

OBITUARIES

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CROWE, Basil Leon – 79 – with saddened hearts we announce the passing of our dear and beloved father on April 12, 2013 at the Mira Long Term Care Centre, Truro. Born in Truro he was the son of the late Aaron Crowe and Ina MacCallum. Basil worked at Halliday Craftsman's Ltd and owned his own trucking business, "Basil's Light Trucking". He is survived by his daughters, Darlene (Peter) Marshall, Leona (Danny) Neil; son, Basil (Beverly); grandchildren, Tammy Knight, Rachel Anderson, Nick Crowe, Courtney Crowe; two great grandchildren; sister, Lavenia (Kenneth) Cox; brother, Gary (Doreen) Crowe; sisters-in-law, Ola Crowe, Debbie Crowe, Peggy (Francis) Stewart; brother-in-law, Ian (Kenda) Taylor; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Nora (Taylor); brothers, Allen, Rollie. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation or service at the request of the family. Donations in dad's memory may be made to the Parkinson Society or charity of choice. Donations and condolences may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MASON, Ruth Louise (MacLean) – 71, Upper Stewiacke, passed away peacefully, April 13, 2013 in the Dartmouth General Hospital, Dartmouth, N.S. Born in Chaswood, Halifax Co.; she was the daughter of the late George and Helen (Leedham) MacLean. She is survived by her children, Wilma Andrews (Darrell), Stewiacke, Rocky (Sonia), Leo (Darlene), Patrick (Michelle), Scott (Kate), Nick (Rhonda), Mark (Pam), all of Upper Stewiacke, Doreen (Dwayne), Truro, Donna Smith (Tony), Onslow; sisters, Nancy, Leona, Elaine; brother, Wilfred; 27 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Lawson; daughters, Laverne, Wanda, Colleen; sisters, Barb, Joan. No visitation. A Memorial Service was held April 17, 2013 in the Upper Stewiacke United Church with Rev. Carolyn Rushton officiating. Interment in Riverside Cemetery. On-line condolences and donations may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

JOHNSON, Hazel Elizabeth (McRae) – 93, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2013 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro surrounded by her loving family. Born in Upper North River, she was the daughter of the late Stearns and Ester (Tattie) Blackmore. Hazel worked at Stanfields Ltd. For 25 years. She is survived by sons (McRae's), Hollis (Gertrude), Brookside, Stearns (Anne), Alta, Carl (Eileen), Sterling (Amanda), both of Nuttby; daughter, Audrey Cavanaugh (William Hughes), Lower Onslow; stepsons (Johnsons), Glen (Margie), Brookfield, Warren, Upper Stewiacke; stepdaughters, Heather Johnson (Dale), Truro, Kathy (Ronald) Laffin, Upper Stewiacke, Barb (Donald) Watson, Upper Musquodoboit; sister, Florence Shearer, 17 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, 15 great great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Lorraine, Annie Haughn. She was predeceased by her first husband, William McRae; second husband, Lester Johnson; her parents; daughter, Joyce; sisters, Blanche, Daisy, Addie, Freda, Gladys; brothers, Murray, Ernest; stepson, Peter Johnson. A memorial service was held April 19, 2013 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Ian Harrison officiating. Family interment will take place in Blackmore Cemetery. Condolences and donations at www.colchestercommunity.com

RUTHERFORD, Vivian Lewis (Fletcher) -84, Bass River, passed away peacefully April 14, 2013 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Upper Economy she was the daughter of the late Willard and Helen (Lewis) Fletcher. Vivian was a former teacher, homemaker and caregiver who was happiest when surrounded by children. She is survived by daughters, Darlene (Keith) Smith, Mary Jane Rutherford, both of Bass River; sisters, Karen Taggart, Eva (Ted) Smith, Kay (Clayton) Lewis; grandchildren, Karen (David) MacFarlane, Karolyn (David) Chiasson, Darrell (Erica) Smith; great grandchildren, Ian, Anna, Avery, Sydney, Lauren – (who were her pride and joy); and very dear friend of nearly 60 years, Merna Ellis. She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Earl; son, Robert. Funeral service was held April 19, 2013 in Riverside United Church, Bass River. Interment in Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro where on-line condolences and donations may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

TAGGART, Helen Marie - 91, Truro. It is with deep sorrow that the family announces the passing of Helen Taggart on Friday, April 19, 2013, at Victoria Way, Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born May 14, 1921, in Manganese Mines, Colchester County, Helen was a daughter of the late Crosby and Maude (Nelson) Hoare, and the last surviving member of her immediate family. Helen is survived by her daughter, Diane (Randy) Trenholm, Ottawa; son, Wayne, Parrsboro; grandchildren, Kim (Colleen), Andrew, Ottawa; Tomas (Cynthia), Maryse (Mishel), British Columbia; great-grandchildren, Tyson, Sophie, British Columbia; sisters-in-law, Lola Ogden, Truro; Hazel Taggart, Bass River; Jean Taggart, Dartmouth; numerous nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Bruce; sisters, Eulah Ramsay, Dorothy Holt; brother, Graham; daughter-in-law, Hermance. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where Helen's family will receive friends from 1-1:45 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2013, followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m., Reverend John Tonks officiating. Reception will follow. Private family interment in Riverside United Church Cemetery, Bass River. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatall-varnerfh.com

GAMBLE, Herman Alfred – 88, Bass River, passed away suddenly and peacefully on Friday evening, April 19, 2013, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, as a result of complications from suffering a stroke. Born February 23, 1925, in Castlereagh, Colchester County, he was a son of the late Cameron and Mary (Newton) Gamble. Herman is survived by his partner, Vina Jackson; sister, Madeline Gamble, Truro; daughters, Bonnie (Barry) Hunter, Mississauga, Ontario; Madeline (Kevin) Primeau, Whitby, Ontario; son, Cameron (Rita) Gamble, Bradford, Ontario; grandchildren, Matt Martin, Cindy Kennedy, Jeffery Parsons, Stacey Godin, Ontario; many nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by sister, Charlotte MacFarlane; brothers, Lawson, Bernard, Norman, Malcolm. Funeral service was held Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at Riverside United Church, Reverend Florence Antle-Brison officiated. Interment was held in Riverside United Church Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

TIBBETTS, Donald C. – 89, of Ward's Brook, Cumberland County passed away Saturday, April 20, 2013 at South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Ward's Brook, he was a son of the late Stanley and LeEtta (MacDonald) Tibbetts. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the Royal Canadian Navy. Donald was a graduate of Dalhousie University and the Nova Scotia Technical College. He was an engineer with the National Research Council in Halifax retiring in 1986. He was a member of the Minas Masonic Lodge, Parrsboro. He is survived by daughters, Sharon Tibbetts, Halifax; Deborah MacDonald, Dartmouth; a son, Alan (George McCaffrey), Saint John, N.B.; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Rita Jennings; a son, Brian; a brother, Gordon. Funeral service was held April 24, 2013 in Grace United Church, Port Greville, Keith Selwyn-Smith, DLM officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

SLACK, Jennie Isabel (MacKay) – 93, Debert passed away quietly in her sleep, April 23, 2013 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Earlton, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Minnie (Murray) MacKay. Jennie worked for several years with Canada Post as a postal clerk. She was a dedicated member of the Debert Baptist Church and will be sadly missed by everyone who knew and loved her. She is survived by her husband of 75 years, Douglas; son, Carl, Truro; brother, John, Tatamagouche; special family friend, Elizabeth (Bill) Hoyle, Ontario. She was predeceased by her sister, Marion McGill; brothers, Alex, Lloyd, Hector and Daniel. No visitation by request. A celebration of her life was held April 25 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Pastor Bill Martin officiating. Interment in Debert Cemetery. Condolences and donations at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WILLIGAR, Rhoda M. – 90, of Parrsboro passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Harvey and Mary (Davis) Bennett. She is survived by daughters, Freda Estabrooks (Donald); Carol Lirette (Gerry), Bertha Smith, all of Amherst; Wanda Rushton, Glenholme; sons, David; Byron (Charlene Meekins); Donnie (Crystal Taylor), all of Parrsboro; sister, Lily Mills (Ronald), Debert; grandchildren, Brian, James, Amanda, Breanna, Jamie (Tammy), Wesley (Tanya), Brent (Lori), David (Anna), Tanyia (Pete), Billy and Stefan; great grandchildren, Kelly, Robyn, Brooklyn, Zoe, Elizabeth, Matthew; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Ralston in 1988; a son, Brian in 1986; sisters, Fanny, Marjorie, Beatrice; brothers, Clarence and Arnold. Funeral service was held April 27, 2013 with Rev. Frank Likely officiating. Burial in St. George's Anglican Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to South Cumberland Community Care Centre Foundation, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

CROWE, Neil – 99, Central Onslow, Colchester County, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Chappell Court, Truro. Born June 25, 1913, in Onslow Mountain, he was the son of the late Charlton and Mary (Whidden) Crowe. He is survived by his son, Ron (Iola) Crowe, Central Onslow; his daughter, Mary (Bruce) Currie, Masstown; grandchildren, Greg (Marion) Currie, Darrell (Margaret) Currie, Janet (Scott) Geldart, Randy (Kelly) Currie, Darren (Robyn) Crowe, Shelley (Charles) MacLellan; nine great-grandchildren; one great grandson; very special pet, Molly, who resides with his son Ron; sister, Jean King; sisters-in-law, Pearl Wilson, Barbara MacBurnie; brother-in-law, Calvin Peppard, Truro; several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Neil was predeceased by his wife, Marjorie (MacBurnie) of 65-years in 2004; brothers, Earl and Charlton Crowe; sisters, Myrtle McNutt, Ella MacQuarrie and three sisters in infancy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Saturday, April 27, 2013, Reverend Gerald Kerr officiating. Interment was held in Belmont Cemetery, Belmont. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MacCaul Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

All his friends were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Russell Bird on March 30th. Everyone who knew him realized how sick he was, but, because of his happy nature and always smiling and joking around it came as a great shock when he passed away. Russell will be missed here at the villa, when he lived for only a few months. Out sympathy goes out to his family.

The Glooscap Trail 4-H Club, Economy delivered Easter treats and pussy willows to the residents here. We thank them very much.

Allen & Paulette Rushton returned to their home in Ontario on Tuesday morning, March 26th after the funeral

of Paulette's mother, Dorothy Jordan, which was held on Monday, March 25th.

Bernice Kaulback spend Easter Sunday with Bud and Linda Morrison. Shirley Ryan had Easter dinner with Tammy and Danny Garnham, Little Dyke, while Stella Power spent Easter Monday in Economy with family.

In hospital is Gary Rodgers, who is improving and expects to be out soon. On the sick list are: Harold Murray, Elmer Hutt, Bernice Kaulback and Shirley Ryan.

There will be a birthday party for Shannon MacAloney at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Great Village on May 19th from 1:00 pm to 5:pm to celebrate Shannons' 80th birthday. Everyone welcome.

**We welcome back Florence Adams and her poetry.
We hope she will continue on a monthly basis.
This poem is Florence's impressions of her home at Wynn Park Villa.**

This Place Is A Home

*I'd like to write a note of thanks
To some very special people
If I could I'd call it out
From the highest steeple*

*I'm waited on in every way
There is nothing left to chance
The only thing I'm missing
Is my ability to dance*

*If I call someone will answer
I'm washed and dressed and fed
Entertainment when e'er I want it.
And each night tucked in bed.*

*There's so many of these people
I'll not try to name them all
They come in different sizes too
Some are short and some are tall*

*They're always here when needed
And always wear a smile
You know without my telling
They go the extra mile*

*I come and go just as I please
I'm free to walk or roam
And all these special people
Make this place a home.*

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