

# OBITUARIES

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**O'TOOLE**, Leroy Lewis, - 75, passed away March 6<sup>th</sup> following open heart surgery. Born in Londonderry, he was the chosen son of Mae MacLean. Lewis was always proud of his mentor and father figure, Walter Quilty, the man from whom he got the nickname "John Dan" - a story behind that! Lewis and Lorraine moved to Alberta in 1975 where he was employed with an engineering consulting firm for the next 40 years, eventually becoming a Vice-President. He travelled extensively for the company and the couple spent two years in Thailand on one of their projects. Returning to Halifax in 2000, he became known in the neighbourhood as "the guy with the tractor". He was always ready and willing to plow a driveway, move some gravel or help out wherever he could. He enjoyed taking his boat out fishing with his friends and entertaining in his garage with the music blasting, planning the next fishing trip. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Rushton, sisters Shannon (Glen) Hudson, Nancy MacLean (Darrin McCafferty), a niece Nicole and a nephew Talyor. Lewis will be missed by the Rushton/Fletcher/Sprague families. I want to thank our friends and neighbours for their care and support. A special "thank you" to Paula, Peter and Dave. How Lucky we are to have had someone who is so hard to lose.

**LOWE**, Heather Elaine - 60, Linden, Cumberland County. It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that the family of Heather Elaine Lowe announces her passing on Sunday, March 16, 2025 in Linden. Heather will forever be remembered as an amazing wife, mother, sister, mother-in-law, aunt, great aunt, friend, and was an important person to so many. Heather had a very successful career with Scotiabank at several branches until she retired in June 2019. Her kind, compassionate nature was witnessed by all her customers and colleagues. Heather is survived by her greatest love, Jake David Lowe; son, Bradley David Lowe (Jessica Lowe) who she adored and was so proud of; sisters, Wendy (Gary) Weisner, Marie (Gary) Swanburg, Ruth; brothers, Beverly (Mary Anne) and Kenny (Betha); niece, Michelle; great niece, Maddison. She was predeceased by her father, Kenneth B. Harvey and mother, Norma Joan (Eye). Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**MCKENZIE**, Robert Brian "Crowbar" - 68, of Truro passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at Vimy Court. Born in Great Village he was a son of the late Cecil and Murial (Spence) McKenzie. Over the years Brian worked with many different companies landscaping in Ontario. He enjoyed going for drives with Kenny in the truck and loved to spend his spare time fishing. One of his most favorite pastimes was sitting on the beach in Bass River and watching the waves. Brian is survived by his siblings, Judy Manley (Flo), Calgary, Alberta; Vernon McKenzie, Saskatchewan; Marilyn Adams (Curtis), Portapique; Barb Bryantan (Stan), Bible Hill; Patricia Smith (Kenny), Debert; Victor McKenzie (Dianna), Belmont; Melvin McKenzie, Calgary, Alberta; Glenn McKenzie (Angie), Kelowna, British Columbia; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Carolyn McKenzie; siblings, Marvin and Hughie McKenzie. Honouring Brian's wishes, there will be no funeral service. If so desired, donations to a charity of choice are welcomed. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**CONNOLLY**, Barabra Geraldine, Age 83 years, Truro. It is with tremendous sadness we announce the sudden passing of Barbara Connolly on Monday, March 24, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born on August 12, 1941, in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late Mildred Geraldine (Weagle) and Theodore William Wambolt. Barbara is survived by her sons, Michael (Jeanette) and Christopher (Cynthia); her daughters, Terrianne Rossiter and Tricia (Scott) Dicks; brothers, Terry (Barbara), Brian (Linda) and Larry (Donna) Wambolt; sisters-in-law, Alice Guy and Marie Zulyniak and brother-in-law, Robert "Bob" Landry. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Leo Francis Connolly; sister-in-law, Anna Landry; brothers-in-law, Jack, Cel, Bill Guy and Al Zulyniak. Nanny will be greatly missed by her five grandchildren, Claudia, Evan, Matthew, Scott and Sophie as well as her two great grandchildren. Barbara worked at Dominion, K-Mart, The Weekly Record and the Nova Scotia Agricultural College before retiring with Leo. They enjoyed going to Florida each year, gardening and spending time with family which she continued after Leo's passing. We would like to thank the doctors and nurses for the compassion shown to Mom during her time in the hospital. Thank you to family and friends who were able to visit her as well. A special thank you to Cindy and Dan Soulis - your friendship meant so much to Mom. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life and interment will take place at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

**RICHARDS**, Henry Joseph "Joe" - Age 66, Debert, passed away in the early morning of March 26, 2025, in Debert Court. Born in New Glasgow on February 15, 1959, Joe was the son of the late Henry Vicmore and Catherine Elizabeth (Gillis) Richards. Joe was a very outgoing person - wanting to talk to everyone he met. He enjoyed everything from walking, biking, music, cooking and building. Joe was a part of the Adult Day Program and loved his time there. He is survived by his sisters, Elizabeth Stewart, Brenda Priest, Amanda Castonguay, Muriel Gillis; nine nieces and nephews, twelve great nieces and nephews and three great great nieces. Besides his parents, Joe was predeceased by uncles, Cecil Richards and John Gillis and great niece, Destiny MacLellan. A visitation was held on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. A funeral service was held Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m., both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

**WEATHERBY**, Charles Myron - Age 90, Bible Hill. Charles passed peacefully on March 28, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. He was a son of the late Lillian and Norman Weatherby of Harmony Mountain. He was a wonderful husband, father, "Papa," brother, uncle and friend. Charles lived his entire life in Bible Hill with his wife, Audrey. He is also survived by his children, Stanley, Ricky and Kelly; nine grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; six sisters and three brothers. He was a long-time employee of Coupar's Nursery from where he retired. He was well known as "the lawn mower guy of East Court Road." Charles enjoyed the good things in life. He loved to go fishing, hunting, camping and snowmobiling with his family and friends with a little mischief along the way. Charles also like to have a little drink of Captain Morgan. Charles is flying high with the angels - he will be deeply missed and forever in our hearts. There will be 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](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**MCCIELLAN**, Linda Diane - 79, Masstown, passed away peacefully, with the love and support of her daughter and son-in-law, on Friday morning, April 11, 2025, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Garnet and Dorothy (Goodwin) Rushton. Linda grew up in Debert, and in her younger years, she was affiliated with Debert Baptist Church. She worked for many years as a personal care worker at Westside Villa in Truro. She loved country music, dancing, socializing and playing radio Bingo. Linda is survived by her common-law partner of 40 years, Tony Ballard; daughter, Sheila (Robert) Burns, Onslow Mountain; grandson, Jason Burns, Ontario; brother, Raymond (Carol) Rushton, Belmont; niece, Twila Rushton (Paul); nephew, Craig Rushton. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Lois Ettinger. She is also survived by Tony's family, Michael, Antoinette, P.J., Phil (Lynda), Jim (Rita), Linda (John), Theresa (Joe), Mary (Gavin), Colleen (Clark), Karen (Rick), Patti (Jason). Members of Tony's family that are predeceased include his mother, Mary; step-father, Leo Delaney; sisters-in-law, Diane Alexander-Ballard, Helen Ballard. Special thanks are extended to her dear friends, Michael Webber and Doris McMasters and also to the VON; without your care, love and support, she would not have been able to remain in her own home for as long as she did. Thank you! Funeral service was held Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Debert Baptist Church, Pastor Hudson Trenholm officiated. Interment in Debert Cemetery, Plains Road, Debert. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**STEWART**, Foster Douglas - December 27, 1948 - April 11, 2025. We are heartbroken to announce the passing of Foster Douglas Stewart of Bible Hill, age 76 years, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, surrounded by loved ones. Foster was born in Tatamagouche to Robert and Daisy (Totten) Stewart on December 27, 1948, and grew up in Earlton. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Deborah "Deb" (McLeod) Stewart and sons, Scott and Jason (Deborah); his very special grandchildren, Michael, Lyndsey and Avery; sisters, Dorothy Works, Shirley (Bobby) Marshall and June Shipley and brothers, Alex Stewart, Bob (Marlene) Stewart, David (Karen) Stewart as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Daisy (Totten) Stewart and sister, Sharon Cook. Foster moved to Truro at the age of sixteen and started working at Stanfield's and finished his working life at Hoyt & Patterson International Trucks. In early retirement, he found his calling in volunteering, especially with the Village of Bible Hill Recreation Committee. He received many volunteer awards for his years of service. We always had music playing in our house whether it was the CKCL radio program, "The After-Supper Breakdown" or a vinyl record of classic country music. He would often be found listening to his favourite singer, Hank Williams. His second love was music, behind his love for his immediate family. Dad shared a very special bond with his grandchildren. They were inseparable. Later in life, he decided to learn to play guitar and there was rarely a day he wasn't practicing or out playing with different groups, forging many lifelong friendships. He is the reason that his sons both play guitar as well. Special thanks to all of the family and friends who visited, and to those who kept him in their thoughts and prayers while he was in the hospital. Extra special thanks to the staff in the ICU at CEHHC. Your attention and care brought all of us comfort and you showed your true compassion. To Carol Roode, we can't say thank you enough for coming in to sing and play for our Dad in his final hours. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation. A celebration of life was held in the H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall in Bible Hill on Thursday April 17, 2025, from 4pm to 7pm.

**CURRIE**, Marlene Marsha - 55, Truro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Weldon and Eileen (Cooke) Turner. Marlene is survived by her children, James Currie, Truro; Nicole Turner (Steven Anderson), Truro; grandchildren, Mackenzie Code, Alaya Code, Brooklyn Currie; siblings, Shelly (Gordon) Shipley, Debert; Sherry Turner (Jeff MacLean), Debert; many nieces, nephews and cousins; former husband and good friend, George Currie. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Weldon Turner, Jr. A celebration of Marlene's life will be held at a later date. If so desired, donations in Marlene's memory to Canadian Cancer Society are welcomed. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**MacAULAY**, Carolyn Viola age 81, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Born in Windsor, NS on November 30, 1943, she was a daughter of the late William and Phyllis (Smith) Wilson. She grew up on the family farm in Falmouth, helping with all aspects of the operation. She moved to Truro in her twenties after completing her education at business college and was employed with the Agricultural College and the Post Office. When she wasn't catching up with friends, she loved her word puzzles, going for drives and spending summers at the cottage. Her greatest joy, though, was her grandchildren, helping whenever she could, watching them grow and taking pride in their accomplishments. Her positive attitude lifted those around her, and she met every challenge with a hopeful heart and a smile. She was predeceased by her husband, John and her brother, Donald Wilson (Shirley), Olds, AB. She is survived by her son, Glendon MacAulay (Karen) of Valley; grandchildren, Julie (Jaden Dean), Jacob and John; daughter, Kristina MacAulay (Rick Wellington) of Calgary, AB; grandchildren, Ashton and Nixon; sister, Betty Beazley (Les) of Windsor. She will also be missed by many more extended family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory may be made to the Parkinson's Society Nova Scotia. A Celebration Life will be planned in the coming months, check back to this post for date.

**MURDOCK**, Muir, - With broken hearts we announce the passing of Muir Murdock, age 90, at his home in North River. Muir is survived by his wife of 60 years, Goldie (Higgins); daughters, Shawna (Terry Moore), Halifax, and Carla (Andrew St. Coeur), North Sydney; sons, Greg (Manon Murdock), Saskatoon, and Barry, formerly Japan, and beloved grandchildren, Jenna, Max, Leia and Laura. Muir was predeceased by his parents, Lorne and Violet, and brothers, Ronald (Georgie) and Clayton (Doreen). Muir loved his childhood on the Berrichan and it continued to be a regular destination for Sunday drives. Leaving home in his cherished '57 Chevy, he initially worked in the tobacco fields of Ontario, returning to Nova Scotia for a career as a pulpwood cutter until the age of 72. In the winter months, he worked for the Department of Transportation for 30 years as a snowplow driver. He took pride in his work and always made sure everything was done properly. Muir was an active member with the North River Volunteer Fire Brigade for 40 years. He was also a 4H leader for Forestry and Outdoorsman Projects. Muir enjoyed his Nascar races every weekend, and he was able to travel and watch five races in person, always cheering for an Earnhardt. Muir and Goldie also enjoyed going to many dances throughout Colchester County over the years, including the Legion senior dances, until the age of 85. Other hobbies included his extensive photo album collection which chronicled his entire life, gardening, puzzles, and keeping the local birds happy at his feeders. Muir had an awesome memory and loved to talk to everyone. We will miss all of his stories. The family gives special thanks to the VON and the palliative care team. Donations in Muir's memory can be made to the North River Fire Brigade, the Canadian Cancer Society, or to a charity of your choice. A Celebration of Life was held in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., followed by a reception. A private family interment will be held at a later date. For online condolences, visit [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**HILL**, Donald Curtis aged 67, of Pleasant Valley, Nova Scotia, passed away on Sunday, April 13, 2025, after a brief illness, surrounded by his family. He was a son of Curtis Hill of Digby and Gladys (Stevens) Twombly of Brookfield, Nova Scotia. Donald is survived by the love of his life, Trish Lunn; his daughter, Sharon Fields (Mike); his son, Barry Hill (Jennifer); his stepson, Christopher Pratt; and his beloved pets, Chevie and Zippy. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Shanea, Eric, Mikael, Declan, and Jace, as well as the mother of his children, Carla Hill. He is remembered by his mother, Gladys Stevens Twombly; his brother, David Hill; his sister, Viola Hill (Larry) and many nieces and nephews. Additionally, he is survived by his sister-in-law, Kellie Lunn, and his brother-in-law, William Lunn Jr (Karen). Donald had a distinguished career spanning over 40 years with JW Lindsay Construction. In 2010, he received the Canadian Construction Association Gold Seal Certification as a Superintendent in General Contracting. At the time of his retirement, he was a Superintendent specializing in large industrial builds, working in both Canada and the United States. He was well-respected by his peers and coworkers, especially his partner in crime, Gordie Bishop. In retirement, he was always willing to lend a hand with his son's construction company. Donald was preceded in death by his father, Curtis Hill; his brother, Robert Hill; and his father-in-law, William Lunn. In this time of profound sorrow, no words can adequately convey the depth of our loss. Special thanks to the medical staff at Colchester East Hants Health Centre ICU, where he received exceptional care from Dr. Singh and the ICU staff. Donations in Donald's name can be made to the Colchester East Hants Center. Family flowers only. A visitation was held Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12pm until time of funeral service at 1pm, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, Nova Scotia. Donnie will be laid to rest in MacDougall Cemetery, South Maitland.

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