

OBITUARIES

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PEARSON, K. Bruce – 66, Valley. It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved husband, step father, brother and grandfather, Bruce Pearson, on Friday, September 22, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Kenneth and Beryl (Atkinson) Pearson. Bruce worked at Truro Daily News and retired as Advertising Manager and also enjoyed camping at Hidden Hilltop. Bruce is survived by his wife, Patti (Allen); step children, Sean (Mei) Murray, United Arab Emirates; Cyndy Murray, Bible Hill; grandchildren, Malehya Brooks-Murray, Haiden Murray-Smith; brothers, Harry (Cindy) Pearson, Bible Hill; Mark (Lois) Pearson, Masstown; nieces, Melanie (John) Buckler, Masstown; Tanya Pearson, Truro; nephews, Jason Pearson, Glenholme; Jeffrey Pearson, Halifax. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Wednesday, September 27, 2017, Reverend Glenn MacLean officiated. Interment was held in Crossroads Cemetery, 110 Salmon River Road, Valley. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

WORKS, Helen Mildred – 96, Truro - Mum passed away peacefully September 24, 2017 at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Mum was born in Halifax, she grew up in Two Islands near Parrsboro. She was the daughter of the late Louis Bayers and Harriet Bardsley; stepdaughter of the late Leo Patterson. Survived by sons, Darrell (Barb), Londonderry, Raymond (Carolyn), Truro Heights, Brent, Belmont; daughters, Darlene (Winston Spicer), Debert, Heather, Belmont, Rosalie, Debert; son-in-law, Dale Powers; daughter-in-law, Sandra Works; adopted sister, Gina Clark, Green Hill. Gram thought the world of her 22 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Aunt Helen will also be missed by numerous nephews and nieces whom she adored. Predeceased by husband, Charles Albert, daughters, Marilyn Griffin, Myrna Powers; son, Lawrence; brothers, Mick and Pud; sisters, Gertie, Maggie and Marguerite in infancy. Mum spent the last five years at The Mira which she considered home. Special thanks to all her Mira family and staff at CEHHC. Also thanks to family physician Dr. Rafiq and Dr. Feltmate and the Colchester Community Funeral Home. Celebration of Life service was held September 29 at 2pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Interment in Robie Street Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. On-line condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

DICKIE, Anna Elizabeth – 83, Truro, passed away Sunday, September 24, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Selma, she was a daughter of the late Arthur and Gertrude (Archibald) Whidden. Anna and her husband Peter owned and operated Glooscap Farms, Lower Onslow. She is survived by her sons, Tony (Gail), East Mountain; David (Karen), Masstown; grandchildren, Jason, Jacob, Matthew, Thomas; great-grandson, Ethan; brother, Ross (Vicki), St. Catharines, Ontario; sister, Joan Johnson, Mattatall Lake; several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Anna was predeceased by her husband, Peter Edwin Dickie; sister, Alice. Interment will take place at a later date in Onslow Clarke Cemetery, Lower Onslow. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

SWAN, Charles Seldon, aged 69 of Truro, passed away suddenly at home on September 26, 2017. Charlie was born in Springhill, NS, the only son of Margaret (Hayes) Swan. He is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Victoria (Langille Rines); his two sons, Mike (Tanya), Bible Hill; and Tim (Becky), Hilden; stepchildren Gordon Rines (Brenda Bond), Riverside Corner; Diana Rines (Stanley Purvis), South Rawdon; and Billy Rines (Darlene Rines), Rawdon Gold Mines; his pride and joy - his grandchildren, Chris, Chelsey, Jacob, Aethan and Ashlie Swan (Dylan Schofield); Liam Swan, Bailey Clark; and Jessica Rines; great grandchildren, Chloe and Owen Schofield. Charlie will also be missed dearly by his feline companion, Oscar. Charlie's working life began with the Canadian Armed Forces as a member of the Air Force, later the Militia, and a stint on the patrol vessel, Quest. In civilian life, he worked for Robb Engineering as a sandblaster, before turning to the painting trade, working for various companies as well as himself. For the last many years until his retirement, Charlie was an employee of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires. Charlie was a grateful and active member of AA (Sunday Morning Breakfast Group) for nearly 32 years, as well as a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #26, Truro. Charlie will be remembered for his kind and generous spirit and the unconditional love for and pride he took in his family. A memorial service was held at Immaculate Conception Parish, 669 Prince St., Truro October 2, 2017 with Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiating. Donations in Charlie's memory may be made to a charity of choice. The family thanks everyone for their expressions of kindness during this difficult time. On-line condolences may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

CREELMAN, Ronald Edward "Ron" – 70, Hilden, Colchester County. It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of Ronald Edward "Ron" Creelman, at home, surrounded by family, after a brief but very courageous battle with cancer, on Sunday, October 1, 2017. Ron was born in Brookfield and was the son of the late C. Edward and Nathalie (Crockett) Creelman. Ron was a graduate of Maritime Forest Ranger School in Fredericton, New Brunswick. He spent his career at Brookfield Lumber where he ran a lumber mill, building supply store, woodlands and blueberry operations. Ron is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Susan (Dalrymple); his daughters, Jan Johnson and Margo (Darcy) Merryweather; six grandchildren, Ben, Kate and Luke Johnson and Matthew, Sarah and Peter Merryweather; sister, Lynne (Larry) Kennedy and family. Celebration of Ron's life was held Thursday October 5, 2017, at Best Western Glengarry (MacDonald Room), 150 Willow Street, Truro. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

SPENCER, David Loran – 78, Truro, passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2017, in The Mira Long Term Care Center, Truro. Born in Antigonish, he was a son of the late Loran and Elizabeth (Heighton) Spencer. David worked for many years for the Department of National Defence in Dartmouth at the Ammunition Depot. He loved to play chess and also loved his music. He is survived by his sister, Delores Lynds, Onslow Mountain; brother, Douglas (Nora), Truro; nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Edward. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Saturday, October 7, 2017, Reverend Valerie Kingsbury officiated. Interment was held in Saint James Anglican Church Cemetery, Pictou. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

ALLEN, Ronald E. "Dooger" – Age 59, of Five Islands passed away suddenly on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at home. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Donald and Eleanor (Stonehouse) Allen. He is survived by a sister, Heather Shaw, Truro; brothers, Glendon (Hilda Cox), Gerald (Theresa Dowe), all of Five Islands; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held October 10, 2017 at the Peniel United Church, Five Islands, Rev. Florence Antle-Brisson officiating. Burial in the Five Islands Baptist Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

MCLEAN, Edward "Lawrence" - We regret to announce the passing of Edward "Lawrence" McLean, 76 of Belmont, Colchester County which occurred on Friday, October 6, 2017, in Vimy Court, Bible Hill. Born on November 11, 1940 in Halifax, he grew up in Lakeview and was the son of the late Harold Hanson and Ella (Canavan) McLean. He worked all his life as a carpenter, the last 20 years before retirement at I.M.P. In his younger years Lawrence enjoyed playing the violin and won several competitions. He is survived by his wife of 46 years Evelyn (Jennings) McLean and children Dwight (Heather) McLean and their children David, Eric, Trevor and Megan; Edna (Brian) Newcombe and their children Leah, Evan and Ryan; Ruth Ann (Graham) Knap and their children Emily and Victoria. Siblings Keith (Barbara) McLean, Seward (Elva) McLean, Joyce (Bill) Sheridan; sisters-in-law, Margaret Jennings, Carol Richardson; brothers-in-law Edwin (Roberta) Jennings, Byron (Sally) Jennings as well as many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Ronald and brother-in-law Stan Richardson. There was no visitation by family request. A Funeral Service was held October 12, 2017 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Rev. Glenn MacLean officiating. Burial in Belmont Cemetery. If desired donations in Lawrence's memory may be made to the VON or Trinity United Church, Onslow. Family would like to express their gratitude towards the staff at Vimy Court for all the care and support Lawrence received. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

JOHNSON, Alden Melville – 82, Portapique, passed away Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in East Village, he was the youngest son of the late Arthur and Alice (Slack) Johnson. Alden was a well-known electrician in the surrounding area and was a former resident of Great Village and Truro before his retirement. He is survived by sons, James, East Mines; Kelly (Karen), Glenholme; Bryson, Stockholm, Sweden; grandchildren, Sarah, Jeffrey Noah; sister-in-law, Bertha Johnson (Late Ivan), Londonderry; brother-in-law, Robert Hughes, British Columbia; several nieces and nephews. Private family interment in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

LEGGÉ, Donald Keith "B.F.D." – 68, Truro, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning, October 12, 2017, at Vimy Court, Bible Hill. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Keith and Thelma (Acker) Legge. Donnie was president of AJ Walker and Son until his retirement in 2003. Donnie is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Susan (Black); children, Patrick (Jill), Shortts Lake; Levi (Amanda), Stewiacke; Mackie (Michelle Hutt), Onslow; Zoë (Stewart) Dowe, Debert; grandchildren, Lucas, Connor, Cordelle, Ryley, Riley, Max, Zachary, Liam, Bridget, Colin, Emmeline; parents-in-law, Gordon and Joan Slack, Debert; sister, Carole (Howard) Phee, Ontario; sister-in-law, Josie (Gerald) Babineau, Debert; brothers-in-law, Gary Black, Debert; Joe (Toby) Slack, Little Dyke; nieces and nephews, Yan, Melodie, Lacey, Jenna, Keith, Olivia, Alec. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Warren. Celebration of Donnie's life was held Sunday, October 15, 2017, at Best Western Glengarry (MacDonald Room), 150 Willow Street, Truro. Private family funeral service was held. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

COLE, Gladys R. – Age 86, of New Minas and formerly of Advocate Harbour passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at Arborstone Enhanced Care, Halifax surrounded by family. Born in Port Greville, she was a daughter of the late Earle and Adella (Canning) Wasson. Gladys had a 27 year career at Camp Hill Hospital. She began as a student in the certified nursing assistant program. Later she became a respiratory therapist. She was head of the department in her last years with the Hospital. Upon retirement, Gladys and Walton moved to the Annapolis Valley. They enjoyed winters in Thonotassassa, Florida and summers camping with the High Tide Drifters camping club. They hosted weekend campouts at their home in Black Rock, in a direct line of sight across the bay to their beloved Advocate. Gladys lived her last year and a half at Arborstone Enhanced Care facility, where she was affectionately known as Gladys and was admired for her gentle nature and radiant smile. She is survived by daughters, Brenda Burchell, Bedford; Amy Melanson, Salt Spring Island, B.C.; 5 grandchildren, Jessica Burchell, Steven Melanson (Nicole), David Melanson, Jimmy Melanson (Kerrie), Nikki Heaton (David); 2 great-grandsons, Keiran, Cael; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Walton in 2014; sisters, Annie, Ethel, Doris, Ruth, Lillian. Funeral service was held October 27, 2017 at the Advocate Baptist Church with Rev. Emmanuel Mutale officiated. Burial in the Advocate Cemetery. Special thanks are extended to Dr. Catherine Meehan; the amazing staff of the third floor, and the Recreation Department of Arborstone. The loving care and exceptional music program brought back to life a spirit that had faltered with the passage of time. Mom/Grammie will be desperately missed by Brenda and Jessica for whom she was an integral part of daily life for many years. Memorial donations may be made to the Recreation Program of Arborstone Enhanced Care. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

Hazel-Nickerson, Eugena R. 'Jean' – Age 74, of Parrsboro passed away Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Spencer's Island, she was the daughter of the late Spicer and Mae (Stronge) Hazel. She is survived by daughters, Cheryl Stewart (Angus), Parrsboro; Sandra Lapointe (Jason), Dieppe; Mary Farren, Kelly's Cove; step-daughter, Jessica Rondeau, Yarmouth; sisters, Joyce Snow, Saint John; Lois Allen, Parrsboro; brother, Clifford "Buck", Spencer's Island; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Lori; a sister, Dianne; brothers, Glen, Robert, Rupert. Funeral services were held October 30, 2017 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro with Rev. Henry DeVito officiating. Burial in the Parrsboro Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Highway Pentecostal Church, Parrsboro. Online Condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

HENWOOD, A. Alan "Allie" - Age 75, of Bass River and formerly of Parrsboro, passed away peacefully at home on October 28, 2017. Born in Springhill, he was predeceased by his parents Alfred and Helen (Choisnet) Henwood. He is survived and will be deeply missed by his partner, Linda Earle, Stephenville, Nfld.; daughters, Janice Henwood (Keith Mulvihill), St. Thomas, Ont.; Carol Henwood-Allen, Hamilton, Ont.; grandchildren, Cole, Janai, Erykah, Olivia, Kian; brother, Bruce Henwood (Sylvia Pettis), Parrsboro; sister, Marion Choisnet, Parrsboro; nephews, Chris Henwood (Nicole), Lawrencetown; Jeff Henwood (Tina), Toronto, Ont. Allie set out on his own at the young age of 16, and was never afraid to take on new challenges in work or in life. As a result, he accumulated many skills early in life through various careers, including a signman with the Canadian Army, a truck driver, a welder, a certified nursing assistant, and a sales associate. He even started and sold a pavement marking company in Toronto. Allie often reflected on those early adult years and carried fond memories of times with his buddies in Halifax and Toronto. In 1974, he returned to his beloved hometown of Parrsboro with his own family. Back "home" he became known in many communities as the Hostess chip man before becoming the manager of Wrights Pharmacy in Parrsboro. Here, he followed his entrepreneurial spirit to become co-owner of the Pharmasave in Springhill while continuing to manage the Parrsboro store, and in his "retirement" he operated a small contracting business with his brother and later, a friend in Bass River. Allie was well known for his love of music and motorcycles. A graveside committal service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2017 in St. George's Anglican Cemetery, Parrsboro, the Rev. Dr. Brian Spence officiating, followed immediately by a 'Celebration of Allie's Life' gathering (location to be announced). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

Buying a New Toothbrush?

By *Chris Urquhart*

Time to buy a new toothbrush? Invest in a new toothbrush or a replacement head for your electric or battery-operated toothbrush every three to four months. Change it sooner if the bristles become irregular or frayed. Keeping a toothbrush for too long makes it

difficult to clean your teeth well.

Old toothbrushes are also great homes for germs! If you have been having bouts of 'flu going around your home it may be your toothbrush you have to blame! You should always keep some new brushes on hand, just in case!

