

OBITUARIES

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JOHNSON, Kathlene Michelle "Kat" – 42, Masstown, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Halifax Infirmary, QEII, Halifax, following a sudden illness. Kathlene is survived by her children, James Robert Johnson and Katelyn Maryanne Burns (Josh); siblings, Joanie, Cory, Carson (Brant); common-law spouse, Patrick Norris, who was a father figure to James and Katelyn; nephew, Riley McMullen; many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was predeceased by her mother, Mary Campbell. A celebration of Kat's life was held from on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at The Peg, 10675 Highway 2, Masstown. If so desired, contributions in her memory to her spouse and children 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

ADSHADE, Bertha Eudora (Morris) – 80, Debert, passed away after a lengthy illness at Wynn Park Villa, Truro, on Friday, March 20, 2026. Eudora was born in Great Village to the late George Sanford and Greta Nelson. Eudora moved to Debert in the early 1960s after meeting her future husband, James "Jim" Adshade. Eudora is survived by her children, Lorraine Finnerty (Kevin), James Jr. (Margie Hill), Bill (Wendy Herrett) and Mary; grandchildren, Cheyene, Christopher, Melissa, Joshua, Gelisa, Amanda; great grandchildren, Paisley, Harrison, Logan, Everleigh, Brookelynn, Laila, Leo, Cooper, Lily and Ellie; sister, Donald MacKay and her children, Paula, Natalie and Greg MacKay; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Eugene (Betty) Adshade, Rodney Adshade, Joe Adshade, Joyce Elms, Judy Adshade. Eudora was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, James "Jim" Allison Adshade; her nephew, Dean MacKay. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, Reverend April Hart officiated. Interment was in Debert Cemetery, Plains Road, Debert. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

JOHNSON, Laurie Lynn – Age 62, Crowes Mills, passed away on March 20, 2026, at home. Born in St. Thomas, Ontario, she was a daughter of Gale Marie (Newport) and the late William Kenneth "Ken" Johnson. Laurie worked at Colchester Community Workshop/STEPS on Arthur for over 40 years. She also participated in the Special Olympics. Laurie enjoyed cooking and bowling trips with her workshop friends, she also liked swimming and visiting the maple syrup bush. Hope For Wildlife held a special place in Laurie's heart. She is survived by her mother, Gale Johnson, Crowes Mills; brother, James John, McCallum Settlement and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides her father, Laurie was predeceased by her brother, William Kenneth "Bill" and sister Gale Elizabeth "Beth." The family would like to thank the VON for their support. Donations in Laurie's memory may be made to STEPs on Arthur. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life and interment in Hillside Cemetery, Belmont at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. On-line condolences may be sent to www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WHITE, Lee R. age 74 of Old Barns, passed away on April 6, 2026, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre under palliative care, following a brief illness. Born in Old Barns on February 18, 1952, to Earl "Tuffy" and Ethel (née Cox) White, Lee was a fixture of the community where he grew up, lived and worked. He had the perfect vantage point from his seat at the computer desk looking out on the Bay, and from the seat of his motorcycle, which he rode across Canada multiple times. A graduate of Nova Scotia Teachers College, Lee worked as an industrial arts teacher in Ontario. He also taught at the Commercial Safety College in Masstown. He is survived by his partner of 17 years, Dawnelda; brothers, Philip (Yoka) and William; nieces, Adrienne (Alex), Laurel (Don); nephews, Aaron (Lauren), Curtis (Deanna); Dawnelda's "two come-alongs", Gerard and Kathleen (Everardo), as well as many dearly loved cousins and countless friends. Lee was predeceased by his parents, his brother, Dr. Lloyd A. White, and an infant sister. Donations in Lee's memory made be made to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer". Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. A memorial ride will be coordinated at a later date.

LaLONDE, Kenneth Frank Vincent – Hilden, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2026. He was a son of the late Louis and Ethel LaLonde. He worked for many years at Stanfield's in Truro. Ken is survived by his wife, Deborah Lalonde and his brother, Darrell LaLonde, of Ontario. He will be missed by his wife, his furry four-legged kids, and friends. There will be no visitation or service at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

ROULSTON, Paul Ernest Roulston, – 83, Truro/Amherst, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Amherst. Born in Belmont, he was a son of the late Almond and Eva (Peppard) Roulston. Paul worked at Colchester Community Workshop and STEPS on Arthur. Paul is survived by his sister, Betty MacDonald, Amherst. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Anne Roulston; brother, Allan Roulston; brother-in-law, Eugene MacDonald. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held on Sunday, March 29, 2026. Spring interment in Belmont Cemetery. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MacALLISTER, Vera Lavinia – The family of is saddened to announce her passing after a brief illness on March 27, 2026, in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, in her 95th year. Vera was born November 20, 1930, in Diligent River, Nova Scotia, to Peryl Parsons and Ira MacBurnie. A woman of faith, Vera lived with a zest for life and the unwavering belief that everything would work out for the best—a lesson that continues to guide her family today. She approached life with optimism, kindness, and a warmth that made everyone around her feel welcome. Beginning work at a young age at Stanfield's, Vera became a talented seamstress before building a long and successful career as a Credit Manager at Sears. Vera met many dear friends at every turn and kept in touch throughout her lifetime. She loved dressing to the nines for every occasion, and her love of shopping always ensured she had a new outfit to sport. If she could find a dance floor to show one off, even better. Her joy for life was contagious, and she carried herself with a grace and sparkle that those who knew her will never forget. In recent years, she lived at Munroe Court (Sanford Hall) with Wallace Retirement Living in Truro, NS, and made many new friends. Vera will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by her daughter, Carol Matheson (Steve); her grandchildren, Tara Leishman (Rob), Tyler Matheson (Holly), Lauren Sears (Kyler), and Hilary Sears (Aonghus); daughter-in-law, Linda Sears; and her great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Lilah, Everly, Hayden, and Westyn. She was predeceased by her parents, husbands, Garfield Sears and Don MacAllister; siblings, Bonna, Annie, and Sonny, and beloved son, Randy Sears. A graveside service will be held at a later date.

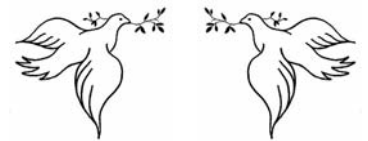
SAUNDERS, Mary Elizabeth (Deal) – It is with profound sadness we announce the peaceful passing of **Mary Elizabeth (Deal) Saunders** on Saturday morning, March 28, 2026, at the age of 91 years in East Cumberland Lodge, Pugwash, Nova Scotia. Born in Leminster, Hants County, Nova Scotia, Mary was the youngest daughter of the late William and Martha (Legge) Deal. Mary will be lovingly remembered by her daughter, Patricia (Darwin) Cromarty, Murray Siding; granddaughter, Julie Nolan, Surrey, British Columbia; great grandson, Nicolai Polushko, Hines Creek, Alberta and brother, Charles (Beatrice) Deal, Upper Rawdon, Nova Scotia; as well as numerous relatives and friends. She will also be dearly missed by her roommate, Joan, at East Cumberland Lodge. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Chesley Saunders; grandson, Aaron Trudeau; brothers, Harry Deal, Albert (Mercedes) Deal, Henry Deal; sister, Alice O'Leary; stepsisters, Gertrude and Edna Leopold. Mary was known by many as "The Pickle Queen" as she waited anxiously for the first fresh produce of the season to be harvested so she could begin doing what she loved best...making hundreds of jars of jams, pickles and preserves from her favorite family recipes. Special thanks are extended to caregivers she had at her home and also to the staff of East Cumberland Lodge, Pugwash, Nova Scotia, for your wonderful care and compassion; we can't thank you all enough! Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. In keeping with Mary's wishes, cremation has taken place. A private family gathering and interment will take place at a later date in Crossroads Cemetery, Salmon River Rd, Valley, NS. If so desired, donations in Mary's memory to a charity of your choice are welcomed. Private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by viewing Mary's obituary on-line at www.ColchesterCommunity.com and selecting "Share a memory".

LOCKHART, Joseph Lewis "Joe" – Age 87, of Bible Hill, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 27, 2026, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre. He was born on the Gulf Shore, Pugwash. He was a son of the late John and Mary (Canfield) Lockhart. Joe received his bricklayers license in 1961 and continued masonry until he retired. He enjoyed spending time with his daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He had a passion for music and dancing, restoring his 1952 Oldsmobile. He is survived by his spouse, Eleanor (Patriquin); daughters, Wendi LaVerne, Josephine "Joie" (Darren) Cameron; grandchildren, Rob, Chanda, Paul, Brian, "Little Joe", Robert "Jamie", Alex, Denver; nine great-grandchildren and his identical twin brother, Jim Lockhart. He was predeceased by his daughter, Melody; grandsons, Aaron and Elliott; parents, John and Mary Lockhart; sisters, Viva and Dorothy and his brother, George. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer Society of Canada or the Palliative Care Unit. Visitation was held March 31st with the funeral service on April 1st in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Pastor Marty Clark-Ettinger officiating. Online condolences at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

PHILLIPS, Nancy Jane, January 1, 1975 – March 28, 2026. It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Nancy Jane Phillips on March 28, 2026, at the age of 51. Raised in Hilden, Nova Scotia, Nancy was the beloved daughter of Linda Hardy (Hamilton) and Carl Phillips. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her children, Cynara (Lester) and Cameron (Jensen); her brother, Robert; her cherished grandson, Cason; her niece, Skye; and her special friend, Kristie Chapman. Nancy was predeceased by her mother and stepfather, Linda and Stu Hardy, as well as her maternal grandmother, Tessie Hamilton. The family will announce details for a celebration of life and interment at a later time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

GRAHAM, Percy Kent, Age 79, of Great Village, Nova Scotia, passed away at home on Sunday, April 5, 2026, after a brief battle with cancer. Born on January 20, 1947, Percy was a son of the late Clifford and Alfreda (Spencer) Graham. Percy dedicated much of his life to his family business, working alongside his father at Graham's Riverside Services Limited, Great Village, before taking over as owner/operator. Having a true interest in people and serving the public for so many years, he came to know a great many people. After selling the business, he worked for several years at the Cobequid Pass where he was known for his reliability and friendly nature. After his retirement, Percy developed a keen interest in reading and studying the Graham family history. Percy will be sadly missed by his wife of 54 years, Joy (Perrot) Graham; his sons, Kent (Talia) Graham, Riverview, New Brunswick and Adam (Lindsey) Graham, Truro, Nova Scotia, as well as his grandchildren, Landon, Lexie, Ava and Clara, of whom he was very proud. He is also survived by his brother, Stephen (Deanna) Graham; sister-in-law, Lynn Pellerin; two aunts, Jeannie Large and Margery Gingras, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Betty MacNeil. The family would like to thank Dr. Phillips, Dr. Rowe and the Oncology Unit at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, the VON Home Care, and the Great Village and District Fire Brigade First Responders for the care and support that Percy received. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, April 18th at 1:30 pm in Saint James United Church, Great Village, (now the Great Village Arts and Entertainment Centre), 8729 Highway 2, Great Village. A private family interment will take place at a later date. Anyone wishing to make a donation in Percy's memory may do so to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Great Village and District Fire Brigade, or a charity of choice.

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