

# OBITUARIES

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**GEORGE**, Frank Laurie - 69, Great Village, passed away at home with his wife, Pauline at his side on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. Frank was born at home in Folly Lake and was the son of the late Laurie and Dorothy George. Frank worked for Lafarge for over 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; daughter, Sandra (Robert), Hubley; son, Wade (Gloria), Little Dyke; granddaughter, Ashley; siblings, Betty (Rollie) Durning, Marie (Sonny) Chapman, Jack George, Joan (David) Dorion, Judy Lattie, Arlene Rushton, Dan George, Mary Moore, Ronald (Sharon) George, Harold George. He was predeceased by siblings, Glennie George, Gerald George, Llewlyn George. Interment will be held at a later date in the Folly Mountain Cemetery, Folly Mountain. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**VENNER**, Joanne Elizabeth (MacDonald) – Died January 23, 2011 in Truro. Born November 12, 1942 in Advocate and raised in Joggins by loving parents, Joanne was the first in her family to attend university, receiving a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Allison University in 1964. Summer work took her to Jasper Park Lodge where she met her future husband Michael Venner. In 1993 she and her husband, a trustee in bankruptcy, moved back to Nova Scotia where they set up Venner and Associates. Joanne is survived by her daughters Ellen Venner-Hiltz (Dr. Gregory Hiltz) and Megan Venner (WO Scott Beeston), by beloved grandchildren Carter, Madeline, Griffin and Broden Hiltz; and Samantha, Isaac and Eric Beeston. She is also survived by her birth mother, Beth McGillis (Hicks); half-siblings Jack McGillis and Karen Moscaluck. She was predeceased by her husband of 38 years Michael Venner, her parents Irving and Dorothy MacDonald and her in-laws Albert and Marjorie Venner. A memorial service was held at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Truro on January 29, with Rev. Lori Ramsey officiating. On-line condolences may be made at [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**TUPPER**, Charles L. – 86, Parrsboro passed away Sunday, January 23, 2011 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Nathan F. Tupper and the late Vanessa (Berry) (Tupper) Canning. During the second world war, Charles served with the Merchant Marine and the Royal Canadian Navy. Following the war, he was a marine engineer working on tugboats in the arctic for several years. He later was employed with the Dept. of National Defense in Debert until his retirement. He is survived by daughters, Linda Taggart, Parrsboro; Marie Parker (Lloyd), Halifax; Ann Marie Tupper (Ron Ellis), Parrsboro; a grandson, Charles Parker (Shawna), Edmonton; a great granddaughter, Hannah Parker, Edmonton; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Anna Olsen; a brother, Nathan. Funeral service was held January 25, 2011 at St. George's Anglican Church, Parrsboro, Rev. Tory Byrne officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**GILBERT**, A. Mary – 90, New Canaan, Cumberland Co. passed away Monday, January 24, 2011 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Mary was born in England and arrived in Canada in 1946 as a war bride. She is survived by her husband, Cedric; sons, Jeffrey (Jan), Ottawa; Allan (Merle), Ottawa; Brian (Celeste), Lower Sackville; 6 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters, Olive and Frances. Funeral service was held January 28, 2011, Rev. Tory Byrne officiating. Burial in St. George's Anglican Cemetery. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**PORTER**, Helen Elliott (Atkinson), 75, Fort Belcher, passed away at home on Saturday, January 29, 2011 after a lengthy illness, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Jacquet River, N.B. on June 29, 1935, she was the daughter of the late Earle and Ella (Watt) Atkinson. Helen graduated from Colchester County Academy in 1953 and from Eastman Dental Clinic, Rochester, N.Y. in 1955. Helen is survived by her husband of 55 years, Donald; daughters, Beth (Terry) MacMichael, Debert, Patti (Kevin) Budd, Woodstock, N.B., Susan (Bob) Derosier, Exeter, New Hampshire; sons, George (Barbara), Fredericton, N.B.; Alan (Jennifer), Fort Belcher; twenty-two grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brother, Frank (Florence) Atkinson; in-laws, Frances Pash, Dawn Porter, Joyce and Don Goodspeed; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Jean (Clifford) Allen and members of her husband's family, Ernest Pash, Dorothy and Glen Rice, Arthur Porter, John and Vivian Porter. At her request there will be no formal service following her cremation. A celebration of Helen's life will be held at a later date. On-line condolences may be made to: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**FAULKNER**, Edward A. "Red" – 70, of Amherst passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2011 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan following a long and courageous battle with cancer. Born in Lethbridge, Alta., he was the son of the late Alfred and Leona "Fern" (McNeely) Faulkner. He enrolled in the RCAF as a Recreation and Physical Education specialist serving for 11 years. Red later returned to Nova Scotia where he farmed in the Parrsboro area for a short time, before being employed by the Town of Amherst for 30 years as the Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Director, retiring in 2002. He is survived by his sons, Craig (Karen), Ft. Smith, NWT; Steve (Kim), Rankin Inlet, Nunavut; grandchildren, Morgan, Iziah, Jenna, Connor and Parker; a sister, Arlene Williams, Cranbrook, B.C. He was predeceased by his wife, Brenda (Brown) Faulkner in July of 2010. Funeral service was held on February 5, 2011 at Trinity United Church, Parrsboro, Keith Selwyn-Smith, D.M. officiating. Burial in the Parrsboro United Cemetery at a later date. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**DEWITT**, Ruth H. – 79, Little Forks, Cumberland Co. passed away peacefully on Friday, February 4, 2011 at All Saints Hospital, Springhill surrounded by her loving family. Born in Lakelands, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Marie (McAloney) Henwood. She is survived by her children, Allen (Betty Ann), Parrsboro; Charlotte Smith (Bill), Shubenacadie; Arthur (Darlene Rogers), Amherst; Paul (Lisa), Dartmouth; grandchildren; Noah, Aliana, Jason, Cory, Joshua, Blake, Christopher; great granddaughter, Chloe; a sister, Sonya Logan (Robert), Tilisnburg, Ont.; special friend, Ron Ernst; aunt, Mary Canning, Parrsboro; several nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation or funeral service by request. A private family burial will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**KYLE**, William B. – 83, Lakelands, Cumb. Co. slipped away quietly on February 5, 2011 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan, surrounded by those he loved. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Bertie and Reta (Morse) Kyle. He became a mill sawyer and millwright, working at different mills and at Hanna Farms for 64 years. He was a member of Trinity United Church and Minas Lodge No. 67 in Parrsboro. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He was predeceased by sisters, Josephine, Martina, Dorothy and Shirley; twin brothers, Lee and Binney. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marion (Hanna) Kyle; daughters, Jocelyn MacDonald (Ian), Dartmouth; Janet Brown (Dana), Lakelands; a son, William (Lori), Lakelands; granddaughter, Katharine MacDonald, Dartmouth; brother-in-law, Lawrence Hanna (Peggy), Lakelands; special cousin, Paul Morse, Parrsboro; several nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. In keeping with his wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service and his ashes will be placed beside his mother in the Parrsboro United Cemetery at a later date. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**ANDERSON**, Martin Joseph - It is with praise and with great thankfulness for his life that we, his family, announce that Martin Joseph Anderson went to be with the Lord on February 6, 2011. Martin was born in Truro, the only child of the late Esther Elizabeth Anderson, on August 5, 1924. Martin was predeceased by his first wife, Gladys Jean Maloney. He is survived by his second wife, Catherine Margaret Funge, to whom he was married for over thirty years; His son, Ken and daughter-in-law, Karen; daughter, Lori and son-in-law, Ken Pavey; his grandchildren, Tom and Samantha Anderson, Katelyn, Stephanie and Nick Pavey. Funeral service was held Thursday, February 10, 2011, at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Truro, Father Ronald Cairns officiated. Burial will be held at later date in Bible Hill Cemetery, Bible Hill. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**McGEE**, Kenneth Maurice "Ken", 62, East Village, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Monday evening, February 7, 2011, at Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born August 2, 1948, in Tracy, New Brunswick, he was a son of John McGee (Mabel Zinck), River John, and the late Rayleen (Betts) McGee. He was a well known auctioneer and had a great love for antiques, horses and 4-H, for which he was a leader. Along with his father, John, and his wife, Mabel, Ken is survived by his wife, Randi; daughter, Dianna (Victor) McKenzie, Debert; son, Jonathan (Sabrina) McGee, Crowes Mills; step-daughter, Helen (Tim) Hudson, Calgary; step-son, Paul Damgaard, Saskatchewan; grandchildren, Alex Hudson, Andrew McGee, Brayden McGee, Danica McGee, Spencer McGee, Anabelle McGee; sister, Theda (Carmen) Davidson, Talamagouche; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held February 12, 2011, in Faith Baptist Church, 38 Station Road, Great Village, Pastor Steve Adams officiated. Spring interment in Wentworth Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**WEBB**, James Ebben "Jimmie", 90, Parrsboro, and formerly of Economy, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 7, 2011, in the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born and raised in Lower Five Islands, he was a son of the late Stewart and Carrie (Webb) Webb. He was a veteran of the 2nd World War serving with the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteers Reserve. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He is survived by son, Larry (Beth), Lower Five Islands; daughters, Karen (Robert) Bonello, Aurora, ON; Connie (Dave) Turnbull, Grafton, ON; grandchildren, Heather, Stephen (Katie), Robert (Janet), Brian (Allison), Ryan, Andrea (Jay), Jeffrey; great grandchildren, Avery, Fiona, Luke, Jessie, Emily, Daniel. He was predeceased by his wife the former Roberta Irene Elliott; daughter, Doris in infancy; son, James in infancy; 2 sisters in infancy; brothers, Owen, Israel, Wyllie, Minas, Leo, Mear, Norman, Elonzo. Funeral service was held February 12, in Economy United Church, Reverend Florence Antle-Brisson officiated. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**HUNTLEY**, Beulah Susan, 72, Bass River, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 in the Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born in Dean, she was the daughter of the late William and Myra (Hamilton) Dean. Beulah is survived by her husband of 48 years, Arthur; brother, Newton (Joyce) Dean, Cranbrook, BC; sister-in-law, Geneva Dean, Brookfield; nieces, Linda (Fred) Morash, Bible Hill; Jane Fletcher, Victoria, BC; Avis (David) Brown, Toronto, ON; nephews, Roger (Sherry) Feener, Enfield; Terry Dean and Keith (Gail) Dean, both of Cranbrook, BC; great nieces Carol, Janet and Nola; great nephews Michael D., Troy, James, Nicholas, Michael B. and Danny; great great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sister Viola; brothers Wesley and Bruce. Funeral service was held February 11, 2011 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, with Rev. Kenneth Banks officiating. Interment in the spring in the Bass River Baptist Cemetery. On-line condolences may be made at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**CHAPMAN**, Clara Isabell – 90, Truro, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on February 8, 2011 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro, N.S. Born in Belmont, April 11, 1920, she was the last surviving member of her immediate family and was the daughter of the late Wesley and Myrtle (Teed) Weatherbee, and step-mother, Emily Whippe. She is survived by daughters, Ellen Smith, Bracebridge, On., Gayle (Doug) McClaren, Crowes Mills, Donna (Gerald) Rushton, and Debbie Chapman, both of Truro; son, Daniel, Truro; grandchildren, Danette (Laurie), Dale (Verna), Juanita (Bud), Krista (Kevin), Adrian, Twyla, Wade (Patti), Brad (Candice), Shayne (Amy), Shylo, Margaret Ellen, Jerry (Wendy); many great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by husbands, Jack Cooling and John Chapman; daughter, Beverly Axiaq; son, Gerald "Jud" Cooling; sisters, Jean Staples, Ethel McClary; brothers, Willard in infancy, Clifford, Earl, Bert. No visitation or service by her request. On-line condolences may be made to: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**AYER**, Gretchen Gwendolyn (Jones) formerly of Upper Onslow, NS, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on February 8th, 2011 at Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro, NS. Born in Sackville, NB on May 20, 1925, she was the daughter of the Late Harry and Mabel (Hicks) Jones. Gretchen spent a short time being secretary for the Onslow United Church, where she was also a member. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family having been predeceased by her parents, her husband Frank Baird Ayer and her sisters, Marie (Larry) Trainor and Phyllis (Len) Turnbull. She is survived by her children: Frank Prescott Ayer (Lenora Steele), Truro, NS, Heather (Harold) Perro, George's River, NS, Jane (David) Armsworthy, Brookfield, NS and Jill (Donnie) MacMullen, Sydney, NS; her grandchildren, Karla, Chris and Doug Armsworthy, Katie Perro, Robyn and Michael MacMullen, step-grandchildren, Darryl, Dale and Kathleen Steele; several nieces and nephews; sister-in-law Dorothy Ayer, Edmonton, Alberta and brother-in-law, Robert Duncan, Cornwall, Ontario. A memorial service to celebrate Gretchen's life, was held on February 12th with Rev. Larry Harrison officiating. Cremation has already taken place. Interment will take place at a later date at the Four Corners Cemetery, Middle Sackville, NB. On-line condolences may be made to: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**DAVIS**, Raymond Alder – 92, Debert, passed away on February 10, 2011 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro. Born on February 2, 1919 in Leicester, Cumberland County, he was a son of the late John Jefferson Davis and Alice Mae (Coates) Davis. Raymond started his working life in the logging industry in northern and eastern Nova Scotia. In 1952 he and his family moved to a farm in East Mines, where he continued to farm until 1973. During this time he also worked with the Department of Highways and Raynor Construction. He retired from D.O.H. in 1984. He was a founding member of the Debert Volunteer Fire Brigade. Raymond was predeceased by his first wife, Emma, infant son James and brother Albert of Amherst. He is survived by his wife, Jean (Winters); daughter Elizabeth (Bruce) Macdonald, Conquerall Mills; sons William and Robert (Gwen), East Mines; step-children Stanley (Ruth) Thompson, Fenwick and Helen (Gerald Bishop) Young, New Minas. A real family man, he dearly loved his 13 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Debert Baptist Church. Interment at the Middle Road Cemetery in Debert at a later date. On-line condolences may be made at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

**SPENCER**, Beulah Iona, 79, The Mira Long Term Care Centre, formerly of Portapique, passed away peacefully, with her loving family at her side February 10, 2011, at the home. Born April 8, 1931 in Spencer's Island, she was the daughter of the late Lloyd and Edna (Spicer) McLellan. Beulah was a life-time member of Bass River Baptist Church. Beulah is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Willard Fletcher Spencer, Portapique; daughter, Rose (Leon) Moore, Truro; son, Aubrey (Helen) Spencer, Fernie, British Columbia; grandchildren, Tammy Moore, Tracy (Moore) Campbell, all of Truro; Amanda Spencer and Charles (Crystal) Spencer, British Columbia; great grandchildren, Jordan, Sheridan, Sarah, Damien, Ashlyn, Shayden, Ryleen; brother, Lyndon (Annette) McLellan, Bass River; nieces, Kayla and Rachel McLellan. Funeral service was held February 12<sup>th</sup> at Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro with Reverend George Irving Luke, II officiating. Spring interment in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**FAULKNER**, Guy Herbert, 90, Upper Economy, passed away February 13, 2011, in Colchester Regional Hospital. Born in Bass River, Colchester Co., he was the eldest son of William and Geneva (Fisher) Faulkner. Shortly before the outbreak of World War II Guy left high school and went to the Nova Scotia Hospital to train as a male nurse. From there he joined the Royal Canadian Navy in September 1940 as a Sick Bay Attendant. Guy was discharged from the navy in January 1946 and at that time enrolled at Dalhousie University in a program to finish high school, followed by a Bachelor of Science, including pre-dental requirements, and in 1953 graduated as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He taught for several years at the Dalhousie Dental School as an Associate Professor, retiring at age 69. Guy is survived by daughter, Joice Faulkner; grandsons, Colin Rennie and Kevin Rennie; brother and sister-in-law, Leigh and Edna Faulkner; sisters-in-law, Jean Faulkner, Shirley Faulkner, and Betty Parker; brother and sister-in law, Bill and Alice Anderson; a number of cousins; and many nieces and nephews. Guy was predeceased by his wife, Jean Faulkner; brothers, Bertram, Edgar, Vincent, and Fred; sisters-in law, Ruthene Faulkner and Charlotte Faulkner; as well as brother-in-law, Richard Parker. A memorial service celebrating Guy's life will be held later in the spring. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**DARTT**, Lola Joan – The passing of Lola Dartt, 79 of Green Oaks occurred in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro on Thursday, February 17, 2011. Born in Green Oaks, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Dorothy (Franklin) Henderson. She is survived by daughter, Nanci Dartt, Debert; son, Tim (Debbie), Pleasant Valley; sister-in-law, Marilyn Henderson; several nieces and nephews. Lola was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Ralph Dartt, son, Dana; brothers, George (sister-in-law, Betty) and Reg. Special thanks to the Truro Dialysis Unit for their years of care and commitment. There will be no visitation or funeral service as requested by Lola. Interment will take place in Fisher Creek Cemetery at a later date. Donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Nova Scotia or charity of choice. On-line condolences may be made at: [www.colchestercommunity.com](http://www.colchestercommunity.com)

## Bass River Heritage News

*By Denise Gilley*

All is quiet at the museum this time of year but that's not to say that the Heritage Society is not bustling and busy. We continue, as ever, to plan and work toward spring land summer events and projects.

We're looking at August 20 for our Heritage Day this year with some interesting new

additions! We're also getting advice and direction on two possible additions to the museum grounds as well as making some improvements to the Heritage Park area. It looks to be an exciting season to come.

Our next meeting will be March 14 @ 6:30, everyone is welcome.

**NEWS FROM THE PAST:** Business Booming in Bass River – January 23, 1947.

Stanley Fulton is doing some lumbering and expects to build a mill in the Spring on a new site. James Starratt and Harold Dickie are busy logging.

Fishing was revived last year, and a pier put in by Ernest Lewis and Mr. Morash, reaped a good harvest, adding much to the tables in the vicinity.

The Bass River school is progressing splendidly under the principalship of Keith L. Perry. Bass River boasts a new bakery. Douglas Corbett is baking over 500 loaves daily, which find such ready sale that Mr. Corbett plans to set up a stand in the centre of the village as soon as materials are available.

To Be Continued...Next Month.

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