

OBITUARIES

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DRUMMOND, Brian Osborne - It is with profound sadness the family of Brian Osborne Drummond, announces his passing on March 23, 2023, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro after a lengthy illness. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Edward and Daisy (Barton) Drummond. He is survived by his wife, Nordicia (Clyke) Drummond and his daughters, Monique and Tamara, all of Truro; his siblings, Wayne (Janet), Dartmouth, Brenda, Calgary, Melissa, Eastern Passage, Kenny, Marvin (Sylvia) and Nelson (Donna), all of Halifax; sister-in-law, Shelley; grandchildren, Travis (Kylia), Megan and Daesean; great grandchildren, Legend and Malik and a host of cousins, nephews and nieces. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, William "Billy", Ronald and Jerome; his brother-in-law, Avery and sister-in-law, Jean. Affectionately known as "Daddy Brian" or "Uncle B", Brian will be fondly remembered by his extensive network of family and friends. He was a faithful husband, a proud father and beloved grandfather. He began working as a railroader when he was only seventeen years old and retired after 43 years of distinguished service with Via Rail. But he didn't slow down. He continued to stay busy with a number of part-time jobs, by walking everyday, maintaining a meticulous lawn and lending a helping hand to anyone in need. Despite residing in Truro for most of his life, Brian was proud of his Creighton Street roots and maintained a special relationship with his cousin and lifelong friend, Romeo Barton. He also valued spending time with Osborne "Ozz" Paris and completing their daily errands together. He was a diehard Toronto sports fan and an avid collector of music, movies and baseball memorabilia. He enjoyed socializing and playing Whist - two of his favorite partners were Debbie and Cindy Paris. He also loved Motown and the Temptations. Later in his life, Brian became an active member of the Zion Baptist Church, the brotherhood and the choir. A special thank you to Dr. H. Berghuis, Dr. S. Ellis, the caregivers at Eden Hall in Cedarstone Enhanced Care and the staff of the Colchester East Hants Health Centre for their care, patience and support over the years and throughout this difficult time. We also want to extend our appreciation to everyone who expressed their love and affection. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Brian's memory to the Zion Baptist Church. A visitation was held Sunday, March 26th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A celebration of Brian's life was held Monday, March 27th in the Zion United Baptist Church. Pastor Thornton Williams officiating. A repeat will be held in the church basement following the service. Online condolences by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

BURR, Oliver Leslie - 16 Mar 1950 - 28 Mar 2023 - Oliver (Ollie) Burr passed away on March 28, 2023, at the age of 73 in his hometown of East Mountain, N.S. following a battle with cancer. The day also marks the 55th anniversary of his immigration to Canada from "The Old Country," as he called it. Oliver, a stanchly proud Canadian, considered this date as one of the most important dates on the calendar each year. His career, or rather "careers" were as remarkable as his attention to detail and drive for perfection in everything he put his mind and energy towards. Over the years he worked as a draftsman, spray pilot (spruce budworm and potatoes), red seal mechanic (automotive, heavy duty and motorcycle), and finally, an apprenticeship officer for the Government of Nova Scotia. Amongst all that, he even fit in a stint as a stay-at-home Dad; arguably one of the harder jobs. Oliver was a very skilled woodworker and gardener, but most will remember him as a mechanical wizard with an absolute love of motorcycles and racing. His ability to create and tune fast and beautiful works of art was incredible. His love of bikes was contagious, and he passed it on to all his sons. That passion also inspired him to start Precious Metal Racing which has been a family affair for more than 20 years. Many weekends and countless hours over those years were spent racing at Atlantic Motorsports Park - Shubenacadie, NS; NHIS - Loudon, NH; Mosport - Bowmanville, ON and in the garage creating/repairing. He will be missed, but thanks to the great experiences and adventures had with friends and family, never forgotten. Oliver was predeceased by his father, Gerald, mother, Evelyn. He is survived by wife, Marilyn; his sisters, Rosemary and Christine; sons, Kevin, Alison and Jason and grandchildren, Evelyn, Sarah, Natalie, Allison and Charlotte. No visitation or service by request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

HENDERSON, J. Hope - Age 94, Truro. It is with sadness for our loss and gratitude for a life well-lived that we announce the passing of Hope Henderson, 94 years young! She died peacefully in her home on March 29, 2023, just as she would have wanted. Jacqueline HOPE Henderson was born in Truro on October 30, 1928, to parents, John and Laura (Ripley) Henderson. She grew up during the war years and was a very proud patriot—loved to sing the war songs. She graduated from Colchester County Academy and went on to the big city of Boston to take her nurse's training. She trained at Boston City Hospital, and from then on, she was first and foremost a nurse! That was her life's commitment! After a three-year bout with TB and recovery, she went to work at the old, old hospital and later, the Colchester Regional Hospital. There she worked for 30 years on the pediatric floor, a job she loved. Hope served on the VON Board for a number of years, and willingly canvassed for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and Canadian Cancer Society. After retirement, she had fun times playing cards, bingo, and casino trips. She is survived by her sister, Barb Henderson-Townsend (Glen), Welshtown Lake; cousins, Ken (Chella) Henderson, Sheena and Eliot, Truro; and Devon (Jess) and Gwendolyn, Toronto, as well as step nieces and nephews and many other Henderson and Ripley cousins. She was kind of the matriarch! In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory gratefully accepted for St. Andrew's United Church, VON Colchester County, or a charity of choice. A funeral service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

LANGILLE, Howard Graham - Age 85, Bible Hill, passed away on March 29, 2023, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Tatamagouche, he was a son of the late Leonard and Mabel (McQueen) Langille. Howard worked at Northern Pulp, formerly Scott Maritime Ltd., from 1968-1994, where he started out as a crane operator. He was a heavy duty mechanic at the time of his retirement. Howard also ran his own business, Langille's Paving. He always loved spending time on his wood lot. Howard lived in Riverton, Pictou County until he retired due to heart issues in 1996. After retirement, he moved to Bible Hill. He will be missed by daughters, Charlotte (John) Boats, Salt Springs, Susan (Dan) Caverley, Bible Hill, Lynn (Bill) MacKenzie, Bible Hill, Michelle Langille, Truro; sons, Roger Langille, BC, Justin (Amanda) Caverley, Camden; grandchildren, Graham Langille, BC, Morgan MacKenzie, Bible Hill, Matthew MacKenzie, Ontario, Taylor MacKenzie, Bible Hill, Logan MacKenzie, Ontario, Krista Crooks (Andrew), Halifax, Ryan Crooks (Ann), Bible Hill, Jess Langille, BC; great grandchildren, Jace and Shayla Caverley, Camden, Sophia and Abby Crooks, Bible Hill, Carmela MacKenzie, Ontario, Savannah Langille, BC; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides his parents, Howard was predeceased by his wife, Margaret; son, Robert; brothers, Lloyd and Mervyn and foster sister, Anne Irving. Donations in Howard's memory may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. There will be no service as per Howard's request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WHITE, Daniel "Danny" Gilbert, passed away peacefully at the age of 78 years on April 1, 2023, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, NS. He was predeceased by his wife and best friend of 45 years, Lorraine. He is survived by his daughters, Christine (Joe), Betty (Jon), Carolyn (Felix) and Danielle (Mike); grandchildren, Daniel (Kathryn), Lauren, Noah, Heather, Holly and longtime companion, Rose Martin; great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Gabby, Arianna, and Linken, as well as siblings, Betty, Ginger, Carole, Kathy, Bruce and many beloved nieces and nephews. Lovingly acknowledging predeceased siblings, Robbie and Molly. Danny's final years were spent happily with Rose. Sharing the same sense of humour, a love of Tim Horton's, and being surrounded by family. An afternoon of remembrance and celebration was held April 7th at Betty (daughter) and Jon's home at 12 Maynard Street, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

LAKE, William "Bill" Vincent - Age 78, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully on April 4, 2023, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Saint John, New Brunswick to the late William J. Lake and Eileen A. (Brien) Lake, Bill was a graduate of the New Brunswick Community College Business program. He started his career as an equipment salesman in Fredericton, NB, with Atmus Equipment. A transfer in the late 60's brought him to Truro, where he called home until his passing. Through his career in equipment sales, Bill saw an opportunity in the local market, which he explored in 1974, establishing Will-Kare Paving and Contracting Ltd. With over 48 years of ownership, Bill enjoyed meeting many customers and deeply valued the staff and their families that made the business successful. He was Past President of the Truro Gyro Club, the United Way of Colchester and the Truro Cemetery Corporation. He was recipient of the Truro & District Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year Award and the Rotary Club of Truro Community Service Award. Bill leaves behind his wife, Donna (Gordon) Lake; children, Kim Weir and Andrew (Tricia) Lake; grandchildren, Lauren and Kristen Weir and Patrick and Regan Lake; stepchildren, Brad Forshner (Shannon Pearce) and Gordon (Dianne) Forshner and step grandchildren, Matthew, Devon (Ashley), Danica (Nick) Calderhead, and six step great grandchildren; brothers, Bruce (Emily) and Richard (Sarah); sister-in-law, Helen Brownridge; brother-in-law, Bobby Gordon as well as several nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by his first wife, Karen; infant daughter, Kelly and brother-in-law, Ron Brownridge. Special thanks to the Hema Dialysis Unit that administered his kidney dialysis over the past three years. A further thank you to the ICU Team that administered his care in recent weeks. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada or the Ronald McDonald House Charities - Atlantic. A visitation was held April 10th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St, Truro, NS. Funeral Mass was held April 11th in the Immaculate Conception Church, 669 Prince St., Truro with Father Jim O'Connor officiating. A reception will follow in the Best Western Glengarry, 150 Willow Street, Truro. Private family interment in Robie Street Cemetery following the service. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

RITCEY, Betty Ann Kirsten - Age 79, Truro, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro with family by her side. Betty was born in Windsor on May 6, 1943, and was the daughter of the late Dorothy Johnsen. She moved to Truro in 1968 with her late husband, Jed and worked for the Department of Health for over 30 years prior to her retirement in April 1997. Betty always put her family first. She loved and supported her two sons, whether it was driving them to the hockey rink, band practice or even working an election or two. Her pride and joy were her grandchildren. She loved spending time with them, always making sure her schedule was open anytime the girls had a concert, dance recitals, volleyball and basketball tournaments and, on occasion, an all girls adventure. Betty was involved in her community. Involvement with the Colchester Hospital Auxiliary, Truro Band Auxiliary, St. Andrews United Church, Jed Ritcey Legacy Fund and the Kidney Foundation were some of the many groups that she supported. Betty was predeceased by her loving husband of 43 years, Donald Gerald Melvin "Jed". She is survived by her sons, Jerry (Martha), Sun City, Arizona, David (Amber), Truro; her adored granddaughters, Addison and Alexandra and grand dog, Oscar; her sisters-in-law, Isobel (Harold) Cream and Joanne Ritcey; her nieces and nephews, Greg (Reta) Cream, Mary (Jon) Saunders, Lisa (Nathan) Ritcey and Ryan; great nieces and nephews, Brayden, Keenan, Charlotte, Luke, Jaxson and MacKenzie. The Ritcey family would like to thank all the healthcare staff: doctors, nurses and paramedics that took care of Betty during her time in the hospital. We would also like to thank Betty's care worker, Betty Ross, that looked after her since May 2021. The two Betty's developed a special bond and we as a family are very grateful for the friendship and care. If so desired, donations may be made to the Colchester Hospital Auxiliary, 600 Abenaki Road, Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 5A1 or St. Andrew's United Church, 55 King St., Truro, N.S. B2N 3K8. A visitation was held April 15th from 11:30am until time of service at 12:30pm both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Rev. Shannon MacLean officiating. Reception to follow. Interment in Robie Street Cemetery at a later date. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

MAKINEN, Lois Jane (Waugh) - It is with profound sadness, the family of our beloved Lois Jane (Waugh) Makinen, age 71, of Valley, Colchester County announces her passing on April 6, 2023, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Janie is survived by her husband and life partner of 51 years, Paul, their two children, Stephanie (Ken) and PJ (Alanna). She leaves behind her much loved grandchildren, Sonja (Justin), Ryan, Emily, Tucker, and Cooper. She will be missed greatly by her brothers, Robert (Lana), Howard, Harry (Lucy), Charlie (Lynn), Anthony (Karen) and her sisters, Jackie (Donny) and Beverly as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Janie was predeceased by her father, James Harry Waugh; birth mother, Rosemary Waugh; Eileen (Crewe) DesChamps, (the mother who raised her); sisters, Barb MacLean, Karen Gero and brother, Peter Waugh. Janie always referred to herself as a domestic goddess and took great pride in the home she created. Janie never missed a family gathering and could always be counted on to bring her signature dish, "devised eggs". Her corny sense of humour and her love will be missed beyond words at "The sisters" regular Tim's tea, Christmas, and birthday get-togethers. In lieu of flowers, donations made in her memory to the Tim Horton Children's Camp or a charity of your choice are welcomed. There will be no visitation or funeral by request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

Three Pronged Approach to Address Internet Issue

The Executive Committee met on March 24, 2023, covering four agenda items: Fiona Clean-up and Broadband Internet in open session; and a Public Security issue and a Personnel matter in closed session.

Fiona Clean-up: A full report on the Fiona Clean-up discussion will be brought forward at an upcoming meeting.

Broadband Internet: Councillor Cooper raised concern regarding some inaccurate information being passed along to citizens reportedly by Bell employees. Previous to bringing this forward to the Executive Committee, the matter was discussed separately with the Mayor, CAO, Economic Development Officer and Municipal Solicitor. Further discussion was also held on concerns regarding NS

Power causing delays; this being a provincial initiative and advising them of the concerns; and preparing a direct communications piece regarding the project delay. Options to address the concerns were suggested by the Municipal Solicitor and the Executive Committee made following recommendation for Council consideration: "That Council approves a three-pronged approach to address the issue regarding Broadband Internet, with letters being written to Bell Media and the Premier, as well as issuing a communication piece regarding the project delay, as outlined by the Municipal Solicitor."

Public Security and Personnel Matters: These matters will be reported separately in Closed session.