

OBITUARIES

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SIMKINS, Mark Edward - Family and friends regretfully announce the passing of Mark Edward Simkins of Halifax on November 19, 2022. Mark entered this world in 1954 in Victoria, BC to parents, Mary Shirley Martindale and Harold Edward (Ted) Simkins of Toronto. As the son of an RCAF navigator, Mark moved with the family through BC, Quebec, Ontario, as well as to Florida. Settling in Omeme, Ontario, Mark attended Crestwood Secondary School in Peterborough. He and brother, Paul were record breaking track and field athletes; his long-distance running records stood for many years. In the 1970's, he studied Journalism at Carleton University, then in 1977, he attended Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, studying Journalism, followed by English literature at the University of King's College. He then embarked on a career in photojournalism. Around 1978, he travelled to Paris and at various times through other countries including England, Scotland and Italy. His early trip to Europe ignited his love of photography. He was an avid reader and lover of literature, and student of languages. In the late 1970's, he worked at the Dalhousie Gazette newspaper followed by the Truro Daily News. He was a photographer for United Press International in Halifax, the Montreal Gazette Marine News, Canadian Press (1981), and 1981-82 Atlantic Bureau photographer for UPI (United Press Canada). He was a reporter/photographer for the Peterborough Common Press, the Truro Daily News, the Chronicle Herald - Bridgewater Bureau, the Alcan Ingot, and a reporter for the Bridgewater Bulletin. He photographed for Macleans and many other publications, as well as commercial work, including fashion, industrial and film stills. Mark was a key player in the development of Nova Scotia's film industry, and his large photography collection, which captured so much Halifax cultural history, now sits with the Nova Scotia Archives. He ran his own retail photography business, was a founding member of the La-Have Craft Co-op, and worked at several call centres in Bridgewater, Dartmouth and Halifax. Additionally, he did various labour jobs - working on a big Rails to Trails project outside Mahone Bay and worked at both LaHave Seafoods and Fisheries Products International. Mark is survived by his brother, Paul and sister, Lisa; daughter Vanessa, grandchildren Taylor and Kelsie, and lovingly remembered by former partner, Susan Bone. He will be missed by his many friends.

HUGGARD, Dr. Richard James "Dick" -Age 87, Truro, passed peacefully on January 8, 2023, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Dick was born on a farm in Norton, NB to the late Russell and Lillian (Gillies) Huggard. He was a loving husband to Marjorie (MacRae); father to Richard (Heather) and Lesley (Shawn Evans); brother to Bob Huggard and the late Marian Lines and a caring grandfather to James (Junghye), Ian, Willa, and Lucy. He is fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Dick graduated from the NSAC in 1956 and in 1958, he received his BSc from MacDonald College of McGill University. In 1965, he completed his MSc from the University of Illinois. He joined the Nova Scotia Dept of Agriculture and Marketing in 1958 and ended his career as Deputy Minister of Agriculture from 1991 -1994. Dick played hockey at the collegiate level at NSAC and MacDonald College, and also played in the Truro District Hockey League. He never gave up on his beloved Toronto Maple Leafs, always saying, "This will be our year." In 1996, he was awarded the Erland Lee Award for his work and contribution with the Women's Institute of Canada. He also travelled to Beijing, Hong Kong, and Taiwan in 1999 as chair of the Canadian Agri-Food Research Council. Dick was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University (NSAC) in 2006 and was inducted into the Atlantic Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2015 along with many other awards. Many children were significantly impacted by his many years of involvement in 4-H. Dick volunteered countless hours with many different organizations, most notably the Farm Equipment Museum in Truro and the Cobequid Salmon Association. He also served two terms as Warden at St. John's Anglican Church. His hobbies included fly fishing, fly tying, woodworking and he painted beautiful detailed wooden birds that are treasured by many around the world. A loving grandfather, "Bockiey" always had a sparkle in his eye when he talked about his grandchildren's talents and accomplishments. He enjoyed summers at the family cottage in Marshville, NS and trips to the camp in Liscombe. Most of all, he enjoyed meeting as many new people as possible and learning all about them. We're sure that in heaven, as on earth, he will know and enjoy a chat with everyone he sees. He often spoke about all the "good people" he had encountered in his life. Dick was a very kind gentleman who always found goodness in everyone. The family wishes to thank RN Rebecca (D3) and Dr. Dave Henderson in the Colchester East Hants Health Center, Truro. Memorial donations may be made to the Farm Equipment Museum, 4-H Nova Scotia or CEHHC Palliative Care. Family flowers only. A father is supposed to be proud of his kids, but in our case, we couldn't be more proud of him. We will love you forever, Dad. Visitation was held January 20th in Colchester Community Funeral Home. Funeral service was held January 21st at 1pm in St. John's Anglican Church, 23 Church St., Truro, NS with the Rev. Lori Ramsey officiating. Reception followed. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

LORING, John Alden — Age 91, formerly of Bass River, passed on January 14, 2023, in Bayview Memorial Health Centre, Advocate Harbour. John was born the son of the late Bertram and Francis (Woolaren) Loring of Billerica, Massachusetts, USA. He was a long-time resident and apple farmer of Bass River for over 50 years. No visitation or service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

HENNIGAR, Wesley Eugene — Age 86, Truro, Nova Scotia. It is with great sadness we announce the peaceful passing of Wesley Eugene Hennigar on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born in Northfield on July 22, 1936, Wes was a son of the late Wilfred and Bessie (Miller) Hennigar. In the late 1950's, Wes was a self-taught, self-employed butcher. He raised his own cattle and pedaled it from his homestead in Northfield to Halifax. In the mid 1960's, he entered the trucking industry. He started his own company, W.E. Hennigar Transport Feed Specialty. In 1968, Wes was the first to haul bulk feed to Newfoundland. He had a lot of firsts in the industry. After 20 years of running the business, he sold it. Wes then had his hand in many ventures, so many that if you were to include them all, it would take up the whole page. Wes lived a full life; between work and his family he always had something on the go. You couldn't go anywhere with him unless you were prepared to spend the whole day, as he knew everyone. He was always laughing and telling jokes. If it wasn't a joke Wes was telling, it was one of his many stories. In his later years, Wes met Margie Publicover and the two spent the last 23 years enjoying retirement. Between going to dances, bowling and driving along the shore, they kept each other busy. Wes was a beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather. He will be deeply missed by his partner, Margie Publicover; daughter, Dawn (Blair) Troop; sons, Larry (Shirley) Hennigar and Greg (Joanne) Hennigar; grandchildren, Carla (Marcos) Trinidad, Jason (Sarah) MacLeod, Jenni (Daniel) Sill, Drew (Monica) Hennigar, Brenée (Jordan) Hennigar, Kaitlyn Hennigar, Peggy (Ali) MacEachern, Paula (Robbie) Higgins and Trish (Caleb) Higgins; twelve great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his loving wife of 40 years, Eleanor (Faulkner) Hennigar; brothers, Reg Hennigar and Ralph Hennigar. A family graveside service and celebration of life will be held at a later date. Donations in Wes's memory may be made to Oak Island Cemetery, Maitland, NS. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com *The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff at Cedarstone for their care over the years.*

TEED, Wayne "Shaggy" David— Age 54, Debert. It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Wayne, fondly known as "Shaggy," on January 24, 2023, after a four-year battle with a rare brain disease. Wayne passed away at home with Tamara, Charlie and his two dogs by his side. He is survived by his wife, Tamara; daughter, Charlie; stepson, Blaine (Liz); parents, Betty and David Teed, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. Wayne was predeceased by paternal grandparents, Charlie and Sylvia Teed; maternal grandparents, Willis Manthorne and Greta Manthorne-Titus; aunt, Barb and uncles, Terry and Brian as well as in-laws, Roy and Karen Green. Wayne worked in the woods for many years, also at Truro Agromart for 23 years and then Koltech Windows and Entrance Systems for ten years. In his spare time, he loved being up the mountain (Belmont) four wheeling and snowmobiling, doing work around the yard and spending time at the camp in Hart Lake. His pride and joy in life were his two girls, his wife, Tamara and daughter, Charlie whom he loved so much. He was always so proud of his daughter with whom he shared a birthday. Wayne was a huge animal lover, especially his dogs, Frankie and Jaxon, who will miss him dearly. Donations in his memory may be made to any SPCA, animal shelter or veterinary clinic of your choice. Cremation has taken place, no service by his request. A graveside service will be held in the spring for all family and friends in the Belmont Cemetery, details to be announced at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WALKER, Terrance Albert "Terry" — Age 63, Truro, passed away in the QEII-VG in the early morning of Thursday, January 26th, 2023, with loved ones by his side. Terry grew up in Truro, Nova Scotia where at age sixteen, he started working in the antique business with his father. Terry would later independently grow his career and become a very successful antique dealer within Canada and the USA. Terry had a passion for being on the road and finding hidden treasures in old barns or houses. Terry was a natural barterer, known for being extremely charismatic with a great sense of humour. Terry was also quite the mountain man, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, off-roading and time spent at his camp in the woods. In his later years, Terry was one of the founding members of Narcotics Anonymous (NA) in Truro. The NA and AA community was extremely important to Terry, and he supported and sponsored many through their recovery process. Anyone who knew Terry, knew that he loved a cup of black Tim's coffee, a cigarette and good conversation. He was an amazing storyteller and listener, with a kind heart and a giving nature. He is survived by his daughter, Raeleigh Walker (Anthony Barbrick); father, Joseph Walker; brother, Tim Walker (Kim); sister, Cindy Walker (Larry Smith); brother-like cousin, Kirby Angus as well as numerous other cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Nancy Pross. Terry will be missed deeply by his daughter, his family, the NA and AA community and so many friends, including his closest friend, Dave Jeffreys. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given in his memory to a charity of choice. A visitation to share memories and celebrate Terry's life was held February 11th from 2-4pm in St Andrews United Church, 55 King St, Truro, NS. Care and cremation entrusted to the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

NOONAN, Charles "Charlie" James — age 77, Truro, formerly of Borden, PEI. With great sadness, the family of Charles Noonan announces his passing on February 6, 2023, in The Mira Long Term Care Centre, Truro. He was born on July 11, 1945, in Borden to Pauline Milligan, currently residing in Charlottetown, PEI. Charles is survived by his son, Michael (Amber) DeCoste, Miscouche, PEI; daughter, Kendra (Vince) Arseneau, Pleasant Valley, NS; son, Jason (Jen) Noonan, Truro, NS; grandchildren, Jeffery, Melissa, Aaron, Reagan, Nicole, Abby and Brandon; great grandchildren, Denika, Brett, Maddy, Braeden and Everleigh; great-great grandson, Tate; sisters, Brenda Forrester, Charlottetown, PEI, and Paula White, Borden-Carleton, PEI; brother, Rodney Milligan, Stratford, PEI as well as many nieces, nephews and in-laws. Besides his beloved wife, Carol, he was predeceased by his stepfather, Jack Milligan, and brothers, Robert and Richard Milligan. Charles drove for Albany Cartage (trucking company of Lafarge Canada) for almost 40 years and was very committed to his job. He loved to drive. Many could learn from his personality — he was kind and friendly, lived minimally, was always more concerned about those around him rather than himself, but could still pull a funny joke. He will be deeply mourned and missed by many. Donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society. A celebration of life service and interment will be held in Prince Edward Island in the Spring. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

STAPLES, Keith Earle - Onslow, formerly of Belmont, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2023, surrounded by family in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro on February 28, 1946, to the late Grant and Jean (Weatherbee) Staples. Keith leaves behind his wife and love of his life, Bonita (Muisse) and his children, Keith (Julie), Cindy (Chris), Robert (Francie) and Matthew (Rachel). He will be missed by his grandchildren who were the reason for his biggest smiles, Ashley, Anna, Jared, Danika, Hayden, Erica and Paisley and great grandchildren, Logan, Zach, Jeremy, Avery, Emma. He also leaves behind his brothers, Karl, Bob, Rocky, Gary (Audrey), Blaine "Bink" (Linda) and sisters, Gayle (Gary) Bigney, Carol (Howard) Parsons; several brothers and sisters-in-law and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Besides his parents, Keith was predeceased by his father and mother-in-law, Ernest and Mary (McCormick) Muise; step-mother, Clara (Beaver) Staples; brothers, Dana, Scott, Blaine and sister, Susan, as well as many brothers and sisters-in-law. Keith spent most of his working years as a finish drywall worker with Kent Homes and he worked in the woods for the Barnhill family during the off seasons with Kent Homes. He could build anything, from a motor to a shelf. Keith could always be found watching a Nascar race or playing racing games. He would always have lively discussions with his children, trying to get them worked up with a good argument. Donations may be made to the Belmont Baptist Church or a charity of your choice. A celebration of life was held in the Belmont Baptist Church Saturday, February 25th from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

McCALLUM, Sherry - On February 7, 2023, we lost a one-of-a-kind mother, sister, aunt, and dear friend. Sherry McCallum, 58, of Salmon River left us with an empty spot in our hearts. Born and bred a true Brookside Road gal (and proud of it!), she spent her earlier years here before heading to Ontario. There, she spread her wings and made a life for herself for a short time, before returning home to Brookside when her mother, Greta Langille (McCallum) took ill, leaving Mom to help care for her parents in their final years. After losing her mother and her father, William (Willie) McCallum, Mom continued her selflessness and caring ways by taking in her Uncle Lester McCallum, whom she also cared for until he passed. Mom had a love for life and was always up for a good time. Whether it was trips around the track at 2am, a house party at one of her sisters' homes, or the company of one of her dearest friends. She loved a good party and good music and would often be the last one up dancing and singing to her favourites. Mom had the best friends in her life, but we all know her dearest and most loyal for her entire life was Cindy Bodenham. These two had a bond like no other and we appreciate all that Cindy has done to help care for her over the years. Mom was known for her smile that would light up a room and her laugh that was so contagious. She would often joke about her big sister, Bonnie MacSwain (Mike) knowing everyone wherever they went, but the rest of the family joked about the amount of people that knew Mom. Being an employee of the NSLC for 20+ years, she was known by most of Truro and surrounding areas. Mom and Dad "Big Rob" had one daughter, Danielle (Scott McNutt), who was the light of their life. Danielle and Scott made her a Gammy to two beautiful girls, Maci and Mariah, whom she enjoyed bragging about regularly. Mom came from a large family as the baby of the crowd. She is survived by her sisters, Bonnie and Donna; brothers, Tom (Sue) Wink, Pooker (Joanne), and Stephen (Val). Sherry is also survived by many nieces and nephews, great nieces and great great nieces. Besides her parents, Sherry was predeceased by sisters, Margie, Doreen, Lena, Judy and Debbie, and of course her beloved furbaby, Toddlers. A special thank you to VON Colchester East Hants who gave my Mom the most exceptional care, and provided meaningful friendship to her daily. Another thank you goes to the nurses and doctors of Palliative Care who did everything they could for her and our family. In true Sherry fashion and in her own words, she said, "Don't have no funeral for me, have a party! I want people to dance, laugh, and sing!" so that is what we will do. Please join us while we show Mom one last good time on Friday, March 3, 2023, at 4pm for refreshments at the Truro Horsemen's Club, located at 288 Main St, Bible Hill, with live entertainment by Flipside starting at 6pm.

SPENCER, (Richardson), Shirley — Age 83, Debert. It is with great heartbreak that we announce the passing of our mother, the center and rock of our family, on Friday, February 10, 2023. Mom was born in Upper Musquodoboit on March 9, 1939, to the late William Richardson and Anita (Gilbert) DeBaie. She is survived by her children, Dan (Tammy), Sandra, Truro, Lynda (Chuck), Ontario, Ron Garnhum, Belmont, Lorri, Debert, Rod, Truro, Heather (Weldon), Middle Musquodoboit, Cheryl (Mike), Great Village and Jamie (Daphne) Spencer, Belmont; twenty grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; sister, Gloria (Colonel); brothers, Calvin and Warren (Patsy) as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters, Barb, Diane, Bonnie; brother, Wayne and last but certainly not least, her beloved dog, "Baby." Mom was always known for her fun-loving attitude and love of country music, especially George Jones. There wasn't an old classic that she couldn't belt out. She loved her family fiercely and we loved her right back. We love you Shirley, Ma, Mama, Mom, Mother, Mommy. Our loss is Heaven's gain! We would like to thank Drs. Graham and Henderson as well as the staff of the CEHHC Palliative Care Unit. We truly appreciate the care you gave to our mother and the compassion you showed to us in our grief. Donations in Shirley's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or charity of choice. In keeping with her wishes, there will be no service. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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