

OBITUARIES

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LYNDS, William Donald "Willie" - 83, Onslow Mountain, passed away peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, March 23, 2022, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Onslow Mountain, he was the eldest son of the late Lockhart and Ruth (Crowe) Lynds. William is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Jean (Frizzell); daughter, Heather (Sean) Neufeld; sisters, Dorothy Graham (Noah Perry), Helen Weatherby (Charles Martin); brother, Freeman (Kelly) Lynds; sister-in-law, Joyce (Aubrey) Lynds; brother-in-law, Leander Staples; many nieces and nephews. Graveside service and interment will be held at a later date at West Branch Cemetery, North River. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MacLEOD, Marguerite Mary (Gallant) (Hoare) - 94, Lower Onslow, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born in Saint John, New Brunswick, she was a daughter of the late Emmanuel and Catherine Gallant. Marguerite was predeceased by her first husband, Karl Hoare; second husband, Earl MacLeod. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Sunday, March 27, 2022, Reverend Glenn MacLean officiated. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

DIGOUT, Peter Bernard – Lower Onslow. Just like you would write it into a love story, Peter Bernard Digout's heart stopped as his wife walked away from his hospital room window in Truro on March 25, 2022. He was 72 years old. Born in a chicken coop in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, Peter had a wandering heart that was slow to settle. In stereotypical East Coast fashion, he dropped out of school at the age of twelve to start a long career of smoking, falling off the wagon, and milling about. In his early 30's, he settled down with the love of his life, Paula-Wog (everybody had a nickname). In his life, he was most proud of the family he and Paula built together. They had three daughters and two sons, affectionately called Roll-y, Miss Prissy, Miss Doo, "Hey Man" and Bullethead, and his kids gave him the gift of grandkids in Mya Pi-ya, Finnegan, Miley, Woggie and Leni Penny. Peter told tall tales, hung around in places he never should have been, loved eye-talian shoes, fast cars and faster horses, and only ever wanted the best of everything. He loved Nova Scotia—more specifically Cape Breton—which is where he's left more than just a piece of his heart. There will be no service, just a small family gathering. But the door is always open, and the tea is on if you care to stop in and share a story about Peter. Online condolences available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

ROWE, Beryl M. 'Nanny B' – Age 86, of Parrsboro passed away peacefully on Friday, March 25, 2022 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Diligent River, she was a daughter of the late Freeman and Willena (McCullly) MacLeod. She is survived by daughters, Dawne MacCaull (Garry), Dartmouth; Darlene Shirley (Mike), Parrsboro; sons, Danny (Claudina), Porters Lake; David, Parrsboro; Darren (Janice), Greenwood; Dean (Laura), Parrsboro; 19 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; sisters, Winnie Merriam, Parrsboro; Marjorie Crossman, Diligent River; Darlene Spicer (Jack), Bedford; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Donnie; a daughter, Debbie (Leo Noiles); a sister, Barbara. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Palliative Care of South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

MARTIN, Corynne Arlette - It is with sadness and no small amount of shock we must announce the sudden death of Corynne Arlette (Durant) Martin, 86, of Parrsboro at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan on Sunday, March 27th, 2022. Born on April 6th, 1935, she was the daughter of Norman Morton and Irma (Carter) Durant; youngest sister of Noma (Neville) Atwood, Tod (Malcolm) Harvey, Buz Durant, and Bill Durant; wife of Ralph Martin; aunt of Linda and Kevin – all of whom predeceased her. Corynne is survived by her sisters-in-law Grace and Shirley; children Sue-Ellyn, Todd (Mya), Jayson (Ana) and Matthew (Caitilin); grandchildren Ben (Melissa), Becca, William, Rachel, Moss, Eowyn and Avram; great grandmother of Chase and Skyler; nephews Geoff, Craig, Alec, Mark, Peter, David, Darius, and Simon; nieces Polly, Melissa, Debbie, Anafaye, Lara, and Serena; cousins and many, many friends made throughout her life. Corynne grew up in Parrsboro and then trained at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, after which she and her nurse's cap went to work in Bermuda. There she spent over 40 years wearing many different hats, with wife and mother as the largest. She returned to Nova Scotia in 1990 with her husband and youngest to settle on a farm in Economy and wore a shop keeper's hat at The Economy Country Store for 15 years before moving back to Parrsboro. Corynne was all about her family and her church. She was a born helper, healer, great cook and social person, which made the last few years hard for her. She leaves a hole too large to fill and will be missed until the end of all our days. A memorial will be held in Parrsboro for her in the summer – to gather family, friends, stories and food together to celebrate her life. The burial will be held privately in the Parrsboro Baptist Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Ottawa House By-The-Sea Museum - www.ottawahousemuseum.ca. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

HUGHES, M. Patricia 'Pat' – Age 82, of Fox River passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at All Saints Hospital, Springhill. Born in Fox River, she was a daughter of the late Dalphene Hughes. She is survived by her brother, Burton (Barbara), Dartmouth; nephews, Kevin (Dawn), Mount Uniacke and James, Truro. Besides her mother, she was predeceased by her grandparents, Carl and Maude (Carter) Hughes. In keeping with Pat's wishes, funeral services will take place at a later date. Memorial donations to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

DOYLE, Isabelle A. – Age 89, of Parrsboro passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Apple River, she was the daughter of Harold and Lillian Spicer. Isabelle served in the armed forces in her early twenties and worked at RBC in Parrsboro until she retired. An avid golfer, she played most of the courses in Nova Scotia and won more than a few trophies. She loved to play bingo and took many trips for a chance to win big! Isabelle was an amazing cook! Her homemade donuts, rolls, bread, pies, and jams were always in high demand. She made delicious family dinners and always had cookies on hand for all of the dogs that came to visit. Most days you could find Isabelle enjoying a cup of tea and listening to one of her favourite game shows. Isabelle was well loved by her family and she will be dearly missed. She is survived by her three children, daughter Judy (Stephen), Moncton; sons, Paul (Betty), Lower Sackville; Jeffery (Joan), Bedford; grandchildren, Ryan and Stevie Walker, Patrick and Meghan Doyle, Jayde (Vincent Mills), Brandon and Hanna (Brandon Erb); sisters in law, Barbara Miller and Louise Spicer and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Bob; son Roddy; great grandson, Hunter; sisters, Marvis, Katrina and Verna and brother Dalton. A graveside service and remembrance will be held at a later date at Peniel United Cemetery, Five Islands. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

EAGLES, Clayton E. – Age 91, of Five Islands passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at home surrounded by family. Born in Lower Five Islands, he was a son of the late Hilbert and Iris (Davis) Eagles. He is survived by daughters, Christine Nicoll (Kevin), Halifax; Gina (Clinton), Lower Five Islands; a son, Claytie, Five Islands; sisters, Ruth Power (Roland), Five Islands; Martha Webb, Lower Five Islands; a brother, Aubrey, Lower Five Islands; three grandchildren, William, Katherine and Christopher; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Marie; a sister, Shirley McCallum; brothers, Grant, Mearl, Berton, Kenneth 'Billy', Royden, Morton, Leslie. Funeral service was held April 2, 2022, in Peniel United Church, Five Islands, Rev. Florence Antle-Brison officiating. Burial followed in Peniel United Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Victorian Order of Nurses (Colchester Branch) or to Peniel United Church. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

GALLAGHER, Richard G. 'Rick' - Age 55, of Parrsboro passed away suddenly on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at home. Born in Amherst, he was a son of Lynda (Blenkhorn) Gallagher, Caledon, Ont. and the late George Gallagher. Rick loved to fish, play darts and washer toss, often referring to himself as the "washer toss champion." He loved to spend his time at his camper in Five Islands and was anxiously waiting for camping season to begin. He had a witty sense of humour. He is survived by his children, Michelle Gallagher (Robert Dowe), Southampton; Matthew Gallagher, Parrsboro; grandchildren, Reed and Addy; his companion, Colleen Allen, Parrsboro, and her children, Renee Allen, New Glasgow, Tyler and Bryce Allen, both of Amherst; former wife and mother of his children, Tara Smith, Parrsboro; a sister, Tammy Mathers (Trevor), Caledon, Ont.; a brother, Scott Gallagher (Nicole Stronge), Bible Hill; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral service was held April 6, 2022 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Pastor David Forbes officiated. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

TOOLE, Willard Allison – 96, We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Willard Allison Toole of Bible Hill at the Shiretown Nursing Home, Pictou with family by his side on Friday, April 1, 2022. Born in Leicester on March 28, 1926, he was the son of the late Nita (Carter) and Percy Toole. Willard went to work in his father's sawmill at the age of 13 and worked many years in various mills and later as a millwright. He worked at Crossley Carpets for a number of years and retired in 1991. Willard was skilled at many trades and always willing to lend a hand. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking projects and home renovations. He loved to share his stories about his experiences growing up on the farm and his early years in the sawmill. He will be remembered for his love of family, friends and his strong faith. Willard is lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his son, Kevin (Cathy) Toole, Maple Grove and daughter, Linda MacDonald, Moncton. He was a special grandfather to Andrew (Darla) Toole, Christopher (Marilou) Toole, Alyson (Lauchie) MacLean, Anne (Dwayne) Williston, Amy MacDonald, Jeff (Melanie) MacDonald, Darrell (Julie) MacDonald, Colleen (Mike) Bell and 26 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Also, survived by his sister, Dollie Ferguson; brother, Earle (Fran) Toole and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Violet (Pierce); son, Melvin Toole; son-in-law, Mark MacDonald; granddaughter, Susie MacDonald; sisters, Janie (in infancy), Sadie Pierce, Miriam Hazelwood and brothers, Merle, Hubert, Ross, Albert, Gordon, Alton. Funeral service was held April 5 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, Mr. Charles O'Regan and Miss. Diane Anderson officiated. Interment will take place at a later date in Crossroads Cemetery, Valley. Donations in Willard's memory may be made to the VON or charity of your choice. A special thanks to the staff at Shiretown Nursing Home in Pictou for their excellent care. Online condolences may be directed to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

McMULLIN, David Wendell - 75, of Truro, passed away on April 2, 2022 in Wynn Park Villa, Truro. There will be no service or visitation. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

SHAY, Vernon Edward – 84, Great Village. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear father, Vernon Edward Shay, on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Caledonia, Queens County, he was a son of the late Frederick and Marjorie (Brooks) Shay. Vernon is survived by his children, Gregory (Penny), Wendy (Steve), Jeffery (Tracey); seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; siblings, Bill, Freda (John); several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by our mother, Judith (Oxner); siblings, Marion, Audrey, Kathleen, Earle, Marjorie, George, Wilfred, Teddy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where Vernon's family received friends on Friday, April 8, 2022. Private interment at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MacRAE, Gayle Christene - Age 76, Upper North River, passed away at home on April 5, 2022 with her loving family by her side after a short but strong fight with stage four Glioblastoma Brain Cancer. Diagnosed in late June - early July 2021, her perseverance, grace and determination has been inspiring over the past nine months. Gayle was born on December 11, 1945 to the late Peter and Jennie (Lynch) MacNutt in Earltown, NS. She grew up on a mixed farm, so she was never afraid of a little hard work or getting her hands dirty. Gayle started her career as a Stenographer with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, then became an amazing stay-at-home Mom after Elaine and Andrew were born, taking them to all of their activities, whether it was music lessons, softball, hockey or figure skating. She spent many an early morning in a rink. Once they were older, Gayle returned to the workforce as an Administrative Assistant with the Colchester East Hants Health Authority (now Nova Scotia Health Authority - Northern Zone). This was a career she absolutely loved and she made many friends and excelled at her new role, however she loved nothing more than retiring in 2006 to take care of her two grandchildren. Grandma was always up for an adventure and took the grandkids on many local road trips so they could experience everything that her kids did, from the beach to the wildlife park, trips to Halifax and even a tour of a coal mine. Gayle was very smart and resourceful, always keeping learning exciting and fun at home for the kids. She sparked her kids and grandkids interest in reading, math and science fostering their love of learning at an early age. She attended every school, art, music or sporting event that her grandkids were involved in and even attended her grandson's grade twelve graduation three days after brain surgery. Gayle loved to travel and she and Alec were able to take many trips to see Andrew in various locations over the years such as North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Hawaii, Manitoba and New York. Prior to her illness, Gayle ran MacRae's Rocky Ridge Maple with her husband, Alec and their family for thirteen years. She kept her family organized with supplies and sales at the door, kept the fire going in the sugar camp, as well as kept them fed during the long hours when the sap was running each spring. Gayle never stopped working or really slowed down until cancer struck. Always in the garden or in the woods and was known for her amazing baking skills which she passed down to her kids and grandkids. Gayle is survived by her loving, devoted, supportive husband of 51 years, Wayne Alec; her loving kids: daughter, Elaine Grant (Ryan), Onslow Mountain; son, Andrew, Chestertown, Maryland; her pride and joy: grandson, Shannon and granddaughter, Alexis, Onslow Mountain. She is survived by her siblings, Jeanette MacNutt (Wayne Large), Truro, George MacNutt (Lorene), Truro, Alex MacNutt (Linda), Earltown, John MacNutt (Mary), Dartmouth, Marilyn MacLeod (Robert), Earltown and Sharon Bailey (Henry), Earltown. Gayle is also survived by brothers and sisters-in-law, Kelsey and Kathleen MacRae, Ardith and Clarence Smith, Anne Marie MacRae, Gail Thompson, Wendell MacRae, Darrell MacRae, Viola Dalrymple, Brenda and Wayne Ryan, Dexter MacRae and her beloved nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews whom she loved so dearly. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by nephews, Kelly MacLeod and Brian Thompson; sisters and brothers-in-law, Eric, Clayton, Boyd and Frederick MacRae, Doreen and Clayton Murdock, Bob Thompson, Gladys and Basil MacNutt, Bruce Dalrymple as well as mother and father-in-law, Freda and Ernest MacRae. As per Gayle's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Cremation has taken place. A private interment in Blackmore Cemetery will take place in the spring. A special thank you goes out to Dr. Mary MacNeil, Dr. Henderson, Cancer Coordinator - Darlene Holmes and the nurses on the 3rd floor for their compassion and kindness, the emergency room staff at CEHHC, as well as the Radiology Team for their skill in diagnosis, VON Homecare and Nurses who enabled Gayle to be home with family for her final month and a huge thanks goes to friends, family and neighbours for their support, keeping us all fed through her battle with cancer and maple season, the cards, messages of support, visits and flowers which Gayle loved so much. Donations may be made to Blackmore Cemetery, CEHHC "We Care About Cancer" or a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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