

OBITUARIES

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MATTHEWS, Alfred Earl - 98, formerly of Debert, passed away Monday, October 22, 2018, at Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born in Debert, he was a son of the late Earl and Lola (McCully) Matthews. Alfred is survived by his daughters, Sharon Rundle, Nine Mile River; Barbara Matthews, Stellarton; Carole Darrah (David), Hilden; brother, Arnold Matthews; Welland, Ontario; sister-in-law, Beulah Matthews, Bible Hill; grandchildren, Sonya Casey (Chris); Ann Crossman (Ray Telder); Matthew Darrah; great grandchildren, Andrew and Michael Casey. Along with his parents, Alfred was predeceased by his loving wife of 63 years, Shirley (Patriquin) Matthews; brother, Chesley Matthews; sisters, Irene MacCallum, Beatrice Stevens, and Fern Stewart. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro where the funeral service was held October 27, 2018, Reverend Valerie Kingsbury officiated. Interment will be held in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert, at a later date. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MEANEY, Ronald J. "Ron" - Age 89, of Parrsboro, and formerly of Calgary, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, he was a son of the late Dennis and Mary (Lamb) Meaney. Ron was Chief Financial Auditor of Veteran's Affairs Canada retiring in 1989. He is survived by his children, Danny, Ottawa; Mary Jane "MJ" Hammer (Bob), Calgary; Steve (Glenda), Parrsboro; 7 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; 4 step-grandchildren; 11 step-great grandchildren; a step great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Dorothy "Dot" Whitten in 2005; siblings, Frank, Doris, Agnes, Gordon, Gerald, Clotilde, Jack, Kevin, Catherine, Eileen. Funeral service was October 26, 2018 at St. Brigid's Catholic Church, Parrsboro, Father Craig Christenson officiated. Burial will take place in Calgary with his loving wife at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada (Nova Scotia Branch). Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

TAYLOR, Audrey M. - Age 81, of Parrsboro passed away Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Earl and Edna (Henwood) Parker. Audrey was a Life Member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 45, Parrsboro, and served more than 25 years with the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She was proud of her work with the Legion holding posts of Past Officer, Executive Committee, Veteran's Service Award, 2nd Vice President and member of the Poppy Committee. She is survived by sons, Michael "Mike" Parker, Parrsboro; William "Billy" Parker (Beth), Saint John, N.B.; Arthur Parker, Parrsboro; a sister, Betty Sussey, Saint John, N.B.; grandchildren, Jennifer Parker (Emily), Jonathan Parker, Saint John; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Ronald; a brother Robert. In keeping with Audrey's wishes, cremation has taken place and no funeral services will be held. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

BARNHILL, Wendell Lockhart. The family of Wendell Lockhart Barnhill sadly announces his passing at the age of 90 years in the Palliative Care Unit of the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro on October 24, 2018. He was born in Truro to the late Charles Homer Barnhill and Edna Catherine (Lockhart) Barnhill. Dad was a lifelong resident of Debert and a very active member of the community. After graduating from Truro Senior High, he helped his father operate Barnhill's General Store and in 1961 became the proud owner. He was a very wise businessman and in 1971, he did an extensive renovation of the store to make it a self-serve grocery store. In 1983, he sold the business to his son Randy so he could join Mom, who would soon retire from teaching. Dad was proud of being a charter member of the Debert Volunteer Fire Brigade, serving a number of executive positions. He was elected to Chief in 1974 and held the position for five years. Dad was a faithful member of the Debert United Church. He always seemed to excel in everything he did, such as softball, golf, skiing, scuba diving, pool, bowling, cribbage, fishing, hunting, woodworking, plumbing, electrical work, stained glass work and vehicle repairs, especially Jeeps. Dad wasn't known for being very talkative, but when he did say something, people listened and heeded his advice. It was always his motto that if something needed to be done, it needed to be done right. This was evident in everything he did. Dad was blessed to be married to two beautiful women - Mom for 50 years and Marian for 17 years. Both were matches made in heaven. He is survived by and will be deeply missed by wife, Marian Daley Barnhill; children, Valerie (Earl) Boudreau, Randy (Sonya), Eric (Kathy); grandchildren, Gene, Carrie, Christa, Craig, Kelly, Courtney, Evan, Chelsea and Carrie; great granddaughters, Ceilidh, Hannah, Kaitlyn and Elizabeth; sister-in-law, Jean Barnhill and several nieces and nephews. Also his American family, the Daley children and their families. He was predeceased by his first wife, Bette (Wilson) Barnhill; sister, Phyllis Putnam and brother, Fred Barnhill. We would like to thank Dad's 3M Girls, staff at Debert Court and the staff of E-Wing 3rd floor and Palliative Care in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. A visitation was held October 28 beginning with a Firefighters Tribute, followed by visitation. A Celebration of Life Service was held October 29 in the funeral home chapel. Donations in Wendell's memory may be made to the IWK, the Alzheimer Society or charity of choice. Online condolences at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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