had a deep love for animals, especially the many cats she cared for in her home and the stray cats in her neighbourhood. Her kindness, laughter, and strength will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. In keeping with Annabelle's wishes, there will be no funeral service. She will be laid to rest in Noel Cemetery alongside her beloved husband, Reginald; her son David, and her grandson, Nicholas.

**WHITE**, Wray Leon ("Wray with a W") — Age 70, passed away on May 1, 2026, in Elk Court, Brookfield, his home for the last six and a half years. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Kenneth and Audrey (Creelman) White. At 15, he joined the militia and was a proud Nova Scotia Highlander. After graduating from CEC, he obtained his BComm from SMU. While in Halifax, he met Gwen Williams and what started as a friendship developed into a loving marriage of 48 years. Living in Kentville for ten years, Wray remustered to the West Novies in Aldershot, working in finance as Sargeant White. Returning to Truro in 1990, Wray joined the family business, White's Bookkeeping, later becoming owner. He retired early once developing MS and its ensuing dementia. Wray and Gwen raised three children, Mark, Noelle and Amy. He was a regular at Tim Hortons on Willow Street where he made many friends. Besides his parents, Wray was predeceased by brothers, Brian and Dale; sister-in-law, Tammy; father-in-law, Harvey Williams and best friend, Bill Cooper. Surviving are wife, Gwen; son, Mark (Lindsay MacMillan); daughters, Amy (Bryan) Tattre and Noelle; very special granddaughter, Alexa and Lindsay's daughter, Marlee. Also surviving are sister-in-law, Debbie White; mother-in-law, Eva Williams; many cousins, nieces, nephews and Gwen's siblings and their spouses. During his prolonged stay at Elk Court, Wray (Wray Wray) enjoyed ALL of the staff, both for their care and their camaraderie. He was treated with respect and as a friend. Our sincerest thanks goes out to them. Wray's body has been generously donated to Dalhousie, where hopefully some meaningful knowledge may be found to help others. Wray loved children and decided early in his illness that he would like donations, if desired, to go to the Tim Hortons Children's Foundation. A visitation with reception will be held on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**FLECK**, Robert "Bob" Clayton — Bob passed away peacefully on May 8, 2026, at his home in Stewiacke, NS at the age of 86. He was born in Middle Stewiacke the son of Gordon and Barbara (Geddes) Fleck. Bob is survived by his niece, Monique Anthony (Chad Ramsey); great nephew, Bradley Anthony; great niece, Emma Anthony, Betty (Geddes) MacKay and her four daughters as well as many other cousins who enjoyed spending time with him. Bob was predeceased by his parents and sister, Thelma (Fleck) Paradis, special aunt, Shirley (Fleck) Geddes and beloved dog, Nico. Bob joined the army after his school years. Following this, he started his working career with Wilson's and then Cunard's where he had a VW for a service vehicle and stayed at a rooming house on Victoria Road, Halifax — on the same road where his great nephew lives today. Bob's next adventure was heading west with his life-long friend, Donnie Fisher (or as he referred to him, Donald Andrew). One of his greatest accomplishments was the building of his grand log home on Chilliwack Mountain where family were fortunate to spend time with him. Bob moved back to Nova Scotia three years ago to be closer to family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. A graveside service will be held later this summer. Donations may be made to SPCA Truro.

**O'TOOLE**, Leonard — On Thursday, May 7, 2026, Leonard was gently welcomed back into the loving arms of his parents, Catherine (nee Price) and Donald, to reunite with his sister, Catherine "Kay"; brothers, Vincent, Dennis, Donald "Greg", Ernest "Ernie" and twins who had passed in infancy. Born in Louisbourg on July 4th, 1938, the family eventually moved to Sydney where he met his first wife, Joan (nee Clarke), with whom he had five children. His entrepreneurial spirit brought him through many ventures in his life but in his heart, he was always and forever a truck driver. A fiercely determined hard worker starting as a delivery driver at the age of sixteen he built his own successful trucking company O'Toole's Transfer Ltd. (Carlen Express and Star Trucking). This momentum continued with him working up until the autumn of 2025, he was not a person to slow down. Leonard is survived by his loving wife, Janet Margaret (nee Gallop); his brother, Rodrick "Roddie" (Sophie) O'Toole; his children, Vincent (Carrie Rondelet), Patricia "Patty" (Gaston Levesque), Anita, Gerald (Smita Frampton), Lorena Capstick (Patrick); stepchildren, Lynne McKeigan (Charles "Chuck" Hollingsworth), Darren McKeigan; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many extended family members. The final chapter in his life was lived in Truro with his devoted wife, Janet by his side where he left a lasting legacy in Iller Door Systems Ltd. For some he will always be jokingly remembered as Uncle Iller. In lieu of flowers, donations in Leonard's memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society or charity of choice. A visitation was held on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. A Mass of Christian followed by Burial was Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

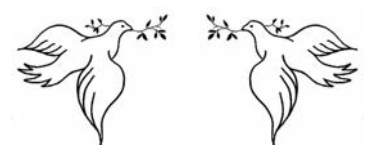
**CADDELL**, Edward J. H. — Age 79, Truro, passed away on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 with his loving family by his side in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre 3E Palliative Care unit. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Diane (nee Thompson); daughters, Cheryl, of Truro, Jeanette, of Yarmouth; granddaughters, Katelyn (Kyle) Britany; grandson, Douglas; great grandsons, Lennox and Liam, all of Truro; brothers, Gilbert (Miriam), Gary (Judy); sisters, Pearl, April (Jim) and Tammy (Ken); brother-in-law, Brian. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Charles and Margaret Caddell; mother, Jean Langille; brother, Brian; brother-in-law, Ron and several aunts and uncles. Prior to moving to Truro, he could be found at the Tim Hortons in Stewiacke every morning having coffee with his friends. In later years, he bought himself a scooter to get around town and how he loved his scooter. A tremendous thank you to Dr. Kelley and the nurses of the 3E Palliative Care unit. The care Ed received went far above and beyond our expectations and we will be eternally grateful. Thank you as well to his sister-in-law, Miriam, for always being there for both Ed and Diane regardless of their needs. Cremation has taken place as per Ed's wishes and there will be a celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

**GIFFIN**, Myrtle Lois born on May 29, 1943, in Debert, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2026, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre following a long and courageous battle with kidney disease. Myrtle was the daughter of the late Howard and Nellie McDorman. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Marion, and her brother, George. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered for the life and the enduring legacy she built with her husband of 61 years, David. Myrtle and David's journey together was filled with adventures, love, and companionship. Their shared passion for travel took them across the globe, and they spent 22 wonderful years wintering in the warm breezes of sunny Florida. They are active members of a camping club where they fostered lifelong friendships and treasured memories. Thank you, Hub Campers. Myrtle worked in the insurance industry for many years and was known for her diligence, professionalism, and great customer service. Myrtle's home was a haven where family and friends gathered; her meals were so good and her table was often a place of laughter and camaraderie, enriched by her radiant smile and quick wit. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to all the health professionals in the Dialysis Department and the Palliative Care team for their exceptional work, compassion, and the support they provided throughout Myrtle's journey. Visitation was held Wednesday, May 13, 2026, beginning at 12 p.m. until time of funeral service at 2 p.m. in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Burial followed in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert, NS. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Myrtle's memory to the Kidney Foundation or Diabetes Canada.

**Madeline Blanche Mackenzie** — Age 99, passed away peacefully on May 10, 2026, after celebrating Mother's Day with her family at her home in Harmony, Nova Scotia. Born in Framingham, Massachusetts, USA, she was the daughter of the late Roland Wright, Sr. and Helen (Roode) (Wright) Totten. Blanche retired from JJ Snook Ltd., Truro, where she worked as a bookkeeper after many years in retail sales in the Truro Area. Blanche is survived by her children, David (Karen) Mackenzie, Barry (Susan) Mackenzie, Marianne (Barrie) Clark, Susan (Scott) Standen, Janet (Stephen) Bagnell, Wade Mackenzie, and Tracey (Tanya) Mackenzie, all from Truro. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Alice Wright (Medicine Hat, AB), Barbara Mackenzie (Lower Sackville), Helen, Doris and Peg Mackenzie (Truro); several grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Harold Mackenzie; siblings, Vivian (Leo) McNutt, Donald Wright, Frances (Doris) Wright; sisters-in-law, Helen (Donald) Grant, Betty, Irene, Margaret, Ernestine Mackenzie (at birth); brothers-in-law, Roy, Russel, Ernest, Arthur, Hazen, Floyd and Howard Mackenzie. Special thanks are extended to the Colchester East Hants Palliative Care and VON team for their support in making her final days at home more comfortable. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, where her family received friends in a celebration of her life Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. A private family funeral service and interment at the Harmony Cemetery will be held at a later date. If so desired, donations in Blanche's memory to Colchester SPCA or the VON are welcomed. Private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**McKENZIE (ASH)**, Jacqueline Louise of Bible Hill, NS passed away peacefully surrounded by her four loving daughters at her side on Mother's Day, May 10, 2026, in Wynn Park where she had resided since February 2025. Mom was born in Sydney, NS on January 16, 1939, to Albert and Susie (Bryant) Ash. She was predeceased by our Dad, "Dan"; her parents; stepmothers, Dorothy (House) and Eva (Pittman), and brother, Albert. She is survived by Cheryl Cooper (Ken), Heather Patton (Steve), Janice Lutz (Larry), Dawn McKenzie (Tim Kalybaba); twelve grandchildren, Scott, Kyle, Kayla, Amanda, Brendan, Cameron, Emily, Tommy, Danielle, Sam, Bryce and Keigan; eighteen great grandchildren and sister-in-law, Marilyn Parker (Hermie). After Mom graduated from high school she went to work for a bank in Sydney where she met the love of her life, Dan. Mom and Dad married a year later on February 15, 1958. Shortly after, Dad was transferred to Timmins, Ontario where they had their first born, Cheryl. From there they went to the Manitoulin Islands where Heather was born. Three years later, Janice came after moving to Montreal. The fourth and final daughter, Dawn, came along in Sydney after moving back so Mom could care for her terminally ill mother. In 1979, Mom and Dad decided to settle in Bible Hill. Mom went to work for Auto Trans Garage where she was loved by the customers and staff for her quick wit, cheery smile, dedication and loyalty. The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Wynn Park Villa and the Boyle Family, the VON, Dr. Chris Cook, and Dr. Trevor Locke for the compassionate care and kindness shown to Mom and her family. Special thanks to Dorothy and Percy Long for their faithful weekly visits that brought Mom comfort, companionship and joy. A Celebration of Life will be held in St. John's Anglican Church in August 2026. Details to be announced at a later date. Online condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

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