

# OBITUARIES

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**DAVIDSON** (Pye), Lena Margaret, age 86 of Truro/Debert, passed away peacefully on March 14, 2016 in Truro. Born on December 31, 1929 in Annapolis Royal, NS, she was the only daughter of the late Basil and Frances (Lee) Pye. Besides helping out in the family store, Lena worked at the Palliser, at Kent Homes, and, most recently, for 16 years, at Scotsburn's Dairy. She was an excellent cook and baker, known for her pies and cinnamon rolls. Lena is survived by her husband, Donald Davidson of Truro; daughter Trish/Patricia North (Kevin Shoebridge), Halifax; and son, Frank (Linda) Davidson, North Carolina; grandchildren, Geoffrey (Jessie) North, Indiana, Matthew North, and Kimberley North, both of Halifax, and, from North Carolina, Pam (Derrick) Ingle, Josh (Dixie) Davidson, and Amanda (Kevin) Marley. She is also survived by great-grandchildren Katie and Annabel North, Abigail, Brett, Tanner, Landree and Reece Ingle, Hunter and Allison Davidson, and Trigg, McKenna and Kade Marley; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her brothers Arnold, Russell and Basil, and granddaughter Stephanie North. Funeral service was held April 3rd, 2016 at the Debert Baptist Church. Interment in Plains Road Cemetery, Debert. We, the family, would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the amazing staff on Garden Rd, Cedarstone who looked after Lena over the years, and, provided such tender palliative care during the last two weeks of her life. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online messages of condolence may be sent to Lena's family by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**PATRIQUIN**, Helen Marguerite Colpitts "Honey" - 85, Great Village, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 27, 2016, at home. Born in Alma, New Brunswick, she was a daughter of the late Murray and Hazel (MacDonald) Jordon. Helen enjoyed her flower gardens and also her many friends. She is survived by her sons, Paul, Kim, Folly Mountain; grandchildren, Keelan, Matija, Carter; brother, Edmond Jordon, Truro; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Raymond Patriquin; son, Todd; brothers, Randall, Corbett, Russell. No visitation or funeral service by request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**DUNLAP**, Annie Elizabeth "Betty" - 75, Belmont, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Monday evening, March 28, 2016, at The Mira Long Term Care Centre, Truro. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Ernest and Mary Ellen (McCormick) Muise. Betty is survived by her children, Kevin, Alberta; Kathy (Brian) Nichols, Onslow Mountain; Diane Dunlap (Ron Wood), Onslow Mountain; Marlene (Clarence) Allen, Belmont; Kim (Keith) Field, Bass River; Anita Dunlap (Michel Borst), Belmont; Russell Jr. (Jen), Prince George, British Columbia; David (Juli) Dunlap, Belmont; grandchildren, Carolanne (Marc), Tasha (Ryan), Vicki (Craig), Michelle (Jeffrey), Laura (Dion), Courtney, Jesse, Daniel (Becca), Terrence, Karlee, Melissa, Rily (Caitlyn), Sarah (Jeremy), Kelsey, Ryan, Ashley, Emily, Ethan, Becca, Tanner, Allie, Steven; great grandchildren, Cameron, Averi, Scarlet, Xander, Brooklyn, Lincoln, Leif, Isla, Kylie, Tyler; sisters, Margaret Shearer, Belmont; Gail (David) Wilson, Belmont; Debbie Rushton, Belmont; Bonnie (Keith) Staples, Onslow; Denise (Barry) Nichols, Belmont; Donna (Eric) Shearer, Belmont; Janet (Tony) MacFadden, Brookside; brothers, Ernie (Edith) Muise, Truro; Alfred (Shirley) Muise, North River; Arthur (Barb) Muise, Truro; Norman (Darlene) Muise, Bible Hill; Greg (Colleen) Muise, Onslow; Robert Muise, Bible Hill; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Russell Erwin Dunlap; sister, Diane in infancy; brothers, David, Paul. Special thanks are extended to the staff of The Mira for their exceptional care of our Mom and for their support to our family. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, April 1, 2016, in Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 669 Prince Street, Truro. Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**SHARPE**, Gregory Randolph - 45, Londonderry, also affectionately known as "Sharpie or Gregger" passed away peacefully at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, on Tuesday, March 29, 2016. Greg leaves behind his wife, Sue (nee Barkhouse) and their kids, Ashleigh Jayne and Aaron James, both at home. Greg was born in Truro, August 15, 1970 to the late Thomas and Kay (Quinn) Sharpe. Along with his wife and kids, Greg is survived by his brothers, Robert (Heather), Dartmouth; Johnny (Susan), Alberta; Tim (Donna), Harold (Patty), Great Village; sisters, Norma (Doug Johnson), Ottawa; Susan (Lester MacLeod), Valley; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Earl and Diane Barkhouse; brother and sister-in-law, Kevin and Janet Dykstra; brother and sister by choice, Troy and Tammy Barkhouse; many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, his ball family and his girls at the Double C Restaurant. Greg's family received friends on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Spring interment will take place in Union Cemetery, Scott's Bay, Kings County. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**CROWE**, Katherine Ruth (Williams) - Upper Onslow, passed away Tuesday, March 29, 2016, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Great Village, she was a daughter of the late Albert Louis and Susan Belle (Gray) Williams. She is survived by daughters, Patricia Anne, at home; Nancy Pitts (Mark), Hilden; brother, Carl Williams (Jessie); sister, Linda Shears (Garry); several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon A. Crowe. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a celebration of Kaye's life was held Friday, April 1, 2016. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**WILLIAMS**, James Merton "Jimmie" - 89, Barrie, Ontario, formerly of Bass River, passed away on Friday, April 1, 2016, at Grove Park Home, Barrie, Ontario. Born in Bass River, he was the fourth son of the late Walter and Henrietta (Carde) Williams. Jimmie is survived by his loving daughter, Selena (Kevin) Croxall, and adoring grandson, Alex, Barrie, Ontario; brothers, Alfred (Jean), Dalhousie, New Brunswick; Stanley (Ollie), Amherst; sisters, Elizabeth McInnis, New Minas; Patricia Cottenden, Amherst; Pauline (John) May, Truro. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Roy (Audrey), Robert (Elta), David (Nellie), John, Paul (Betty), Cecil (Etta); sister, Ruth (Rollie) Ettinger. Funeral service was held Sunday, April 10, 2016, at Faith Baptist Church, 38 Station Road, Great Village, Pastor Steve Adams officiated. Private family interment was in Bass River Baptist Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**COOK**, Helene Mae (Downing) - 88, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at The Mira Long Term Care Facility, Truro. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Minnie Langille and step-daughter of the late John Moore. Helene is survived by her children, Gail Downing, Orono, Ontario; Valerie (Kenneth) Morrissey, Onslow Mountain; Ronald (Katherine) Downing, Bible Hill; Margaret (Ted) Shearer, Belmont; Gregory (Kathy) Downing, Pugwash; Lynn (Gary) Ehler, Hilden; Ann (Bruce) Fiddes, Lower Onslow; Cindy (Kenzie) Dawson, Ottawa, Ontario; Kathy Downing, Lower Onslow; grandchildren, Sherry, Donna, Helene (Richard), Krista (Bradley), Shelly (Parker), Peter (Kim), Natalie, Lori-Ann (Cory), June (Andrew), Jonathan, Justin, Jason, Felicia, Marcus (Andrea), Andrew, Allan, Joanna, Kaitlyn, MacKenzie, Hunter, Rhianon, Tatum; great grandchildren, Matthew, Mark, Melissa, Josh, Tyler, Rachael, Felicia, Victoria, Morgan, Emily, Rachael, Rylie, Emma, Aidan, Alden, Ruby, Dylan, Gracie, Nevaeh; siblings, Evelyn (Ernest) Campbell, New Annan; Brenda (Raymond) Tynes, Truro; Robert (Judy) Moore, Onslow; Bill (Joy) Moore, Brantford, Ontario; Carl Moore, Salmon River; several nieces and nephews. Along with her mother and step-father, she was predeceased by her first husband, Francis Downing; second husband, L. Bernard Cook; brother, Donald; grandson, Kevin; son-in-law, Kimball. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Wednesday, April 6, 2016, Pastor Glenn Ronson officiated. Interment was in Belmont Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**COOK**, Dr. George Harvey - It is with sadness that the family of Dr. George Harvey Cook announce his death on April 2, 2016. Our sadness is tempered by the gratitude of having been blessed by a loving and wise father, grandfather and great-grandfather for so many years. Harvey (as he was called as a child) was born on October 11, 1922 in Urbania to Emily Dow and George Cook, the third of six children. He attended the local one-room schoolhouse where he graduated with grade 11, the highest level available at his school. He then began to work initially in the woods, harvesting sawlogs with a two bit-axe and yarding the logs to a sawmill with horses, and subsequently as a carpenter, acquiring many skills which served him well for the rest of his life. Along with his brothers, he enlisted during the Second World War. He served as a pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force in Coastal Command, stationed in Pembroke Dock, Wales. There he met his beautiful Welsh bride-to-be Phyllis Ailsa Thomas. Upon return to Canada, he began his studies at the Agricultural College in Truro, and then attended Dalhousie where he completed his medical training and began his family with two boys. Following graduation, he took his family on an adventure to the North West Territories, where he was the only physician in Fort Smith (the administrative capital of the NWT at the time), providing medical services for a huge area, often by bush plane. That was followed by a return to the United Kingdom, where he did a surgical residency in London for four years, graduating as a General Surgeon.

He then returned to Canada with his family (now increased to three boys and a girl), and began a long medical practice. Initially, as was usual at the time, he combined his surgical practice with an active general family medicine practice. Gradually, his surgical practice became very busy, and he reluctantly stopped his family practice. Two more boys were added to the family. He developed a 900 acre woodlot into a very productive maple sugar operation (Maple Ridge Farm), after tapping 25,000 maple trees. He planted over 70,000 softwood trees, and with his sustainable forestry management practices, the wood lot gradually developed into an uneven-aged stand. His meticulous care was highly regarded and he was awarded recognition as the Central Nova Scotia Woodlot Owner of the Year in 2009. He was pre-deceased by his wife

Phyllis, and his siblings Bernie, Olive, Calvin, Murray, and Bill. He is survived by his children Steven (Susan), Laurie (Linda), Roger (Olga), Jacqueline, Graham and David (Susan). He has 12 grandchildren: Christopher (Andria), David (Fiona) and Sarah Cook (Matthew), Jeremy (Deena), Jennifer (Barry), Robert (Shari) and Adam Cook, Andrew and Lisa Cook, Alex, Stewart and Christine Cook. He has eight great-grandchildren: Emma, Becca, Alex, Finnley, Nova, Kira, Zach, Sol. The family would like to extend a special thank you to his long time very able and compassionate caregiver Marilyn McNeil, occasional helper Kaye Delaney, and equally caring more recent caregivers Debbie Nielson and Shannon Power, and to his daughter Jacqueline who was there for him when he needed her. At George's request, there will be no formal or religious service. Instead, an informal gathering in fond remembrance was held in the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro on Saturday, April 23. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**MORRIS**, Augusta R. "Gussie" - Age 91, of Advocate Harbour passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at the Chignecto Manor, Advocate Harbour. Born in Springhill, she was a daughter of the late Ernest and Violet (Brown) Vickery. Gussie was a graduate of Truro Normal College graduating in 1944. She was a retired school teacher having taught for 38 years, 36 of those in Advocate Harbour. She was a former member of the Springhill Baptist Church, Advocate United Church Women, Red Cross and the Pythian Sisters. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She is survived by nieces, Gail Morris, Advocate Harbour, and Carol MacKay, Halifax; nephews, Arden Fletcher (Hilda), Advocate Harbour; Allan Burns (Marilyn), Bible Hill; Bert Burns (Carolyn), Georgetown, Ont., several cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Sidney Morris in 1983; a sister, Doreen; a brother, Corey. Funeral service was held April 8, 2016 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Rev. Elizabeth Davies officiated. Burial in the Advocate Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Advocate United Church. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**CARR**, Charles E. - Age 76, of Parrsboro passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2016 in the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan after a short battle with cancer, with his sister, Mildred Carr-Shrum and niece, Sandra Dunphy by his side. Charles served his country with the Canadian Forces for 28 plus years. During his retirement he enjoyed his golf outings, hunting and visits with his family and friends. Survived by his beloved wife, the former Elaine Spicer; sons, Gregory (Sonya), Cold Lake, Alta.; Ian, Winnipeg, Man.; Barry, Hamilton, Ont.; sisters, Phyllis Burke, Amherst; Mildred Carr-Shrum, Parrsboro; grandchildren, Maegan, Brady and Michael; as well as many other family and friends. No funeral services will be held at this time. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com). Rest in peace Charles.

**HARVIE**, Frances E. - Age 78, of Parrsboro passed away Thursday, April 7, 2016 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Springhill, she was a daughter of the late Eugene and Gertrude (Brown) Cates. She is survived by daughters, Dale Cates (Gord), Innisfree, Alta.; Darla Cruickshank, Innisfree, Alta.; Mary Canning, Parrsboro; a brother, William Cates (Wilma), Squamish, B.C.; a sister-in-law, Joan Cates, Stewiacke; 11 grandchildren, Scott, Trevor, Troy, David, Wesley, Patrick, Michael, Jeremy, Salia, Samantha, Cody; 8 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Robie in 1981; a son, Johnny in infancy; a brother, Donnie. Funeral service was held April 11, 2016 at Highway Pentecostal Church, Parrsboro with Rev. Henry Devito officiating. Burial in the Parrsboro United Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**GRACEY**, Donald - Lower Truro. It is with immense sadness that we announce the passing of Donald Gracey, who died at home with his loving family by his side on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Donald and his wife, Sally, built a successful restaurant business (The Shillelagh House) and operated it with their family for over 24 years, treating every customer like they were family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife and boss of 53 years, Sally Gracey (Matchett); son, Anthony Gracey; daughters, Kirsty Gracey-Chamberland (Marc), Lisa Gracey (Richard Winstanley), Charity Gracey; brother, Ronnie Gracey (Elsie), Northern Ireland; sisters, Iris Garrett (Ricky), England; Marguerita Milligan, Northern Ireland; granddaughters, Olivia and Samantha Winstanley and Grace Chamberland; many nieces and nephews in Ireland, England, and Canada. Donald was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Martha Gracey; brothers, Jimmy, Joseph, Robert; sisters, Pearl, Isobel. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday, April 14, 2016, at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 669 Prince Street, Truro, Father Jim O'Connor officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

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