

OBITUARIES

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EATON, Eileen, Great Village, Colchester County, died 20 March 2015 at home, aged 90. Born in Helen's Bay, Northern Ireland, she was the only daughter of the late George and Georgina (Galbraith) Downey. She attended Glenola School, Bangor, Co. Down, and Victoria College, Belfast. She obtained the Teacher's Certificate of the National Froebel Foundation in 1945. She taught in Armagh, Northern Ireland, and Slough, England, before coming to Canada in 1952 to teach at Edgehill School for Girls in Windsor, N.S. She taught the school year of 1959/60 at Windsor Elementary. In December, 1959, she married Vernon Edwin Eaton, second son of Lt. Col. Edwin Keiler Eaton and Edith Marguerite (Layton) Eaton at Annapolis Royal. In August 1960, she and her husband moved to Great Village, where she taught as supply and term teacher at Great Village Elementary. A Girl Guide and Guide Leader in Northern Ireland, she continued as a Guide Leader when she came to Canada, ending her Guiding career as District Commissioner for Hants County. Starting in 1976, she spent 10 years as a 4-H Leader in Great Village. She also enjoyed the Women's Institute in the Great Village in the 1960s. She was an active Vestry member at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Bass River. After the family moved to St. James United Church in Great Village, she served on the Board of Stewards, the Church Session, and the Executive of the UCW for many years. She served as Secretary-Treasurer of the St. James Sunday School as well, and will be remembered for her many years of supplying and organizing flowers for the church. She and Vernon were active members of Great Village Garden Club, having joined in 1961 after moving to Great Village. As well as the local garden club, she represented Great Village at the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs, and served on the Provincial Executive several times. She was noted for her research and promotion of home composting and small space gardening, and educated many Nova Scotians on these topics. She was twice selected as Nova Scotia's Gardener of the Year. Surviving are sons, James and daughter-in-law Patricia Murray of Nepean, ON and Peter and partner Marcione da Silva of Espirito Santo, Brazil, and grand-children Keith Murray-Sutcliffe and Liam Murray Eaton. She was predeceased by her husband Vernon, and her brothers Sydney Downey (Monica) and Myles Downey (Sonia), both of Weston-Super-Mare, England. In her last years she delighted in having become a grandmother, and made regular trips to visit her grandchildren in Nepean (Ottawa), where she made new friends. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held on May 23 at the former St. James United Church in Great Village. Her sons would like to pay tribute to her neighbours in Great Village, who kept a careful eye on her over the last 20 years while they were away pursuing careers. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

FRASER, Sharon L. – 68, of Advocate Harbour passed away, Monday, March 30, 2015 at home. Born in Advocate Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Lawrence and Louise (Allen) Morris. She is survived by her husband, Stephen; a daughter, Janet Fraser (Alan), Delhaven; sons, Mike (Ett), Scott (Lisa), all of Advocate Harbor; a sister, Vicky Morinville (Sylvain), Dartmouth; brothers, Ernest Morris (Roxanne), Advocate Harbour; David Allen, Etobicoke, Ont.; 10 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Richard. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

LAMB, Beatrice K. – Age 62, of Spencer's Island and Halifax passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at High Crest Manor, Springhill. Born in Advocate Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Archie and Ruby (Morris) Spicer. She was employed with the Department of Community Services in Halifax for 35 years. She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Baisly (Dan), Spencer's Island; a sister, Mona (Don), Port Greville; a brother, John, Parrsboro; grandchildren, Ava and Mya; great niece, Clarissa; great nephew, Nicholas. She was predeceased by nephew, Archie McCully. A celebration of Beatrice's life was held Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at the Advocate Fire Hall. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

MacDOUGALL, Donald Michael "Wolfman" - 84, Debert, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2015, in Debert Court, Debert. Born in Port Hood, he was a son of the late John and Catherine (MacDonald) MacDougall. He is survived by his wife, the former Mae Weatherby; sons, Donald (Heather), Oromocto, New Brunswick; John, Greenwood; George (Stacey), Barrie, Ontario; step-sons, Earl Walsh, Truro; Leonard Walsh, Debert; Peter Walsh, Debert; step-daughters, Myrna Ryan, Brookfield; Laura Lee Bulmer, Princeport; numerous grandchildren; several nieces and a nephew. Besides his parents, Don was predeceased by his first wife, the former Nellie Smith; sisters, Kaye and Florence. A graveside service will take place at a later date in the Middle Road Cemetery, Debert; the time and day will be announced at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MacKAY, John Francis – 45 of Truro passed away unexpectedly on April 3, 2015 at home. Born in Truro, he was the son of John Charles MacKay and Katherine (Brooks) Leslie. John enjoyed whittling and also loved to sing. John had a great sense of humor and enjoyed making others laugh. Besides his parents, he is survived by daughters, Nikki and Mary MacKay; sister, Sherry (Chris) Googoo, Millbrook; niece, Brianna and nephew C.J. Googoo; granddaughter, Kiera Ava and grandson, Daniel John MacKay; stepfather, Glen Leslie, Sheet Harbour. He was predeceased by his daughter Alana MacKay. Cremation has taken place. A memorial mass was held at Sacred Heart Church, Millbrook, April 11 with Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiating. Spring interment at a later date in Sacred Heart Church Cemetery, Millbrook. On-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

CAMPBELL, Margaret Estell – 81, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully, Saturday morning, April 4, 2015, in Glen Haven Manor, New Glasgow. Born June 14, 1933, in Newport, Prince Edward Island, she was a daughter of the late F. Duncan and Mary Ellen (Murphy) Campbell. Margaret is survived by her daughter, Mary (Robert) Cox, Onslow Mountain; grandchildren, who were her pride and joy, Nicole Cox (James Creelman), Halifax; Mathew Cox, Onslow Mountain; sister, Mary Walker, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; brothers, Jerome (Harriet) Campbell, Cornwall, Prince Edward Island; Gerald Campbell, Newport, Prince Edward Island; many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Bibiana (Frank) Murphy; brothers, Leo in infancy, Vernon Campbell, Joseph Campbell, Peter (Stella) Campbell. Special thanks are extended to her neighbours, especially Robert and Carol, who became her family's ears and eyes and let her stay in her home as long as possible. Honouring Margaret's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

CLARKE, Maria M. – Age 82, of Advocate Harbour passed away Monday, April 6, 2015 at home. Born in Lowe Farm, Manitoba, she was a daughter of the late Henry and Aganetha Paetkau. She is survived by her husband, Edgar; sons, Darren, Toronto; Stuart, Advocate Harbour; a sister, Helen Jenson, Winnipeg; sister in law, Jane, Pinnawa, Man.; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Agnes; brothers, Henry and Dr. Abe. A graveside service will be held in the Advocate Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

SMITH, Eric Wray – 75, Truro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, on Tuesday afternoon, April 7, 2015, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born November 9, 1939, in Wolfville, he was a son of the late John and Elsie (Bauchman) Smith. He attended schools in Wolfville, Acadia University and University of Maine. Eric's passion was teaching, from elementary to high school grades, in schools throughout Kings County, Nova Scotia. He was a professor at Nova Scotia Teachers College, Intermediate Department, for over 20 years, and retired when the college closed. Eric truly enjoyed supervising students in practice teaching positions in many of the schools throughout Nova Scotia. Eric is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Catherine (Wetmore); son, Colin, Truro; daughter, Susan (Darcy) Sinclair, Fort Smith, Northwest Territories; daughter-in-law, Clarissa Smith, Nobleford, Alberta; grandchildren, Samantha and Brayden Sinclair and Charlie and Andrew Smith; sisters-in-law, Louise Smith, Ontario; Pam Smith, St. John's, Newfoundland; many nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Peter (2003); sister, Delores (Richard) Sawler; brothers, Lloyd, Bill. A special thank you to the staff of Cedarstone Enhanced Care, especially Garden Road wing, for the care and compassion shown to Eric while he was a resident. Funeral service was held Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Brunswick Street United Church, 250 Brunswick Street, Truro, Reverend John Parsons and Reverend Boyd Vincent officiated. Spring interment in Watson Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

AKERLEY, Marion E. – 97, of Port Greville passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Parkstone Enhanced Care (Garden Court), Halifax. Born in Port Greville, she was a daughter of the late Abram and Clodine (Cole) McCulley. She is survived by a daughter, Judith (David Kelly), Eastern Passage; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, John in 1985; sisters, Blanche, Leota, Flossie, Stella, Reta, Margaret, Eva, Evelyn; brothers, Herbert, Leslie and in infancy, Ross, Carl and Charles. Funeral Service was held at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro April 13, 2015, Rev. Elizabeth Davies officiating. Burial in Grace United Cemetery, Port Greville at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Grace United Church, Port Greville or to a charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

CLARKE, Marjorie A. – Age 91, of Parrsboro passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Northumberland Hall, Amherst. Born in Tisdale, Sask., she was a daughter of the late Cecil and Muriel (Harris) Thackeray. Marjorie was a life member of the St. George's Anglican Church, serving as treasurer, organist and with the A.C.W. She is survived by sons, Paul (Gina), Two Islands; Murray (Cindy), Amherst; daughter-in-law, Ruby, Parrsboro; sisters, Jean Walter, Oshawa, Ont.; Evelyn Tuck, Helen Shea, both of Peterborough, Ont.; Phyllis Sutton, Whitby, Ont.; 3 grandchildren, Lisa, Jeremy and Emily; 2 great-grandchildren, Tyler and Michael; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, John in 1983; a son, Kenneth; brothers, Roy, Lyle, Douglas, Garnet. Funeral was held April 11, 2015 at St. George's Anglican Church, Parrsboro, Rev. Dawn Léger officiating. Burial in St. George's Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to St. George's Anglican Church or to a charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

HIGGINS, Robert "Phillip" Muir - 72, Truro Heights, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 9, 2015, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Muir and Alfredda (Thompson) Higgins. Phillip was a dedicated teacher and early in his career taught at Bible Hill Junior High, and later as a teacher and vice-principal at the Central Colchester Junior High School in Central Onslow. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marilyn Jane (Langille) Higgins; daughter, Julie Irene Bennington (Michael), Truro Heights; grandchildren, David and Adam; sister, Diane Higgins, Ontario; half-brothers, William "Bill", Edward, Raymond, Ronnie, Mark; half-sisters, Lexie, Debbie, Theresa; several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Phillip was predeceased by a son David Trueman Higgins; aunt and uncle (Foster Parents) Margaret and Aubrey Higgins. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Sunday, April 12, 2015, Reverend Connie Stewart officiated. Spring interment in Truro Heights Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MELDRUM, J. Norby – Age 90, of Halfway River passed away Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in New Canaan, he was a son of the late Medley and Gladys (Rector) Meldrum. Norby was a veteran of World War II serving with the Carleton-York Regiment with the infantry, serving primarily in the Italian Campaign. He returned to Nova Scotia where he married Eudora Pettigrew, soon moving to British Columbia for four years. He returned to Nova Scotia where he worked with C. Ernest Harrison & Sons Ltd. for many years. He later was employed as a Game Warden with the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests (Natural Resources) retiring in 1984. He was a member of Trinity United Church, Parrsboro, where he served as an elder for many years. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Southampton Lodge. He is survived by daughters, Darlene Canning (Kerr), Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.; Marilyn Winters (Robert), Penhold, Alta.; grandchildren Jill Winters (Mike Parkin), Innisfail, Alta.; Shelley Ganton (Nick), Devon, Alta.; Leah Canning, Ottawa; Caroline Canning (Sean Weaver), Eastern Passage; great grandchildren, Jorja Winters, Brooklyn Ganton, Kellen Ganton, Maggie Weaver, Jaxon Winters-Parkin; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in 2004 by his wife of 58 years, Eudora; a daughter and son in infancy; sisters, Elsie Siddall, Jean Pettigrew; a brother Laurie. Funeral service was held April 20, 2015 at Trinity United Church, Parrsboro, Keith Selwyn-Smith, DLM officiating. Burial in the West Brook Cemetery at a later date. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

PARSONS, Lorena E. – Age 91, of Parrsboro passed away Saturday, April 18, 2015 at home. Born in Cape Bald, NB, she was a daughter of the late Frederick and Emelda (Babineau) Lorette. She is survived by a daughter, Karen Parsons (David Dean), Toronto; sons, Douglas (Dorothy), Parrsboro; David, Bridgewater; Michael (Sandra), South Brook; Frederick Lorette (Jackie), Stewiacke; a sister, Joyce Meyers, Lower Sackville; 10 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Leon in 2013; a sister, Freda; brothers, Valerie, Bill, Roy and two brothers in infancy. Funeral service was held April 21, 2015 at St. Brigid's Catholic Church, Parrsboro, Deacon Howie Goldstein officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

RUSHTON, Arlene Evelyn – 66, Great Village passed away peacefully with family by her side on April 19, 2015 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Folly Lake, she was the daughter of the late Laurie and Dorothy (McLean) George. Arlene was noted as being a hard worker who spent over a decade at the former Smith's Convenience Store in Great Village. She had a great love for her cats, but the center of her life was her family and friends. She is survived by her children, Larry (Vanessa Comeau) Spence, Truro, Gregory Spence, Great Village, Dana (Nicole Chesley) Spence, Moncton, N.B.; sisters, Marie (Arthur) Chapman, Nanaimo, B.C., Mary Moore, River Philip, Betty (Roland) Durning, Parsons, B.C., Joan (David) Dorion, Shaunavan, SK, Judy Lattie, Truro; brothers, Ronald (Sharon), Truro, Jack, Londonderry, Daniel, Debert; grandchildren, Haylee, Cody, Kaitlyn, Tyler, Orrin; great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her husband Garland Rushton; brothers, Glenn, Frank, Gerald, Llewellyn, Harold. Cremation has taken place. A time of visitation/celebration was held April 24 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Interment in Folly Mountain Cemetery at a later date. On-line condolences may be made at www.colchestercommunity.com

BROOKS, Randall Curtis "Randy" – 57, Debert, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2015, at home as a result of previous health conditions. Born February 18, 1958, in Hamilton, Ontario, he was a son of James "Jim" and Theresa (McRae) Brooks, Dartmouth. Along with his parents, he is survived by his brother, Derrick Brooks, Edmonton, Alberta; sister, Pamela Brooks, Dartmouth; nieces, Mackenzie, Madison; nephews, Curtis, Dennis, Aidan; several aunts, uncles, cousins and a wide circle of friends. A celebration of Randy's life was held Sunday, April 26, 2015, at Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club, 192 Prince Albert Road, Dartmouth. Spring interment in Blackmore Memorial Cemetery, Upper North River. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

LUNDIE, Marshall Douglas – 20, Glenholme. It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Marshall Douglas Lundie on April 22, 2015. Born in Truro on October 25, 1994. He was a wonderful son, brother, and friend, who loved life. He loved to go four wheeling, hanging out with his friends and going to the camp. He was a person who always stepped in and helped someone in need. He worked at Uphams Carstar Collision in Onslow. He was a member of the Great Village Fire Brigade. Marshall will be missed by everyone who knew him. Marshall is survived by his mother, Debbie Lundie (Dedrick) and father, Scott Lundie; brothers, Brett, Drew, Ashton, Anthony; sister, Haylee; foster-brother, Hunter; grandparents, Arnold and Georgina Dedrick; aunts and uncles, Curtis and Ann Millen, Dennis and Diane Millen, Marilyn and Perry MacKinnon, Tim and Donna Sharpe, Dougie Dedrick, Rodger Dedrick and many cousins. Predeceased by grandparents, Jim and Kay Lundie, uncle, Eric Edward. A memorial service was held April 28, 2015 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Carol Gillard, M. Div officiating. There will no visitation or reception. Donations in his memory may be made to the Parents Supporting Parents Society (Bright Skies Day Camp for Kids with Special Needs) On-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Belmont Notes

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Well, I do believe that spring may be starting to arrive, lots of chickadees, robins and even a pheasant in my yard eating some bird seed. Snow is fast disappearing or as some people, depending on who you talk to say not fast enough. Managed to see 8 deer one day and did not look to be in too bad of a shape although they must have found quite hard to forage for food once the snow starting coming and coming and coming!

Once again the C.E.C. have a whole lot of talent in that school. Charmaine, Christa and I went to see the musical and totally awesome talent.

Condolences go out to Audrey Pratt, Crowes Mills and the families on the loss of her sister, Olive Bull, in England on Feb. 6th, 2015. Also to Audrey on the loss of her nephew, Paul Trevett, on Jan. 31st, 2015: Junior (Shirley) Gill, Belmont and the families on the loss of his brother, Rex Marsdon Gill, on Feb. 18, 2015; Junior (Shirley) Gill, Belmont on the loss of his sister, Judy Dianne Crossman, on Feb. 26, 2015 and Linda (Wayne) Crossman, Belmont and families on the loss of her father, Gordon "Gordie" Albert Elliott, on Feb. 26, 2015. I had the privilege of getting to know this man over the years on my mail route and him and his

wife Kaye who passed in 2006 and they were beautiful people.

Additional condolences go out to: Lynn (Hollingsworth) Green and the families on the loss of her husband on Feb. 28, 2015; Denise (Steven) Rector, Crowes Mills and the families on the loss her mother, Carol Jean Smith, and to Hilda Reid on the loss of her sister, Carol, on March 1, 2015; Linda (Ron) Sutherland, Belmont and the families on the loss of her mother, Iris Frances (Fielding) Winters, on March 16, 2015 and Harry (Lois) Goodwin, Lower Onslow and the families on the loss of his father Bryce D. Goodwin on March 4, 2015.

Belmont Baptist Church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. with prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

To all my customers out there who have tried to keep boxes cleared out during that load of snow we received the last couple of months, it has been greatly appreciated and by the looks of things it is slowly but surely getting back to normal. Seems to me in the last 17 1/2 years I have been working, except for White Juan, I can not remember a winter such as this and hopefully maybe will be the last.

Mother's Day is fast approaching so please think of them and appreciate all that they have done for you, as you never know, when they may not be around anymore.