

OBITUARIES

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STEWART, Kathleen Yvonne "Kay" (Smith, Livingstone) – 92, Great Village, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 12, 2021, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Springhill, she was the fourth child and first daughter of the late Gilbert and Evelyn (Corkum) Livingstone. (Springhill) Kay will be sorely missed by her son, Howard (Carolyn) Smith, Great Village; step-children, John (Gina) Stewart, Truro; Charlene (Garth) Palmer, Truro; grandchildren, Ronald (Charlotte) Smith, Great Village; Sherri (Martin) Dzierzanowski, Truro; Steven (Melanie) Smith, Great Village; step-grandson, Nicholas (Tanya) Stewart, Edmonton, Alberta; great grandchildren, Nicole, Kathleen, Richard, Rebecca, Thomas, Dylan, Andrew, Ola; several nieces and nephews. We cannot forget her fur babies – Jack, her dog and Barney, her cat. Along with her parents, Kay was predeceased by her first husband, Russell Smith (1983); second husband, Alexander Stewart (1997); brothers, Ronald, Reginald "Budd", Ralph; sister, June. Graveside service and interment will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, May 8, 2021, at Mahon Cemetery, 8480 Highway 2, Great Village, Mr. David Spence officiating. COVID-19 precautions must be followed, please. (Upon arrival at the cemetery, please wear your face mask, register with one of the funeral directors, maintain physical distancing, remain in your own bubbles and bring your own chair.) Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GIFFIN, Ronald Chapman - (1942 – 2021) - On the evening of April 15th, 2021, Ronald Giffin of Truro passed away peacefully at the age of 78. Ronald was born to Reginald and Lillian Giffin in 1942 in Windsor, Nova Scotia. He will be dearly missed by his wife of 50 years, Patricia Giffin. He was a loving father to Greg Giffin and Christopher Giffin; a grandfather to Harrison Giffin, Simon Giffin and Lis Giffin-Sole. As well, he is survived by his siblings Claude Giffin, Brian Giffin and Pauline Giffin. He is predeceased by his brother Reid Giffin. He received undergraduate degree from Acadia University and went on to complete his law degree at Dalhousie Law School. He had a distinguished career as a lawyer and a public servant. He served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Truro / Bible Hill from 1978 – 1993. He held many positions including the Minister of Education and the Attorney General during his time in office. He was also an active member in the community after retirement and volunteered to serve on various boards and committees. There will be no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com



MacLAREN, Margaret Florence (MacKay) - The family of Margaret Florence (MacKay) MacLaren is sad to announce her passing at her home on April 17, just 15 days short of her 96th birthday. Margaret was born on May 2, 1925 to Florence and Daniel MacKay on the family farm in Lower Onslow. She attended Success Business College in Truro. From 1942-46, she worked in the Debert office of the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corps, and later in the office of Borden's Milk, Truro. She married the late Bert MacLaren, raised a family of three children, and, together with Bert, operated the office of their family-owned trucking business (MacLaren's Transfer) until 1966 when the business was sold. Following this, she managed the Truro office of Day & Ross Transfer while Bert became the Truro Terminal Manager. Most of all, she was a quiet, loving, caring wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who was very proud of her family. She always put the needs of her family ahead of her own and until the end was offering to get you a blanket or cup of tea or whatever she thought you might need. She loved a cup of tea and the teapot was always ready for anyone who dropped in. Although a quiet individual she often surprised us with her unexpected dry wit. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Burton MacLaren; son, Robert; and son-in-law, Martin Suddard. She is survived by daughter, Betty Lou Suddard; son, Rick (Julia); daughter-in-law, Jeanne; grandchildren: Michelle (Kevin), Melissa (Brent), Sarah (Rick), Graeme (Beth) and Danielle; great-grandchildren, Madison, Zachary, Hailey, Matthew, Niav, Lexi, Scarlett, Emma and Alexa. Her family extends a very special thanks to private caregivers Diane Lundie, Vivian Dunphy, and Julia Prest who have lovingly cared for her at home. A special thank you to neighbors and friends, Joan and Vic Yeadon and Nora and John Murdock for their visits and support to Mum. Margaret's wishes were to remain at home to the end of her life; to this end, we are very grateful for the support of Dr. Wanda Brown; Shelley Vincent; John Gatto, Seniors Health; Darlene Kent; Valerie Williams; Ruth Morrison; as well as VON Home Support, VON Nursing; and the Palliative Care Team of Dr. Cortney Smith and Lisa Weatherbee. Margaret was a member of St. Andrews United Church and member of the UCW. Family flowers only. In her memory, donations may be made to: St. Andrews United Church, the Colchester Food Bank or charity of your choice. A private family service was held April 20th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro with Rev. Phillip Kennedy officiating. Interment at a later date in Watson Cemetery. Online Condolences/Webcasting is available at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

HARDY, Best, J. – Age 82, of Parrsboro left us all on Saturday, April 17, 2021 to set his lobster traps for the coming season in heaven. A man who was larger than life, he literally wore his heart on his sleeve. His heart being his devoted wife, Donna (Livingstone), and it was tattooed on his arm. Married for 61 years, they were the definition of soulmates and provided such a tremendous example to their children and grandchildren of the love and devotion it takes to sustain a marriage through the good and less good times. He left her in body, but he will forever be tattooed in her heart. He is also survived by his two children, Danny Best (Heather) and Kelly Quinn (Donnie), who were the direct creations of the love and devotion Hardy and Donna shared. He is survived also by siblings, Ronald (Elizabeth "Liz"), Barbara, William "Billy" (Dorothy), and Johnny (Gale) and his foster brothers, Dennis (Lucille), Dave and Ronnie. He was such a talented builder, welder, fisherman and inventor. Yes, he had a creative collection of tools and toys that he "invented". They weren't always what you call the safest contraptions, but they always worked. Though he excelled as a fisherman for most of his life, he was a jack of all trades, master of none, but he would certainly argue he was master of all. He would often configure one of his famous "yip sticks" to pass along to his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is survived by his grandchildren, Natasha (Andrew), Jimmy-Lee (Jillian), Brady (Megumi), and Jeaneil (Matt), great grandchildren, Kieran, Micah, Scarlett, Lillian and Merwyn. Although, if he had it his way they would have all been named Hardy Junior for the boys and Hardietta for the girls. He was predeceased by his parents, Arthur and Florence (Canning) Best, and a special uncle, William "Bill" Best (surviving spouse, Henrietta). A celebration of life will be held at a later date for friends and family. Donations can be made to the Nova Scotia Heart and Stroke Foundation or charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

BLINKHORN, Rosaline R. 'Rosie' – Age 66, of Parrsboro passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Herbert and Rhoda (Phinney) Blenkhorn. She is survived by her companion, David Rafuse; sisters, Dorothy Doiron (Ivan), Carol, Shane (Allan), Theresa (Perry), all of Parrsboro; Jacque Crossman (David), Mississauga; Lynda Gallagher, Caledon, Ont.; brothers, Richard (Sheila), Grand Bay, NB; Stanford (Wendy), Rory (Janice), all of Parrsboro; brother-in-law, Merton Kay, Parrsboro; numerous nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her companion, Gary 'Cow' Burscough; a sister, Doreen. A graveside service was held Saturday, April 24, 2021 at St. George's Anglican Cemetery, Parrsboro. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Mental Health Association (Nova Scotia Division). Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

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Nominations Open for Community Spirit Award

Nova Scotians can show their community pride by submitting nominations for the 2021 Lieutenant-Governor's Community Spirit Award. "The Lieutenant-Governor's Community Spirit Award celebrates the power, strength and diversity of our vibrant communities across Nova Scotia," said Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister Suzanne Lohnes-Croft. "When we recognize each other's achievements, we form a deeper appreciation that builds a stronger and more connected province." The deadline to submit a nomination is midnight on Friday, May 14. Applications can be found online at: <https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-in-our-future/community-spirit-award>. Since 2008, 44 communities have received the award. Any nomination received for the 2020 Lieutenant-Governor's Community Spirit Award program will be considered for 2021.

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