

# OBITUARIES

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**KERR, Diane May** – 80, Great Village. Born Diane May Robinson in Lachine, Quebec, to Bruce and Isobel, Diane was a child full of wonder and curiosity for both this world and the next. She was always on a quest for the truth and mystical realities of life and found that when she became a Baha'i in 1970. After many years of friendship, Diane married her best friend and kindred spirit, Russell, in June of 1975. The two forged a bond of love and service for humanity as Bahá'ís, who would make their home one which welcomed everyone and was free of judgement. Being a Bahá'í, with a philosophy that the world is one and embracing people in their authentic light, shaped how she was as a mother to her two beautiful daughters, Jenny, and Amber. Diane peacefully passed away on March 19, 2024 in Nova Scotia, after a brief battle with illness. Knowing Diane, she is likely enjoying wonderful tea and conversations in the Abhá Kingdom with all those friends who have passed before her. Diane Kerr is preceded in death by her mother, Isobel Robinson; father, Bruce Robinson; brother, Tony Robinson. She is succeeded in death by her husband, Russell Kerr; daughters, Jenny (Ed) and Amber Kerr; grandchildren, David, Nicholas, and Alba. A private memorial was held in her honour on April 6, 2024. Her body will be interred at a later date. 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)

**JENNINGS, Jeremy Raymond Vernon** – 35, Lower Debert, passed away peacefully, following a sudden illness with cancer, on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, with his Mom at his side. Born in Truro, he was a son of Mark Jennings and Susan Walsh, Lower Debert. Along with his parents, Jeremy is survived by his brother, Travis Jennings, Lower Debert; maternal grandmother, Carolyn Walsh, Truro; several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Vernon Walsh; paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Elizabeth Jennings; several uncles, great uncles and great aunt. Graveside service and interment will be held 3 p.m., Friday, May 10, 2024, in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert. Arrangements for cremation have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**LEDERMAN, Jeanne Dale Archibald** passed away peacefully at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre at the peak of the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024. Jeanne was born and raised in Truro, Nova Scotia. She was predeceased by her loving parents, Clifford and Maizie Archibald. Jeanne is survived by her daughter, Claire who she was very proud of; her devoted husband, Peter; beloved brother, Kent; sister-in-law, Shelley; niece, Kaitlin; and great nieces, Jaída and Jemma. She is also survived by brothers-in-law, Bill and Lewis (Margot). Jeanne was educated at Acadia (B.Sc. Biology, 1971) and Dalhousie Law School (LL.B 1974). Jeanne and her husband, Peter Lederman operated their own law firm together in Truro since 1980. Their office occupies a historic property on the corner of Queen and Walker Streets in Truro, which was restored by them in 1984. Her practice was focused on elder law, wills and estates and real estate. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street where a celebration of life was held on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**JEWKES, Douglas Maxwell** - 1934 – 2024 - It is with deep gratitude for a life well lived and profound sadness that we announce the passing of Douglas Maxwell Jewkes, age 89, of Springhill, NS. Doug passed away on Friday, April 12, 2024 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre in Amherst. Born in Springhill on November 7th, 1934, he was a son of the late Arthur and Ethel (Pettigrew) Jewkes. After graduation from high school, Doug apprenticed at H&R Doane. Following receiving his Chartered Accountant designation, he joined the RCAF. He was stationed in Camp Borden, Shilo Manitoba, Cypress, Ottawa and completed his career in Stadacona in Halifax. Upon retirement, he returned to his hometown of Springhill and quickly became involved in the community. He served on town council, was active in the Rotary Club, Legion and the Liberal Party. Doug was the family historian who will be missed dearly by all who knew him including his many cousins. The family would like to give special thanks to neighbours for their kindness over the years. Arrangements have been entrusted to **A H Brown Funeral Home**, 5 McFarlane St., Springhill, NS (902-597-2361) where a funeral service was held on Friday, April 19th, 2024 at 1PM with Ruth Gamble, LM officiating. Burial will take place in West Brook Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Salvation Army Food Bank or charity of choice. Sharing of memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the online memorial at [www.brownsfuneralhome.com](http://www.brownsfuneralhome.com) or through the A H Brown Funeral Home Facebook Page.

**ROBERTS, Virginia Mae "Ginny"** – 92, Montrose, passed away peacefully, surrounded by love, on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at home. Born in Montrose, she was a daughter of the late Sanford and Lenora (Dunham) Urquhart. Virginia is survived by her children, Burton (Linda) Roberts, Economy; Philip Roberts, Portauisque; Linda (Dean) Rushton, Highland Village; Ross Roberts, Debert; Michael Roberts, Montrose; Frank (Patty) Roberts, Highland Village; Paul (Carolyn) Roberts, Highland Village; Roy Roberts, Highland Village; 19 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; several great-great grandchildren. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Cyril Collins Roberts; daughter, Grace Roberts; daughters-in-law, Anne Roberts, Florence Roberts; grandson, Leslie Rushton; great granddaughter, Bleu Roberts; siblings, Albert, Leida, Marion, Harold, Russel, Graham, Robert, Alfred, Alice, William, Joyce. Private interment will be held at a later date in Portauisque Beach 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)

**MacDONALD, Bernard Montgomery** – 79, Debert. It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Bernie, or perhaps Monty, depending on what stage of his life you first met him. Bernie was born in South Haven and passed away in Truro on April 18, 2024. Bernie was predeceased by his wife, Sharon, and is survived by his kids, Susan (Rob), Kenzie, Kenton (Johanna) and Vicki, as well as his grandkids, Jarod, Keegan and Jack. There will be no visitation and a family service will be held at a later date. 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)

**BROWN, Gary Leyland** 1945 – 2024 - With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of **Gary Leyland Brown**, Age 79, of East Mapleton, Nova Scotia. Surrounded by his loving family, Gary passed away on Friday, April 19, 2024 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre in Upper Nappan, NS. Gary was born in Springhill, NS on February 27, 1945 to parents Elijah and Phyllis (Sproul) Brown. Though he both started and ended his life living among the blueberry fields of the Lynn Mountain, he spent many years living in Springhill on the Herrett Road, where he watched his children and grandchildren grow up, had many adventures, and made numerous memories with friends. During his career spanning nearly four decades, Gary dedicated himself to the residential and commercial construction industry across Atlantic Canada. He served in various capacities, including as a surveyor, estimator, and site superintendent, leaving his mark on numerous projects throughout the region. He was a committed volunteer throughout his lifetime, Gary generously devoted his time to various organizations, including the Cumberland South Liberal Association, The Boy Scouts, and Springhill Minor Baseball. His passion for community service was evident in his role as a mentor, guiding three scouts to achieve the prestigious Queen Scout award and coaching the Springhill Midget Blues to consecutive provincial titles. Gary's love for sports knew no bounds, but his heart belonged to baseball and his beloved Boston Red Sox. You could see the joy in his eyes when they clinched the World Series victory in 2004, especially after defeating the New York Yankees along the way. Despite his tough and gruff facade, Gary had a heart of gold hidden beneath that exterior. He might've grumbled and muttered under his breath, but he was always first in line to help out someone when they needed it. He had a profound love of the place where he was lucky enough to call home. He often said that the best thing in the world was watching a Lynn Mountain sunset with his dogs by his side. He loved to hunt, the blueberry fields, tending his garden, and fishing in his pond; but above all else, he loved his family. Gary is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Linda. His two sons, Gary Jr. (Karen) of Brookdale and Joseph (Christine) of Coldbrook. Two grandchildren, who were his pride and joy, Matt (Brittany) and Danielle (Peter) and Step-Granddaughter, Veronica. His little brother John (Faye) of Fredericton, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Besides his parents Gary was predeceased by a brother Joseph and sister Joy, who both died in infancy. In the end, Gary's life was not just one of toughness and tenderness, but also of love and legacy. As a cherished husband, brother, father and grandfather, his impact on those around him is immeasurable. From his gruff exterior to his generous heart, Gary's presence left an undeniable mark on everyone fortunate enough to cross his path. The family would like to extend thanks to the staff at CRHCC for their compassionate care, especially to Amy and the palliative care team. Arrangements have been entrusted to A H Brown Funeral Home, 5 McFarlane St., Springhill, NS (902-597-2361) where visitation was held Thursday, April 25th, 2024 from 1 PM to 2 PM followed immediately by the funeral service with Ruth Gamble, DLM officiating. Donations in memory of Gary may be made to the Lung Association, Salvation Army Food Bank or charity of your choice. Sharing of memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the online memorial at [www.brownsfuneralhome.com](http://www.brownsfuneralhome.com) or through the A H Brown Funeral Home Facebook Page.

**CROFT, Stella Mae (Mosher)** – Age 93, Valley / Truro, passed away peacefully on April 4, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born on January 2, 1931, in Chester Basin, she was a daughter of the late Stanley and Ella (McInnis) Mosher. Stella was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Throughout her life, Stella took great pride in helping others, beginning with caring for her youngest sister, Jeanette, for most of her life, as well as providing childcare for those in her community. She also worked as a waitress in her younger years. Stella enjoyed knitting, reading novels and visits and phone calls from her sisters-in-law, Beatrice Reeves and Carolyn Mossman. She was a loving and caring person who kept her faith in God. She attended Sunday School as a child, attended Sunday service often and sang in the church choir in Chester Basin. Stella is survived by her sisters-in-law, Beatrice Reeves, Carolyn Mossman and Vivian Mosher; brother-in-law, Art Lloyd as well as several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Raymond Croft; her companion of 35 years, Owen Dickson; brothers, Murray, Carl and Bobby Mosher; sisters, Vi Brown, Florence Lloyd and Jeanette Mosher and brother-in-law, Tommy Brown. Stella was very fortunate to be able to stay in her own home until the time of her passing. The family would like to extend many thanks to neighbours, Joyce and Brian and Evan and Stacey. They would also like to thank Joyce for all her visits, haircuts and help around the house. Much appreciation to the nurses and doctors at the CEHHC Emergency and Palliative Care departments for their exceptional care on her last day as well as VON Homecare. A Graveside service will take place in Aeon Baptist Church Cemetery, Chester Basin at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**CROTHALL, Kimberly Ann** – Age 47, Bible Hill, passed away on April 4, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Geraldton, Ontario, on May 5, 1976, she was the daughter of the late Barry and Hazel Crothall. Kim will be missed by her common-law partner of 17 years, Mark DeBay, Bible Hill; daughter, Hanna Dunlap, Wolfville and son, Corey Dunlap, Upper Stewiacke. Kim worked at Tim Horton's on Pictou Road for many years. She was known to spoil all of the kids and dogs that came through the store. Everyone that worked with or knew Kim loved her. She had a laugh that could only be described as contagious. Donations in Kim's memory may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

**COLBORNE, Leslie Wynne Drake (Miller)** – Age 77, passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Leslie was born on October 5, 1946, in Wolfville to the late Henrey Eben "Red" Miller and Iris Leila Miller (Poole). Predeceased by her husband, Allen George Colborne who passed away in November of 2015 in Maidstone, SK at the age of 69 years. He was born on March 13, 1946. She is survived by her daughters, Mellissa Ann McCallum (Craig), Tania Marie Colborne and Anne Marie Donovan (Brett); grandchildren, Jessica Marie Colborne-Elliott (Nicholas), Bradley Allen Donovan (Lauren), Emily Ann Donovan, Nichole Brett Donovan, Devon Paul Joseph Donovan; great grandchildren, Daxton Allen Donovan, Kamryn Brett Edward Donovan and Briar Rose Bennett. A Graveside service will be held for both of our loving parents in the Lower Pleasant Valley Cemetery on July 6, 2024, at 1 pm.

**WHITE, Joseph Otto** – Age 60, Hilden. It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Joe White on April 9, 2024. Born on June 26, 1963, Joe was the youngest son of the late Joseph and Annie White. He grew up in New Waterford and one of his fondest memories was when his father would pile six or seven kids into the Volkswagen Beetle and take them out to the channel to go swimming on Saturdays. After graduating from UCCB and NSIT, Joe worked at Pratt & Whitney for 35 years. Joe leaves behind his wife of 30 years, Jennifer and his children, Joseph, Jarrett and Emily along with a large extended family. The kids and I feel very lucky and blessed to have had so many great times and so much laughter with Joe. He will be dearly missed. Special thanks to all the kind and compassionate doctors and nurses who helped with Joe's care over the past few years. A visitation was held on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 2:30pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**Crowell, Emily Adele** – Age 34, Côte Saint-Luc, QC. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dear Emily on her birthday, April 10, 2024 in Montreal, QC. Emily was born in Truro, NS. She graduated from Cobequid Educational Centre in 2008. During high school and early university, Emily worked at Canadian Tire and at the Truro Tourist Bureau. In 2012, she earned a Bachelor of Science (Biology) from Dalhousie University. Emily was a member of the Truro Cheer Club and the Tiger Cheer Team at Dalhousie University. After completing her undergrad in 2012, and out for a bit of adventure, Emily left Nova Scotia and travelled to Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, that fall, where she worked as a language assistant through the Odyssey Program, to help students learn and improve their English-speaking skills. This was when her passion for teaching truly blossomed. She obtained her M.A. Teaching and Learning (Science and Technology) from McGill University in 2015 and began her teaching career that same year, teaching at various high schools within the English Montreal School Board, including Westmount High School, Vincent Massey Collegiate and Royal Vale School. It was during this time that she met Jay Srinivasan. They spent five wonderful years together. Sadly, their happiness was short-lived as Jay passed away just eight months after their marriage. Emily selflessly and lovingly cared for Jay in his remaining months, giving it her all. Tragedy struck again when Emily was diagnosed with cancer only five months after Jay's passing. Despite the challenges, Emily remained hopeful and found love again with Alec Rozsnaki-Sasseville. They forever dreamed of new treatment possibilities that would finally allow them to one day start their own family and grow old together. They got engaged on December 19, 2023, in Civic Square in Truro. Alec's unwavering love and support during her final year brought immense comfort to Emily, which her family is so thankful for. Emily's interests extended beyond teaching; besides a true interest in anything nature and science related, she loved travelling and camping and was always keen for adventures. Emily will be deeply missed by her parents, Terry and Kathy Crowell; her brother, Corey (Jill), numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, including her cousin/best friend, Jenna (Jeff) and their children, Sawyer and Indie, whom Emily deeply loved. She will also be missed by her father-in-law, Subbiah (Vasan) Srinivasan; brother-in-law, Dev (Jessica) Srinivasan; sister-in-law, Maya (Len) Srinivasan-Bogh; their kids and many friends she made in both Nova Scotia and Quebec. Additionally, she is mourned by her fiancé, Alec Rozsnaki-Sasseville; his parents, Joseph Rozsnaki and Suzanne Sasseville; his brother, Thomas (Pénélope) and their extended family. Emily leaves behind her beloved dogs, Jasmine and Maggie, who brought a gentle presence of comfort and joy to their beloved owner. She was predeceased in death by her husband, Jay Srinivasan; her paternal grandparents, William Crowell and Shirley (Jake) Robben; her maternal grandparents, Ada and Raymond Ettinger and her mother-in-law, Gladys Hinch Srinivasan. In lieu of flowers, we ask that contributions in honour of Emily be made to the CHUM Foundation for cancer research ([https://www.jedonneenligne.org/fondationduchum/CM\\_AXE\\_CAN-CER/?lng=1](https://www.jedonneenligne.org/fondationduchum/CM_AXE_CAN-CER/?lng=1)) or CEHHC "We Care About Cancer". A service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 1pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, with Eileen Corah officiating. Reception will follow the service. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

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