

# OBITUARIES

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**WHEATON, William J. "Billy Jr."** – Age 65, of Parrsboro passed away suddenly on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan with his loving family by his side. Born in Parrsboro, he was the son of William "Bill Sr." Wheaton, Parrsboro and the late Irene (Breau) Wheaton. In 1973, Billy married his childhood sweetheart, Brenda Burke and they moved to Cole Harbour where they raised their sons Ryan and Patrick. Billy earned his early education in Parrsboro and attended the Springhill Vocational School where he graduated as an electrician. His career as a Manufacturers Agent, working with his father, spanned many years. They moved back to Parrsboro in 2004 and the view of the beautiful Minas Basin from their Greenhill home filled his heart with delight. For the past 13 years he was the greenkeeper at the Parrsboro Golf Club where he had been a member since the age of 9. He even gained notoriety with two hole in ones. Billy and Brenda, along with many loyal volunteers, were a driving force behind the project to build the new clubhouse. To them, the golf club was their "treasure". He was a member of The United Commercial Travelers Association, the Canadian Professional Sales Association, President of the Parrsboro Golf Club, won numerous golf tournaments and enthusiastically coached several of his sons hockey teams. He is survived by the love of his life, Brenda (Burke); sons, Ryan (Tanya St-Pierre), Cole Harbour; Patrick (Tahara MacDonald), Bedford; grandchildren, Alex and Ella; sisters-in-law, Doreen Wheaton (Dave Gilder) and Trish Burke, Parrsboro; brother-in-law Paul Burke (Debbie), Toronto. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Cousins Lester and Bruce Wheaton (deceased) grew up like brothers to Billy. He was predeceased by his mother, Irene (Breau) Wheaton in 2010; a sister, Brenda Joyce in infancy; grandparents, Jim and Lottie Wheaton; George and Madeleine Breau. A Celebration of Life was held at "The Hall", 44 King Street, Parrsboro February 26, 2017 where family and friends will gather to bid farewell to Billy. Cremation has taken place and committal will take place at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to The Parrsboro Band Association, the Parrsboro Golf Club or to the Ottawa House. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at: [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**WARD, Lillian** - Known fondly as Diamond Lil, Lillian passed away peacefully on Friday, February 17, 2017 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan surrounded by her loved ones. Born in Port Greville in 1927, she was a daughter of the late Earl and Adella (Canning) Wasson. Lillian moved to Advocate Harbour when she was six years old. Lillian lead a creative and full life. She worked as a secretary at the Advocate District School, taught square dancing and piano lessons and started The Advocate Players Theatre Club. There was hardly a moment when Lillian was idle. She was an avid hooker, an always active member of the community, a vivacious member of The Red Hat Society and frequent performer at local open mics. Lillian was predeceased by Hugh Ward, her loving husband; dear friend, Carson Spicer; sisters, Annie, Doris, Ethel, Ruth; a granddaughter, Kelsey. She is survived by her daughters, Patricia (Jim) Tarso, Carla (Jack) Adams and Jennifer; her son, Ross (Linda) Ward; daughter-in-law, Karin Ward; her sister, Gladys; her eleven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Lillian's family would like to extend their deepest and most heartfelt thanks to the medical staff on both the surgical and medical floors of the Cumberland Regional Healthcare Centre. Funeral service was held February 21 at Smith's Funeral Home in Parrsboro. Burial to take place in the Advocate Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations in Lillian's memory may be made to VON Foot Care Program or to the Advocate Cemetery. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**LAKE, Walter H.** - Age 76, of Port Greville. With treasured memories of a life well lived, and hearts full of sadness, Walter passed away peacefully on Monday, February 20, 2017 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro surrounded by family. Born in Fox River, he was a son of the late Herbert and Laura (Dowe) Lake. He is survived by his wife, the former Cindy McCully; a son, Troy (Cheryl), Shubenacadie; a grandson, Caleb; sisters, Madeline Varner, Annabelle Hamilton, Valerie Smith (Frank), all of Diligent River; Dorothy Ross (Maxwell), Fraserville; Betty Anne DeWitt (Allen), Parrsboro; brothers, Anthony (Helena), Parrsboro; Philip (Ruby),

Springhill; Alan, New Canaan; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Lois in infancy. He loved his cat, Mia and his special friends, Paige, Meana and Dante. Funeral service was held February 25, 2017 at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Fox River, Rev. Dr. Brian Spence officiating. Burial in the church cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Age of Sail Heritage Centre, Port Greville. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

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