

# OBITUARIES

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**SPENCE, Helen Marion** – Age 78, Bible Hill/Truro, NS, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 16, 2025, late in the evening in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Cecil and Rosalie (Gaudet) Warren. Helen was a kind and knowledgeable woman who always put others before herself. She would give you the shirt off her back if she could. She loved helping out with the Food Bank and different community events, meeting and helping new families that were in need of assistance. Helen was a natural caregiver and guardian angel for a lot of people who knew her. She is survived by her husband, Donald Douglas Spence; son, Brian Douglas Spence and grandchild, Matthew Don Robert Spence. Predeceased by her siblings and her daughters, Donna Darlene Spence and Rose Marie Spence. There will be no visitation. A Liturgy of the Word was held Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, Father Jim O'Connor officiating. Burial will take place at a later date. Online condolences may be made at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**McLEAN, Phyllis** - 94, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 13, 2025, surrounded by her cherished family at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Phyllis was predeceased by her parents, Anna and Pearly Cooke of Londonderry; husband, Lawrence; daughter, Suzy; sisters, Mildred and Murial; and brothers, Ken and Ralph. She will be dearly missed by her sons, Stephen, Robert (Kelly), and Fraser; seven grandchildren, Brandon, Jodi, Lesley, Marley, Emma, Robert, and Drake and eight great-grandchildren, Austin, Tayelyn, Colton, Cameron, Mason, Maisie, Mackenna and Bennett. Phyllis will be forever missed by her many nieces, nephews, great neighbors, and friends. Her love knew no limits, and she will always be remembered for her generous heart, compassionate nature, and warm, loving spirit. Phyllis will be laid to rest alongside her beloved husband in Folly Mountain Cemetery later this spring. A celebration of life will take place in May at the Londonderry Community Hall. All are welcome to attend; best wishes only. Details will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Thirsty Church in Londonderry. 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](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**TERRY, Darrell David** - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Darrell David Terry, age 73, of Truro, Nova Scotia, who left us peacefully on January 17, 2025. He was predeceased by his loving mother, Helen Glawson; father, David Terry; and stepfather, Douglas Glawson. Darrell was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and brother. He is survived by his devoted wife, Donna, and his two sons, Todd and Trevor (Shannon). Darrell also leaves behind his grandchildren, Josie and Katie, Catherine and Patrick, who all held a special place in his heart. Darrell is also survived by his two loving sisters, Cindy (Dave) Fulton and Janice (Calvin) Purdy; sister-in-law, Sharon (Dave) Gass, among several nieces and nephews. Darrell had a long career in the auto parts industry, including founding his own business. Outside of work he was a respected coach of his son's hockey and baseball teams. He was also an avid golfer, guitar player, a dedicated hockey fan, a researcher of his family roots, and a lover of fishing and cottage life in Pugwash, where he created countless cherished memories with his loved ones. Darrell will be remembered for his kindness, wisdom, and unwavering love for his family, especially his immense love for his grandchildren. His legacy will live on through the cherished memories shared by those who knew him. In accordance with Darrell's wishes, there will not be a public celebration of life. Instead, a small private event for the immediate family will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to a charity of your choice in his memory. The family would also like to thank the amazing staff at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro.

**MOORE, Valerie Ann "Val"** - 65, Truro, passed away in the early morning with her best friend Audrey at her side, on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Edward and Hazel (Maynard) Moore. Valerie is survived by her beloved daughter, Erica Moore, Halifax; sisters, Shirley Sibley, Truro Heights; Diane (John) Sabourin, Harmony; Gloria McNutt, Bible Hill; Lillian (Eric) MacKay, Truro; Shelley (Norman) McKeil, Doaktown, New Brunswick; Wanda McLean, Truro; brothers, Clarence (Ellen) Moore, Harmony; William "Bill" Moore (Nadine McKay), Harmony; Leon (Rose) Moore, Portapique; Gary (Jamie) Moore, Holtville, New Brunswick; Eric Moore, Greenfield; best friend, Audrey (Gordon) Farrell, Bible Hill; "husband" (good friend), Tom McClusky, Truro; numerous dearly loved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Violet and Edward; sisters, Florence Rose Tufts, Ruth Davidson; brothers, Sylvester Moore, Wayne Moore; nephew, Joey MacKay; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Friday, January 24, 2025, Reverend Jeremy Kauffman officiated. Spring interment in Harmony Cemetery. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**ROGERS, Gwendolyn "Gwen" Shirley (Blair)** – Age 97, Truro Heights, formerly of North River. It is with profound sadness, that we say goodbye to our beloved mother and grandmother who passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the age of 97 years. She was the only child of the late Roland and Edith (Andrews) Blair. In 1956, she was very fortunate to have married the love of her life, Elmer Rogers. They spent 44 wonderful years together. After high school, Mum attended the School of Nursing in Saint John, NB, where she graduated as a registered nurse (RN). Mum worked at Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal before returning home to be with her mother when her father passed away. She continued on at Colchester Regional Hospital in Truro, where she had a wonderful and rewarding career that spanned over 35 years. She was loved by all her patients and her colleagues became her very close friends. They loved reminiscing and sharing stories of their time working together. Mum believed in giving back to the community. She was a long-time member of First United Church in Truro, where she was a member of the UCW and sat on various church committees over the years. She also volunteered for the Lower Truro Fire Department and many other local charities. Mum is survived by her children, Brenda, Rhonda and Brian; grandchildren, Olivia, Ben, Noah, Brett, Luke and her loyal furry friend, Abby. Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her husband, Elmer Rogers. A special thank you to Brenda for living and caring for Mum in her home. A wish of Mum's that was able to be fulfilled. Also, a special thank you to the late Audrey Bailey and Patricia Mills, who were a big part in supporting Mum in her later years, and to Dr. Phillips for the care provided to Mum over the course of many years. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Make-A-Wish Canada – Nova Scotia. A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 2-4pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St. Truro. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**REYNOLDS, Kimberley "Kim" Charmaine** It is with heavy hearts that the family announces the passing of Kimberley "Kim" Charmaine Reynolds, of Truro, who left us on January 20, 2025. He was predeceased by her husband, Charles Reynolds; her mother, Lois Anderson; her father, Daniel Geary and her sister, Pamela Anderson. Kim is survived by her children, Latisha Nyaga (David), Krystal Martell (Tanner) and Ethan Reynolds; her stepchildren, Celeste Jones-Jackman (Derek), Tanya Jones, Charlotte Reynolds, Kimberly Reynolds and Edwin Reynolds (Laura). She is also survived by her sister, Dani-Lori Anderson (Blaine), her eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Kim was born in Edmonton, Alberta and later moved to Nova Scotia where she settled and grew her family. Kim was the most loving and selfless woman who always put everyone's needs before her own. Everyone knew they could always count on her. She spent her life caring for her family; showing them love, showing them what a hard worker she was and inspiring them to do great things with their lives. Kim always let people know how proud she was of her eight children. Donations in Kim's memory may be made to Nova Scotia Mental Health and Addictions. A visitation was held to celebrate Kim's life on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 3pm until time of funeral service at 4pm, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**FILLMORE, Mary Jane** - Age 79, Truro, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2025, in the CEHHC Palliative Care Unit after a ten-month long battle with Stage Four Thyroid cancer. Born November 13, 1945, she was the eldest daughter of the late William and Jean (Bainbridge) Crowdy in Pouch Cove, NL. This is where they lived until 1950 when they moved to La Salle, Montreal with her late brother, Tommy and sister, Margaret, who lives in Kitchener near her children Steve who would travel east ever year and stay and visit with Mom and Dad before heading to NL, Joe, Bill and Judy, who also live in Ontario. Mom met Dad while living in Montreal. She was clerking for C.I.L. and he was working for Ciba Geigy. They met at a YWCA dance and were married in Montreal in August 1964. Then they moved to Philadelphia where Dad attended college, and their first child was born. After returning to Truro in the late 1960's, she looked after children in their home on Burnyeat St., (we had a lot of part time brothers and sisters) until her sons were older. She then worked at Zellers for eleven years then Margolians for three years until she decided to become self-employed providing home care for seniors and volunteering with the CNIB. Mom was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Wayne "Skip" after his courageous battle with cancer thirteen months ago and grandson, Anderson. She is survived by her sons, Wayne (Melanie), Brian (Christal), Jamie (Jayme); grandchildren, Jessie, Stephanie, Ally, Chloe, Jacob, Preston, Lexi and Riley. We would like to express our gratitude to the staff of the CEHHC Palliative Care Unit for their wonderful compassion and care of Mom in her final weeks. The Nurses and Doctors were Awesome! In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer." A family graveside service will take place at a later date.

**TOTTEN, Royce Oland** It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Royce Oland Totten, age 85, of Debert on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre in Truro. Royce was born on April 12, 1939, to the late Lester and Letitia Totten of Debert. Royce is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Leta (Lynn) of Tupper Lake and son, Kevin (Krista) of Debert. He is also survived by his grandson, Andrew and granddaughter, Alison of Debert, and his brother, Lionel, also of Debert and several nieces and nephews. Royce devoted his life to being a family man, a carpenter, a community volunteer, and a loving grandfather. He was a Charter Member of the Debert Volunteer Fire Brigade with 40+ years of service and was always willing to lend a hand to those needing it. He and Donna also enjoyed attending community dances and local music jams throughout the years. Royce was predeceased by his parents, Lester and Letitia Totten; siblings, Reginald, Ella, Grace, Erwin, Joyce, Florence, Leta, Ronald, Stanley, Ted, Lee, and Bernie; father and mother-in-law, Bill and Verna Cock, and brothers-in-law, Dave Cock and Darrell Cock. Family flowers only. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia. A celebration of life for Royce was held on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS.

**SHUBERT, Betty Anne (Milley)** – Age 39, Truro, passed away surrounded by her family on January 24, 2025, in Halifax. Born in Amherst on June 26, 1985, she was a daughter of Craig Milley and Donna (Dobson) Taylor. Betty is survived by her spouse, Emile Boudreau, of Truro; children, Hunter Milley, of Fenwick, Michael McArthur, Damien McArthur and Ceirra Shubert, all of Truro; her special fur baby, Duke; father, Craig Milley, of Amherst; mother, Donna Taylor, of Oxford; brothers, Craig Milley (Nikki), of Fort McMurray, AB and Donald Milley (Grace), of Amherst; sisters, Chantelle Milley, of Banff, AB, and Kelsey Milley (Raiden), of Harvey, NB; Granny, Betty Dobson-Milner; along with many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Christopher Shubert and many aunts, uncles and cousins. The family is grateful for the care and support received from the staff of the ICU in both the VG and the Halifax Infirmary. They are also thankful for the guidance and support from Legacy of Life. Betty was a giver until the end. Donations in Betty's memory may be made to Fibromyalgia Association Canada or to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer". A celebration of life was held Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. A private interment will take place in the spring in her family's plot in Northport Hillside Cemetery.

**LYNDS, Alfred "Willie"** – 88, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Friday afternoon, January 24, 2025, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Onslow Mountain, he was a son of the late Alfred and Cecilia (Crowe) Lynds. Willie is survived by his daughters, Sharon (Dean) Nairn, Bible Hill; Karon Watson, Harmony; grandchildren, Christopher (Donté), Lloydminster, Saskatchewan; Stephanie (Chad), Dartmouth; Timothy, Harmony; Jennifer, Salmon River; great grandchildren, Jaxon, Liam, Riley, Victoria, Deklyn; siblings, Rose (Morris) McCallum, North River; Jane Moore (David Alders), Truro; Joan (Warren) McAulay, Bridgewater; Eric (Nancy) Lynds, Ontario; brothers-in-law, Charles Wilson, Bible Hill; Orville Otterson, Crowes Mills; sisters-in-law, Lorraine Lynds; Helen Lynds, Onslow Mountain; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Vieve (Barrett); son-in-law, Brian Watson; siblings, Donald Lynds, Robert Lynds, Foster (Betty) Lynds, Murray (Lillian) Lynds, Phyllis Wilson, Irene Otterson, Irma (Kenneth) Lemmons, Darlene (Kerry) Blaikie. Graveside service will be held at a later date in Belmont Cemetery. 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](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

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