

OBITUARIES

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Darrell Milton Bailey, Age 77, Valley, Col. Co., passed away suddenly on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at home in Valley. Born in Truro, on September 19, 1948, he was the second son of the late Ellis Newton and Dorothy Blanche (Delaney) Bailey. Darrell enjoyed watching birds and all wildlife, sports, having a coffee, going for drives and visits and having big family dinners. He was a truck driver all of his working life and was part of Main Street Trucking before starting to work on his own driving for Moffat Brothers Trucking, CP Express, Midland and Armour Transport. Darrell is survived by his wife of 54 years, Linda; his sister, Colleen Collins (Staples Brook); children, Kathy (Jeff) Hingley (Onslow Mountain) and Lisa (Charles) Melanson (Truro Heights); grandchildren, Olivia, Michael, Emma and Tara along with several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Wayne Bailey and Rodney Bailey and sisters, Nancy Lynds and Roberta Bodenham. No flowers by family request. Donations in memory may be made to the Colchester SPCA or to a charity of choice. A special thank you to Dr. Donald Rowe, and to the Palliative Care Team, for your kindness and care. Arrangements are under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Cremation has taken place. At Darrell's request, there will be no funeral service or visitation. A private family interment will be held at a later date.

Fisher, Diane Bernice – Age 79, Central Onslow, passed away peacefully in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, on January 20, 2026, with her family by her side after a long fight with Alzheimer's Disease. Born in Truro on September 1, 1946, she was a daughter of the late Lawson and Pearl (Cameron) Green. She is survived by her daughter, Heather Maxwell (Kirby Smith), at home; son, Christopher (Jennifer), Truro Heights; grandchildren, Alicia Crowell (Brandon), Andrew Maxwell, Mikaela Maxwell (Colby Little), Evan Fisher and Ollie Fisher; brother, Lawson Jr. (Sonny); sisters-in-law, Ferne (Matt) Miles and Emily Dunbar; several nieces and nephews as well as life-long best friends, Lola Crowe and Dianne Mantle (best friends since five years old). Diane was predeceased by her loving husband of 51 years, John; brothers, Carl and Roy; infant sister, Ruth; sister-in-law, Karen Green. Donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia or to a charity of choice. At Diane's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Interment will be at a later date in Onslow Island Cemetery, Onslow. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

Olson, Carman Brian – Age 80, Lower Onslow, passed away on January 22, 2026, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, NS. Born in Halifax on December 31, 1945, he was the son of the late Carman Wilfred and Ada Kathleen (Messenger) Olson. Carman is survived by his wife, Donna Louise (Simpson) Olson; son, Collan Scott Olson; grandson, C.J. Olson; great granddaughter, Maiceelyn Olson sisters, Marilyn (David) of Elmsdale, Sharon (Gerry) of Cole Harbour; brother-in-law, Wayne Spencer; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He will also be missed by his special cat, Ozzie, who he loved very much. Besides his parents, Carman was predeceased by his sister, Georgewyn. Carman was a very caring, kind, humble man who loved his cars and life. He started his career at the Volvo plant in Halifax and retired from Lafarge Canada 16 years ago. He was a member of the Boilermakers Union of Canada. Carman will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was loved dearly by his wife, Donna, and will never be forgotten. Donations in Carman's memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. There will be no visitation of funeral at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

SPENCE, Donald Douglas. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved family member, Donald Douglas Spence, age 91 years of Truro on January 23, 2026. Cherished by all who knew him, he touched countless lives with warmth, kindness and humour. His unwavering love and dedication to friends, family and community will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. Don was born in Springhill to Joseph Walter Spence and Reta Penny in Springhill. He worked as a coal miner at the ripe young age of 16 for six years. He also assisted in the Springhill Mine disaster helping to remove many bodies of friends and family from the mine before joining and serving with the Royal Canadian Navy in 1957. After the Navy, he then moved and worked for over thirty years in Toronto, ON with his late brother-in-law, Urbin Warren. Don was a provider to his family and those that he loved first. He was a loving, loyal husband, father, and grandfather. He was a "Jack of All Trades," and an avid carpenter, electrician, painter, fisherman and hunter. Don loved telling jokes and had a great sense of humour even through the toughest times. He really loved music and loved to dance in his younger years! You would always hear him whistling when he was happy! In 1960, he met his lifelong partner of 60 years, Helen Marion Warren, and they wed on June 11, 1976, in Toronto, ON, going on to raise a family. After retiring in his 70s, Don spent most of his time working hard, always helping others and spending lots of time building sculptures and art with wood. He also loved spending time with his wife and close family and had a very close relationship with his grandson, Matthew Spence. Don was predeceased by his wife, Helen; infant daughter, Rosemarie; brothers, Jack Spence of Perth, ON and Kenneth "Bob" Spence of Amherst and sisters, Betty Spence of Coldwater, ON, and Jocelyn Horton. He is survived by his siblings, David Spence, Larry Spence, Beverly Dale, Carol Farrell, and Lois Spence; grandson, Matthew Spence; great grandchild, Phillip Spence and many nieces, nephews and cousins. A private family burial will take place at a later date.

YOUNG, Bev James - February 18, 1934 - January 25, 2026. Bev Young of Truro passed away peacefully on January 25, 2026, at the age of 91, in the Palliative Care Unit at Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Bev began his career with R.H. Doane in Truro before joining Stanfield's, where he dedicated 37 years of service. During his tenure, he held many positions including Paymaster, Plant Manager, and Vice President of Manufacturing. His leadership and commitment were deeply valued, and following his retirement, he continued to serve on the Stanfield's board. Bev was a lifelong sportsman. He grew up in Kentville playing hockey and rugby. He then played softball for the Brookfield Elks and for over 60 years he was a proud member of the Truro Golf Club of which he served as President in 1975. He also enjoyed playing cards at the Truro Club and looked forward to Wednesday lunch outings during the winter months. In retirement, he and his wife, Edie enjoyed their summers at their cottage in Brule, gardening and putting in winters in Florida. Bev was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Edith (Parnham). He is lovingly remembered by his sister, Elaine Young of Kentville; his children, Vicki Balcom (Phillip) of Dartmouth and Bruce Young of Truro; his grandchildren, Andrew, Erin, and Michael Balcom; and his three great-grandchildren. He will also be fondly remembered by his sister-in-law, Joyce Pizzingrilli (Wally) of Lethbridge. The family extends a special thank you to all the staff and volunteers of the Palliative Care Unit for their compassion, care, and kindness during dad's final days. Care has been entrusted to the Colchester Community Funeral Home. As per Bev's request, there will be no service. A private family interment will take place in the spring. Donations in Bev's memory may be made to the Palliative Care Unit of the Colchester East Hants Health Centre or to a charity of one's choice. Bev's life was marked by devotion to his family, enduring friendships, and a quiet generosity of spirit. He will be deeply missed.

FIELDING, Louise Ida (Peppard) - Age 107, passed away peacefully on January 27, 2026, in Vimy Court Retirement Home, Bible Hill. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Herbert and Ida (Henderson) Peppard. Louise was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She is survived by her sons, Russell (Adrianna), Economy and Allan (Lynn), Truro; brothers, Albert and Bill Peppard and her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Russell Vernon and grandson, Robert Lee, as well as several brothers and sisters. No visitation or service by request. A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Johnstone, David Floyd - Age 85, Salmon River. It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of David Floyd Johnstone on January 27, 2026. David was the eldest child of Claressa (Tutty) and Vernon Johnstone. David was an exceptionally kind man with a gentle spirit and a broad smile. His love for his devoted wife, Carol, was immeasurable. His son, David (aka DJ) was the apple of his eye, along with his daughter-in-law, Janice, who always called him "The Rev." His cat, Eli, was his special friend who followed him everywhere. David was patient, smart, generous, and warm to everyone he met. David loved his Lord with his whole heart and could often be found in prayer or reading his bible. He took great pride in his home and spent hours meticulously maintaining his property. In the 80s, David built a large addition on the Johnstone family home with the help of his in-laws. David was an extremely hard worker. He worked at Patillos, Yould's Limited, Lloyd Smith's, and retired from Crossley Carpets after 27 years of service. His work was meticulous. He was a wonderful baker and enjoyed woodworking. His custom-built nativity scene stood radiantly outside their home in Salmon River each Christmas. David was always involved in his church community. He was a board member at the church of the Nazarene and served as the Sunday School superintendent for many years. David is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Carol (Nelson); beloved son, David (Janice); sisters, Ardith Lambourne (Dale), Joyce Reid (Neil), Marjorie Murray and Janet Johnstone (Wayne); brother, William (Peggy), many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; infant brother, Robert; sisters, Annetta Rushton, and Pearl. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colchester Christian Academy. A funeral service was held Saturday, February 7th at 3pm in Faith Baptist Church, Great Village, officiated by Pastor Josh Fillmore, assisted by Steve Adams, and Fred Whittier. Burial to take place at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS.

EHLER, Lynn Louise (Downing) – Age 70 - Truro, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, January 30, 2026, in Cedarstone Enhanced Care. Born in Onslow Mountain, Lynn was a daughter of Francis and Helene Downing. Lynn grew up in a large family in Onslow Mountain. She spent endless hours with her siblings outside playing games or at the Wilson farm next door. Lynn was a homemaker for many years raising her three children in Masstown. In later years, she worked at Willowbend, Berry's Motel, Tim Horton's and Superstore. Lynn was always the life of the party and enjoyed listening to the old-time country music – George Jones, Patsy Cline. She absolutely loved anything Elvis whether it was his music or one of his movies. Lynn and Gary would often be seen playing darts at the Debert legion. She enjoyed the numerous summer trips spent with family down in Queensport playing washer toss, horseshoes and croquet. Lynn is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Gary Walter John Ehler; daughter, Felicia (Andrew) MacPhee; sons, Justin and Jason; stepdaughter, Nicole Taylor; grandchildren, Nevaeh, Jaxson and Luca; siblings, Gail Downing, Valerie (Kenny) Morrisey, Ron (Katherine) Downing, Margaret (Ted) Shearer, Gregory (Kathy) Downing, Ann Fiddes, Cindy (Kenzie) Dawson, Kathy Downing. Lynn was predeceased by her parents; grandson, Dylan Ehler; brothers-in-law, Kimbal Crowe and Bruce Fiddes, and nephew Kevin Spence. Her family would like to thank the staff at both High Crest – Springhill and Cedarstone Enhanced Care Facility for the care and compassion she received during her stay. Donations may be made to the SPCA Truro or a charity of your choice. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

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