

# OBITUARIES

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**SAUNDERS, James Nisbet "Jim" – 92, Truro.** It is with sadness but gratitude for a life well lived, that we announce the passing of our Dad, Jim Saunders, who reluctantly but bravely and peacefully died in Truro on Friday, March 16, 2018, surrounded by the inestimable love of his wife, Jean (Sutherland) Saunders, and their children, spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dad was predeceased by his parents, George and Mary; his brother, George; his sister, Estelle and his sister-in-law, Mary Sutherland. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jean; their son, Jamie and his wife, Gayle; their daughter, Catherine and her husband, Michael Epstein; their grandchildren, Matt and his wife, Marianne Brassard; Alyson and her husband, Hugh Sturgess; Beth and her husband, William Sharp; David, Alexander, and Johanna Epstein and their precious great grandchildren, Ingrid and Jack Sturgess. Dad also leaves his sister-in-law, Emily Saunders; his dear only niece, Joan (Al) Gibson; nephews, George, Bruce and David; many first cousins (including the Morse, Woodworth, Reid, Harlow, Harris, Babineau and Leadbetter families) and their spouses as well as a legion of loyal friends and former neighbours across Canada. We will all miss him dearly but we will cherish the memories, the legacy, the lessons, the laughter, and the exemplary standard he left for us all. Funeral service was held Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at First United Church, 711 Prince Street, Truro, Reverend Valerie Kingsbury 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)

**PULSIFER, Barbara Ann – 91, Bible Hill,** passed away Saturday, March 24, 2018 in Vimy Court, Bible Hill. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Frederick and Ethel (Pratt) Hanes. Barbara is survived by her eleven children, Carolyn (Jim) Nelson, Brookfield; Bobby Pulsifer (Debbie Burris), Hilden; Brenda (Bob) McCoul, Five Houses; Joan (Paul) Clough, Onslow; Debbie (Blake) Glazebrooke, St. Stephen's, NB; David (Ann-Marie) Pulsifer, McCallum Settlement; Rose (Mike) Nolan, Bible Hill; her special son, Reggie, who lives with his sister, Joan, Onslow; Wade (Laurie) Pulsifer, Stewiacke; Bonnie Pulsifer (Dave Skinner), Truro; Wendy (Steve) Bonin; Valley; 23 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; sister, Evelyn Lindsay, Onslow; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Vernon Frederick Pulsifer; daughter, Cheryl; brothers, Phillip, Elroy, Ronald, Alvin; sisters, Dorothy, Irene, Phyllis in infancy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Thursday, March 29, 2018, Reverend John Sullivan officiated. Interment at a later date in Bible Hill Cemetery, Bible Hill. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**THOMPSON, Sheila E. – Age 89,** of Halfway River passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Wharton, she was a daughter of the late J. Clifford and Leona (Crossman) Bowden. Sheila married Harry E. Thompson in 1948 and moved to their farm in Halfway River where she remained until her passing. Sheila was a talented seamstress, sewing clothes for her family and was well known throughout the community for her talents in the making of many "one of a kind" formal attire. Through this contribution to her community, Sheila made many life-long friends. Sheila would often tell the story that as a young girl she would knit mittens and socks in school to be sent overseas to soldiers during the Second World War. She is survived by her sons, Eric, Brookfield; Weymond (Lez), Brookfield; Aaron (Louise), Bridge-water; daughter-in-law, Anne Thompson, Halifax; 13 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Dara Bowden, Truro; sister-in-law, Betty Thompson, Amherst; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Harry in 1994; a son, Dean; a sister, Dayle Amon; sister-in-law, Ruth Bowden. Her family would like to thank the VON and "the girls" who made it possible for Mom to remain in her home during her last years – after each visit, Sheila would say "love you girls." Special thanks to the nurses of E2 of Colchester East Hants Health Centre for their care and compassion during her final days, and her physicians for their guiding care. A time of visitation was held on March 29, 2018 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. A graveside committal service will take place in the West Brook Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the West Brook Cemetery. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**CURTIS, David Ferrand Q.C. – 78, Valley,** Colchester County, passed away peacefully, with his loving wife at his side, on Tuesday morning, March 27, 2018, at home. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Dr. Edgar and Ella (Ferrand) Curtis. David is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Donna Jean (Hamilton); brother, Dr. Gary (Donna) Curtis, Truro; parents-in-law, Ralph and Jean (Carter) Hamilton, North River; brothers-in-law, Roger Hamilton, North River; Neil (Roxanne) Hamilton, Crowes Mills; nieces and nephews, Jack (Lisa) Curtis, Phillip (Irena) Curtis, Jennifer Curtis (Fred Bitar), Dr. Heather Curtis (Dr. Donald MacQuarrie), Stacy (Abdullah) Al-Mumayiz, Ryan Hamilton (April), Ashley Hamilton (Kyle), Chantal Hamilton, Gabrielle Hamilton, Riley Hamilton; great nieces and nephews, Ella, Peter, Megan, Ian, Fiona, Lucas, Jackson, Zain. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Dr. John (Dorothy) Curtis; nephew, Peter Curtis. Funeral service was held Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at Saint Andrew's United Church, 55 King Street, Truro, Reverend Curtis McDonald officiated. Interment was in Old Barns 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)

**WALTON, Elizabeth C. – Age 75,** of Lower Five Islands, passed away on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Lower Five Islands, she was a daughter of the late Smith and Maude (Brown) Lewis. She is survived by a daughter, Annette Gouchie (Peter), Lower Five Islands; sons, Bliss (Michelle), Parrsboro; Wyman (Wanda), Wharton; sisters, Ann Goodwin (Dave), Enfield; Ida Terrio (Eric), Amherst; brothers, Garth (Carol), Springhill; Myles (Dawn), Pugwash; Veryl (Joyce), Lower Five Islands; Cecil (Pat), Lower Five Islands; 6 grandchildren, Kristyn (Pat), Jeremy, Brooke, Jasmine, Zach (Mary-Beth) and Sage (Taylor); two great grandchildren, Roland and Brice; numerous nieces and nephews; close friend, Trudy Eagles, Lower Five Islands. She was predeceased by her husband, Wyman; sisters, Myrna, Glenda, Gwen; brothers, Dwight and Smith; a niece, Wanda Lee. A private graveside service will be held in the Lower Five Islands Cemetery. A 'Celebration of Life' gathering for family and friends was held March 31, 2018 at the Five Islands Fire Hall. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**TAYLOR, Marie J. – Age 41,** of Parrsboro passed away Friday, March 30, 2018 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Elmsdale, she was a daughter of Luella (Richardson) Taylor and the late Cleveland Taylor. She is survived by sisters, Donna Taylor (Carl Margeson), Springhill; Margaret Dillman (Peter), Enfield; Shelley Salter (James), New Prospect; Susan Taylor, Halifax; numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by a sister, Tara. Funeral service was held April 3, 2018 at St. Brigid's Catholic Church, Fr. Craig Christenson officiated. Burial in St. George's Cemetery, Parrsboro. Memorial donations may be made to the LA Animal Shelter. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**KILLAWEE, John Berton Archibald "Archie" – 78,** Truro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late John William and Edith Wilhelm (Archibald) Killawee. Archie was a well-respected teacher of mathematics at several high schools throughout the province, eventually finding his home at Nova Scotia Teacher's College, where he taught for over 20 years. Archie is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Janet (Walker); children, Robert (Jacqueline), Karen (Allan), John (Patricia); honorary son, Robert Daly; grandchildren, Luke and Kate Henley, Samuel and Sophie Killawee; brothers, Thomas (Elinor), Philip (Grace), Paul; nephews and niece, David, Suzanne, Andrew, Matthew, Jacob, Stephane. For the last 16 years, his grandchildren have been the light of his life. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his older brother, Charles David Killawee; numerous aunts and uncles. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Monday, April 9, 2018, Reverend Douglas Chard officiated. Spring interment in Crossroads Cemetery, Valley. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**GRAHAM, Phyllis Beatrice – 79,** Upper Stewiacke, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Wednesday evening, April 4, 2018, at Elk Court, Brookfield. Born in Central North River, she was a daughter of the late Leslie and Laura (Roode) McNutt. Phyllis is survived by her daughters, Karen Graham, Nancy Graham, Truro; Shelley Graham, Brookfield; Angela Graham (Simon Wood), Debert; grandchildren, Rebecca Wood, Lauren Wood, Jarret Retfalvi; sister, Kay (Gerald) Hawkins, Fredericton, New Brunswick; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Ralph Douglas Graham; siblings, Margaret (George) Truman, Ivan McNutt, Freeman McNutt, Truman McNutt, Cecilia (George) Kennedy, Leo McNutt, Layton McNutt in infancy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Sunday, April 8, 2018, Reverend Valerie Kingsbury officiated. Spring interment in Riverside Cemetery, Upper Stewiacke. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**SLACK, Douglas Ralph, 100,** Truro, passed away Monday, April 9, 2018 in Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born in Debert he was the son of the late Munro and Laura (Matthews) Slack. He is survived by his son, Carl, and brother, Ross, both of Truro. No visitation or service at his request. A graveside committal will be held in the spring in Plains Road Cemetery, Debert. Donations in Doug's memory may be made to the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON). Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro where on-line condolences and donations may be made at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**DeVOUGE, Gary Owen – Lower Debert.** It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Gary Owen DeVouge, Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the age of 63. He was a son of the late Glen and Dorothy (Maskill) DeVouge. Gary is survived by his loving wife Sandra (Bowers) and Daizee Dog, his loyal companion. Survived by his brothers, Tom (Janet) and Fred (Donna), along with many nieces and nephews; brother-in-law, Tom (Alicia) and their children Adam and Kate; sister-in-law, Michele and a huge circle of friends. Gary was a caring and hard working man with a huge heart and would help anyone at any time. He loved skiing with his best friends, Kent and Robert, to ride his Harley Davidson and the great outdoors. Cremation has taken place. No funeral by request. A celebration of Gary's life will be held at a later date. Special thanks to Truro EHS, David, Logan, Tom and Alicia. Completion of arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**FULTON, Ray Allister – The death of Ray Allister Fulton, age 90,** of Upper Onslow, loving husband of Joan (MacDonald) Fulton for 66 years, occurred on Thursday evening, April 12, 2018, surrounded by family. Family was always the most important and in addition to his wife, Joan, he leaves behind his daughter, Susan Fulton-Kaiser (Denny); son, Richard Fulton (Rosanne); grandsons, Travis and Steven; step great granddaughters, Arianna and Alexandra; sister, Joyce Slack; several special nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Ron (Thora); infant brother, Donald; infant son; niece, Heather. Funeral service was held Monday, April 16, 2018, at Trinity United Church, 415 Onslow Road, Upper Onslow, Reverend Glenn MacLean officiated. Interment was in Riverside United Church Cemetery, Bass River. 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)

**CONRAD, Frank Daniel** passed away in Truro on April 15, 2018 at the age of 98 years. Born in Truro October 1, 1919, he was the son of T.A. and Ann Conrad. He was a veteran of WWII and served overseas from June 1940 until December 1945. Frank was employed with the Soldiers Settlement and Veterans Land Administration from 1946 until his retirement in 1979. He was an active member of the Truro Kinsman Club and Truro Golf Club for many years. He was also a member of the St. John's Anglican Parish and a longtime member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Jean and daughter, Betty Hill; brothers, Arthur, George, Ronald and Robert; sisters, Margaret, Nina, Lena, Thea, Connie and Kathleen. He is survived by his son, Richard (Betty) and daughter, Jean Ann Athanasiou (Tom); son-in-law, Arthur Hill; grandchildren, Lisa (Hill) Morgan, Derek Conrad, Craig Hill, Heather (Conrad) Boyd, Andrew Athanasiou and Janet Athanasiou. Also by great grandchildren, Brett, Josie and Abby Conrad, Amy and Jonah Morgan, Liam Boyd, and Libby Hill, as well as many nieces and nephews. Friends paid their respects on April 21, 2018 at Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St, Truro. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of choice. Frank's family would like to express sincere thanks to Dr. Neil Bower, the staff at Purdy Lane, Cedarstone Residence and Rev. Lori Ramsey. Online condolences may be made at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**PETTIGREW, Verlie E. – 87** of Harrison Settlement passed away Friday April 20, 2018 at South Cumberland Community Care Center, Parrsboro. Born in Liscomb Mills, Guysborough County, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Odessa Odean (Tibert). Winters. Verlie's life centered around her family, no matter what, she put her family first, she enjoyed camping quilting and giving hugs. She is survived by her husband Ernest, Daughters Millie Pettigrew (Damien Dunn), Stellarton, Rose MacAloney, Jasper, a son Angus, Parrsboro. Brothers Leonard (Karen) and Russell both of Ontario. Six Grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, son-in-law, Cyril Mosher, Half Way River. She was predeceased by daughter Donna Mosher, granddaughters Debbie and Donna, Brothers Roland and Elmore. Funeral service was held April 24 at Smith's Funeral Home Parrsboro. Rev. Brock Shaver officiated. Burial in the West Brook Cemetery. Memorial Donations to West Brook Cemetery. Special thanks to VON and South Cumberland Community Care Center. online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**McGIFFORD, John Stewart,** Lower Onslow, passed away with his wife by his side on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. John was formerly from Penticton B.C. Funeral Service will be held Thursday, April 26 at 2pm in Grace Independent Baptist Church, 295 Glenwood Dr., Truro, Pastor Ron Ruse officiating assisted by Pastor Ian Kurylyk. Reception following in the church basement. Interment in Lower Onslow Clarke Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Full Obituary and Condolences at: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

## UCW Spring Rally – May 15th

By *Chris Urquhart*

The Truro Presbyterial UCW Spring Rally will be held on Tuesday May 15th at St. Andrew's United Church in Truro. Registration is 9:30 to 10 am. There will be coffee, tea, and some "goodies" to enjoy upon your arrival.

The theme for this rally is "Growing With Change" and one of the guest speakers is from what used to be "Out In The Cold" but are now "Truro Homeless Shelter Society". There will be a book display. Bring a bag lunch and a friend! Plan on having a great time!

## UN & NATO Service – May 27

By *Ken Jamieson*

The Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park will host a full service on May 27, 2018 to honor and remember all Canadians who have served, and continue to serve around the world with the United Nations and NATO. This service will begin at 10am with a Motorcycle parade, followed by a Marching parade and 10:30am.

This year the Stadacona Band, and the RCMP Pipes and Drums perform for guests. A full military service will begin at 11am, and representatives from all levels of government will be attending, along with members of many Veterans groups and associations.

Veterans Memorial Park is the only place in Canada where a service of this nature is presented, and one of only five places in the world. The organizing committee is attempting to get confirmation all media will attend the service. At the same time we hope you will all be able to join us to have our largest crowd ever.

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