

# OBITUARIES

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**Morrissey, Joseph F.** - Age 53, of Truro, and formerly of Parrsboro. It is with great sadness and regret that the family of Joe Morrissey announce his passing on October 14, 2016 at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Parrsboro, Joe was the son of Geraldine Morrissey and the late Glen Morrissey. Joe graduated from Parrsboro Regional High School, after which he continued his training to complete a brick laying course in Truro. He was employed with the Home Hardware Distribution Center in Debert for several years, and later worked at the Air Force Club in Truro. During his teenage years, Joe had a metallic blue El Camino that was his pride and joy. He always had a special interest in vintage cars, and owned corvettes and mustangs throughout the years. Joe loved boating, traveling, playing guitar and spending time with his friends. He had the greatest 'wit' ever. Joe would come out with one-liners about any topic in conversation, and could imitate comical behaviors of others effortlessly, keeping his friends and family entertained and laughing. You would often see Joe driving his truck with his dog, Marley, sitting beside him. He is survived by his wife, the former Tanya Ward, Truro; his mother, Geraldine Morrissey and sister, Glenda Morrissey, both of Highland Village. A graveside committal service will take place at St. Brigid's Catholic Cemetery in Parrsboro. An 'Remembrance Of Life' celebration will take place from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at the Fundy Geological Museum in the reception room. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

*Our world will never be the same without Joe, and he will be forever missed.*



**WRIGHT, Dennis Phillip** – Truro. The passing of Dennis Phillip Wright, 74, retired police officer of Truro occurred September 24, 2016 surrounded by his loving family at Cedarstone Enhanced Care after a valiant fight with Parkinson's. Born in Stellarton, NS, to James and Margaret (Atkinson) Wright. Dennis started his police career in Streetsville, now Mississauga Ont. He made a name for himself as a young rookie after saving a man's life from drowning for which he was awarded a Red Cross Citation. When Dennis returned to N.S. he joined Trenton Police and then onto Truro Police in 1974. After years of regular policing, Dennis became a community police officer and loved working with the children. His motto was "Our children are our greatest resource." Dennis introduced McGruff the crime dog who became a well-loved figure to help the children with safety and good moral conduct. Dennis was instrumental in forming Safe Graduation at CEC, which continues today. He was past master of Lodge #43, a member of Colchester Children's Aid, Dismas Society and many others. He was involved for twenty years with Crime Stoppers and Block Parent's. In 1995 he was appointed representation for the Eastern Division of Canadian Crime Prevention Society. Dennis is survived by his wife Alena (Wasson) of Truro N.S., two sons Jason (Leanna) and Darin (Tammie) both of B.C., four step children Diane Walker (Karl) of Truro N.S., Randy McLean (Sandra) of Coldbrook, NS, Nancy Rutherford (Logan) of Middle Stewiacke NS, and Paula Button (Darrin) of Clarenville NL, along with his nine grandchildren who loved him dearly. Dennis was predeceased by his mother, father and brother, all of Stellarton N.S. A Masonic Lodge No. 43 service was held on Tuesday, September 27. A celebration of life took place on September 28 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Condolences to the family may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**ADAMS, John W.** – Age 94, of Lower Five Islands passed away Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at home. Born in Lower Five Islands, he was a son of the late James Garfield and Cora Electa (Webb) Adams. He is survived by a daughter, Rosemary Sutherland (Donald), Moose River; a son, David (Shelly), Truro; a sister, Annie Cruickshank, Moose River; three grandchildren, Janice, Alisha, Andrew; two great-grandchildren, Danielle and Aidan. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Bessie Lewis in 2011; sisters, Mary, Ethel, Julia and Eva; brothers, Frank, Banford, Robert, Charles, Fraser, Albert. Visitation was held 1-2 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Peniel United Church, Five Islands, with funeral service following at 2 p.m., with Rev. Florence Antle-Brison officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**POOLE, Gordon** - 90, Truro, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, in the Palliative Care Unit at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, with daughter, Janice at his side. Born in Glace Bay, he was the son of the late Leander and Laura (Hibbs) Poole. Gordon graduated from Glace Bay High School and later Acadia University with B.A. and B.Ed. Degrees. He continued his studies at Columbia University, New York, and in 1956 received an M.A. Degree in Secondary School Administration. He taught at Hantsport High, Glace Bay, Morrison High, Hants West Rural High where he was also Vice-Principal and Guidance Counselor and Central Colchester High where he was Vice-Principal and later Principal. In 1970, he was appointed Supervisor of Secondary Schools by The Colchester-East Hants District School Board, a position he held until retirement in 1984. He was a past President of Maritime Guidance Association and a long-time member of The Nova Scotia Retired Teachers' organization. In November 2000, he was awarded a Life Membership by the Colchester-East Hants Branch of The Retired Teachers' organization. Gordon was an active member of The United Church of Canada and was a volunteer leader with Scouts Canada for over 50 years. In 1986 he organized The Colchester Food Bank, becoming President of the Association and a Director on the Board for over 28 years. Gordon was an athlete and a member of the varsity basketball team at Acadia as well as a member of the Track and Field team. He enjoyed bowling and reading as well as travelling throughout Canada and dancing with his companion, Elizabeth. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Florence and a sister in infancy. Gordon is survived by his son, David (Marg), Wakefield, Quebec, and his children, Katie (Phil), Laura, and Rob; son, Wendell (Teresa), Toronto, Ontario, and their children, Samantha and Jasmine; son, Ken (Heather), Calgary, Alberta, and their children Carson and Lena; daughter, Janice (Dennis), Truro, and her children, Caitlin and Lucas; brother, Frank (Elodie), Victoria, British Columbia; companion Elizabeth Murray, Truro; two great-grandsons, Jack and Charlie; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Sunday, October 2, 2016, at Brunswick Street United Church, 250 Brunswick Street, Truro, Reverend John Parsons officiated. Interment was held in Forest Haven Memorial Gardens, Sydney. 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)

**DAVIDSON, Lester "Ross"** – age 89, Lower Onslow passed away peacefully surrounded by family on September 28, 2016 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Lower Onslow, he was the son of the late Archie and Gertrude (Fletcher) Davidson. Ross spent his life dedicated to his family farm in Lower Onslow and in his spare time loved to attend dances and jamborees. He is survived by children, Heather Barnhill, Crowes Mills, Gerald (Clare) Davidson, June (Lorne) Pelham, both of Lower Onslow; grandchildren, James (Peggie) Barnhill, Marie (Robert) Naugler, Nancy Slack, Glenn (Natasha) Davidson, Tricia (Joe) Reimer, Sarah (Allen) Weir; ten great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; siblings, George, Effie and Joe. Beside his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Cora and second wife, Mae and companion, Vera. The family wish to express a special thank you to all his loving caregivers. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of his life was held on September 30 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Rev. Glenn MacLean officiating. Donations in Ross' memory may be made to Lower Onslow Community Center or to a charity of choice. On-line condolences may be made at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**BARLEY, Mary Evelyn** – 83, Masstown, passed away October 3, 2016 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Great Village, she was the daughter of the late Everett and Eva (Simpson) Smith. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Jack W. Barley; daughters, Patricia Whiten, Toccoa, Georgia, Donna (Michael Newby) Durning, Truro Heights; daughter-in-law, Ann Barley, East Mines N.S.; sons, J. Stephen (Jodie), Kitchener ON, James (Kelly), Westville N.S.; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; sister, Jean Gordon; sisters-in-law, Shirley Smith and Kay Stewart, all of Great Village N.S. She was predeceased by son Philip (2010), daughter-in-law, Susan (1998), brothers, Russell and Donald; brother-in-law, Vale Gordon; nephew, Ben Smith. Mary was a member of Masstown Community Association and Quilting group. She loved knitting, flowers and taking care of her family. A Graveside Service and Interment will be held at a later date in Masstown Cemetery. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. A Special thank you to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Chemotherapy and Medical Day Units. Online messages of condolence may be sent to Mary's family by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**POWER, Kendra Lee (Muir)** – With deepest sadness, the family of Kendra Lee (Muir) Power announce her sudden passing on October 6, 2016, peacefully at her home in Bridgewater. Born on January 18, 1959 in Parrsboro, Kendra was the oldest daughter of Ken Muir and Mary (George) Muir and sister to Dee Dee, Pam and Brad. Growing up in Parrsboro, Kendra was an active member of her class, a long-time member of the Parrsboro Citizens' Band and a cherished and fun friend to so many. After graduating from high school in 1977, Kendra studied at Mount Allison University and Mount Saint Vincent University and went on to have a distinguished 20-year career with the Nova Scotia Power Corporation in Halifax. In 1984, she met Gerard (Gerry) Power and they married in 1988. On October 10, 2016, they would have celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. Their beloved first child, Alexandria Mary Angela (Alix), was born in 1994, followed by the birth of their sweet girl, Sophia Rose (Sophie) in 1998. In 2004, the Power family moved from the Halifax area to Bridgewater where they developed many close friendships. Kendra worked for more than 10 years with the Town of Bridgewater as the Program Coordinator at the DesBrisay Museum. Kendra was predeceased by her mother, Mary; father, Ken; and sister, Dee Dee; as well, her mother-in-law, Angela; and father-in-law, Stanley. She will be dearly missed by Gerry, Alix & Sophie; Pam & Al; Brad, Linda, Max & Abby; Sandi; and her extended Muir/George/Power families. Her final resting place will be the Saint Brigid's Cemetery in Parrsboro, with her mother and Dee Dee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. A memorial service was held October 12, 2016 in Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at: [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com).

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## Truro Finishes in 32<sup>nd</sup> Position

The Town of Truro is one of the most attractive places in the country to develop a successful business, according to CFB's ninth annual report: Entrepreneurial Communities: Canada's top places to start and grow businesses in 2016.

Truro placed in 32nd position this year up from 42nd last year. On top of that, Truro also scored strongly on Perspective and somewhat stronger on Policy factors (much better than last year).