

OBITUARIES

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BRADLEY (SMITH), Madeline June, - Age 93, Bible Hill, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2026, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Apple River, she was the daughter of the late Brenton and Agnes (Johnstone) Spicer. She was a faithful and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose life was defined by love, generosity, and quiet strength. Her greatest joy was her family, and she took immense pride in every moment spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren offering unwavering support, warmth, and guidance. She is survived by children, Mabel (Ken) Sperry, Valley, Beverly Aikens, Halifax, Alan (Sherry), Ottawa, ON, James (Lisa), Moncton, NB; brother, Duncan (Louise), Apple River; sister, Bessie Borden, Kamloops, BC; grandchildren, Craig, John, Gina, Lori, Brianna, Alex, Kara, Devon, Laura; great-grandchildren, Mateo, Ross, Eve, Nathan, Marelly Drew, Sofia, Ella, Elaina. She was predeceased by her husbands, Glenn and Ernest; granddaughter, Carrie; brothers, Brenton Jr, Carson, Claire, Glen, Hedley. Donations in Madeline's memory may be made to Salvation Army or Souls Harbour Rescue Mission. A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 1-3pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St. Truro, followed by private graveside interment in Crossroads Cemetery, Valley, with Rev. Michael Fredericks officiating. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

FISHER, Paul David It is with great sadness and deep sorrow that the family of Paul David Fisher, age 40, of Bass River, NS, announce his sudden and unexpected passing on April 13, 2026. Youngest of three children, Paul was born in Truro, NS, to parents, Gordon & Myrna (Cooke) Fisher. Paul grew up in Bass River, where he spent most of his time in the woods with his father. Paul attended Commercial Safety College in Masstown, NS, where he obtained his class 1 commercial driving license. He was a man of many skills and talents, which allowed him to hold many jobs over the years, including working for Dexter Construction, Glenholme Ready-Mix, and, most recently, Truro Agromart. He was able to operate many pieces of machinery and loved working outdoors with his hands. Paul enjoyed many activities with his family, including fishing, kayaking, skiing, and raising animals. He was a fantastic cook and enjoyed sharing his love of good food with his family, often trying and succeeding in recreating the many recipes from restaurants he enjoyed during his travels throughout Canada and the US. Paul was also an active member of the Bass River Fire Brigade. Left behind to grieve are his wife, Alysha (Gracie), and their three children, Victoria (12), William (11), and Abigail (8); his parents, Gordon and Myrna Fisher; sibling, Donna (Jason) McLellan; mother-in-law, Shauna Gracie (Sam); father-in-law, Timothy (Jennifer) Gracie; sister-in-law, Keisha Gracie; brother-in-law, Spencer Gracie (10); nieces, Trinity McLellan (19) and Kally MacDermid (12), and nephew, Christopher McLellan (14). Paul will also be missed by his friends and the many people who knew him. He was predeceased by his paternal and maternal grandparents; his aunts, Helen Cooke and Helen Funk (Fisher Shields); and niece, Destiny McLellan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local fire brigade or to Mental Health Supports for Men at headsugguys.org. Service to be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral home, 512 Willow St., Truro. **CHASE,** Gwenyth Lillian (Mills) - Age 91, Truro, passed away on April 16, 2026, in The Mira, Truro, NS. Born on June 30, 1934, in Williamsdale, NS, she was a daughter of the late Ray and Lillian (White) Mills. Gwen later moved to Park St. in Truro with her parents and six siblings. Gwenyth is survived by her three sons, William (Sharon), Amherst, Phillip (Faye), Newton Mills, and Greg (Heather), East Mountain; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Geraldine "Gerry"; brother, Aubrey and niece, Doreen (Wayne). Besides her parents, Gwenyth was predeceased by her husband, William "Bill"; daughter-in-law, Patrizia; sisters, Vera, Robena, Bernice and Daphne. Gwen loved to travel from Florida in the motorhome to across Canada and the US. She also enjoyed visiting England, Mexico and Jamaica. However, Gwen's favourite place to be was at the cottage in Sand Point, Tatamagouche. Gwen and Bill were married for 63 years before Bill's passing in 2017. During those 63 years, they were inseparable. Donations in Gwen's memory may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer". A visitation was held on Monday, April 20th from 1pm until time of funeral service at 2pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Rev. Glenn MacLean officiating. Reception followed. Interment will take place at a later date in Lockerby Cemetery, Tatamagouche.

FULTON, Leslie Allan - Age 63, Debert, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. In keeping with Les's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

PHILLIPS SR., Wayne - As the family of Wayne Phillips Sr., we are heartbroken and saddened to announce his passing on April 16, 2026, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Wayne is survived by his loving partner of 44 years, Wendy; his loving children, Tracy (Nevada), Wayne (Sarah); grandchildren, Jaily, Justice, Journee, Willow and Michael; his great grandchildren, Zaraiya, Kessnin, Ka'sai and sister-in-law, Eva, who thought the world of Wayne. Wayne was born May 31, 1948, in Truro, Nova Scotia to Don and Rose (Totten) Phillips. They predeceased him in 1999 and 2007. Wayne was also predeceased by his sister, Donna Juelich; grandparents, Foster and Winnie Totten and George and Pearl Phillips; as well as aunts, uncles and cousins. When Wayne was sixteen, he left his loving Nova Scotia for Toronto to pursue a working career. While there, he pursued many different jobs. His final job was a trade he worked hard at and became a Silk Screener on Metal. In 1999, he returned to his beloved Nova Scotia. Wayne adored Elvis Presley and had a licence plate on the vehicle to prove it. We give thanks to the staff on the 2nd floor E wing at the hospital for their kindness shown to our family and Wayne while he was in their care. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of NS or the Canadian Cancer Society. A visitation was held Thursday, April 23rd from 1pm until time of service at 2pm, in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS, with Rev. April Hart officiating. Please dress casual - jeans, t-shirt and a ball cap. Wayne wouldn't want anything fancy.

NICKERSON, Arnold Smith - On April 21, 2026, Arnold Smith Nickerson, beloved husband, father and brother, went home to his Lord. He was surrounded by his loving family as he passed peacefully. He is survived by his wife of over 65 years, Wilma, and their five children, Vernon (Cindy), Andrew, Stephanie (Tim), Helen (Iris), Philip (Chantel). He was pre-deceased by his infant son, David; his dear sister, Verna and his first-born granddaughter, Brittany, who he will rejoice in seeing again. Arnold was born to Vernon and Eva on May 14, 1936, in Carleton, Nova Scotia. He was proud to be the oldest of eight siblings: Verna (Alvin), Arden, Sherman, Natalie, Joy (Pat), Marilyn (Curry) and Corey (Sherry). He will also be missed by many nieces and nephews. Arnold found his Lord and Saviour when he was a teenager. He was a strong man of faith who dedicated his life in service including duties as a deacon, and a Sunday school teacher. He loved teasing and telling stories to anyone who would listen and they could expect to hear a big belly laugh. As a young man, he found joy working in the woods with his father. He went on to work at the clothespin factory and later in a dairy plant in Yarmouth County. He met his sweetheart, Wilma, at the hospital in Yarmouth where she worked. They were married on December 10, 1960, with Wilma's sister, Carol, and Arnold's brother, Sherman as attendants. In 1973, the family of seven moved to Bigney Avenue in Bible Hill. Arnold worked at the cheese plant for Farmers Dairy for over 30 years. Many remember seeing him walking ten kilometres to work in Salmon River. The family expanded to be blessed with twelve grandchildren: Mark (Candida), Adam (Shelby), Jillisa (Jared), Justice, Brittany, Brooke (Tyler), Victoria (Gaurav), Chad, Ryan, Jeremy, Darby, Sebastian and fourteen great-grandchildren: Lylah, Elliot, Madeleine, Elsa, Titus, Damon, Charlotte, Thoren, Nate, William, Siylas, Roman, Cordelia, and Maisie. The family would like to express immense gratitude for the loving care provided by the second-floor staff and administration at Glen Haven Manor in New Glasgow where Arnold spent the last six months. Special thanks to Amanda, Shauna and Maddie who took special care to comfort the family and Arnold in his final hours. The family would like to recognize all who supported Arnold and Wilma in the difficult months leading up to Arnold's move to long-term care including Drs. Grandy and Ellis, Pastor Caleb Kelly and the church family who provided many meals, rides and spiritual support, Tracey Bigney, Savannah, the VON and the staff at Frasers along with their faithful neighbour, Rick. Family and friends visited Arnold and the family on Sunday, April 26th between 2:00-4:00 pm. A Funeral service was held Monday, April 27th 026. Donations will be gratefully received for Carleton Cemetery, at 11:00am, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Burial to take place in the Carleton Cemetery in Yarmouth County, on what would have been Arnold's 90th birthday, May 14th.

Third Annual Quilt and Hooked Rug Show & Sale

The Third Annual Quilt and Hooked Rug Show and Sale will take place Friday, June 26, and Saturday, June 27, 2026 from 10am to 4pm each day at the Farm Equipment Museum on the Exhibition Grounds in Bible Hill. The event is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

Several vendors will be on site for the event: Oh Sew Savvy Quilt Shop from Oxford, Menzfabrics from Debert, and Creative Ewe Rug Hooking Supplies from Musquodobit Harbour. Creation Café will have a table of surplus craft items. Frank Organ from Unecda Sewing Machine Repair will provide a scissors and pinking shears sharpening service on Saturday with drop off at 10am and pick up at 1pm. It is \$3.50 for scissors and \$5 for pinkers, a bargain at twice the price.

On Friday, the Barnyard

Grill will set up their food truck for the day. Saturday's food truck is to be announced. The museum is sponsoring a 50/50 draw and there will be a door prize draw for a gift basket.

Anyone who is a quilter or rug hooker can submit their wares for display and/or sale at a cost of \$10 per person with as many items as you like. Intake is on Tuesday the 23rd or Wednesday the 24th. For an entry form or for information, contact quiltandhookedrugsale@gmail.com or ant.museum@hotmail.com or visit the museum.

This event is a fundraiser for the museum. There was over \$2,000 raised last year. The Farm Equipment Museum is excited to promote local businesses who participate in heritage crafts such as quilting and rug hooking.



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be centred here.

Presentations Meeting
Tuesday, May 5 @ 6pm

Council Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 14 @ 6pm

Council Meeting
Thursday, May 28 @ 6pm

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We Need People

In 2026 The Shoreline Journal team wants to expand its coverage area to include a greater portion or all of Colchester and its eleven electoral districts. No, we are not thinking one newspaper to cover the entire county. Our preference is a network, based on adjoining electoral districts.

One major holdback to Colchester's continued aggressive growth is lack of a strong communication's vehicle / tool, which would enable businesses, community groups and residents to communicate with one message from one end of the municipality to the other. Yes, there are existing communication tools, but as good as they are they serve small geographical areas or special interest groups.

Our goal is to develop an electoral based community-based newspaper network serving all of the Municipality of the County of Colchester whether it be a weekly, twice monthly or once a month. Some electoral districts might have their own paper, while economies of scale might require adjoining districts be grouped together. The business community and market will determine what is economically possible. The ability to sustainably communicate county-wide is paramount and this can be done with several newspapers by having common pages.

Research has proven in rural areas like Colchester, as strong as they are, a traditional newspaper, is the most effective and most economical of all possibilities. Television and radio are important and necessary, but are fractured and not one has the capability to cover the municipality like a blanket, which a newspaper can. Social media is also important, but all county residents do not have access, and do not use the technology as a source of county-wide news and notices.

Strategically, we are ready to go, but we need people.

We are looking for those who wish to augment their income or serve their community by joining our team for: **Advertising sales**; local news **correspondents/writers**; free lance **photographers**; a **contributing writer** for their organization; local **subscription sales agents** (could be local organization, which to conduct subscription fundraising campaign); **delivery agents** to deliver papers to the stores and collect for revenues for each issue sales. Many of these positions are work-from-home on part-time basis.

Limited opportunities for those who want their community to succeed and might wish to be an investor or partner.

If you are interested, before March 31, 2026, please contact: Maurice Rees, Publisher, at: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com, or cell: 902-890-9850.

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