

OBITUARIES

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TOTTEN, Ronald Rhodes – 94, High-Crest Home, Springhill, formerly of Debert, passed away on Monday, September 23, 2019. Born in Debert, he was the son of the late Piercy and Myrtle (Matthews) Totten. Ronnie was a Second World War Veteran joining the Military in 1943. He went to serve overseas in 1944 and returned on August 19, 1945. Following his return, he worked as an electrician for DND at Camp Debert and later became Deputy Fire Chief on the base as well as drove school bus for many years. He was a member of Debert Legion Branch #106 serving in many offices including President. He was one of the founding members of the Debert Volunteer Fire Brigade.

He is survived by his sons, Bill (Theresa), Debert, Michael (Tammy), Debert; daughter, Sharon (Richard) Greene, Miramichi, N.B.; grandchildren, Erin (Jeff), Amy (Ron), Brian (Jessica), Scott (Rebecca), Sarha Dawn (Ron), Mikey; great grandchildren, Nealah, Tyler, Danni, Aliyah, Ava, Jackson. Besides his parents, Ronnie was predeceased by his wife, Etta; second wife, Jean; sisters, Juanita Thompson. On September 28th RCL Branch #106 Legion Tribute Service was followed by Funeral Service in the Debert Baptist Church, with Rev. Dr. Betty Johnson, officiating. Interment in Plains Road Cemetery, Debert. Donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

CANNING, Michael S. – Age 29, of Wharton, Cumberland County passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan after a brief illness, with his mom and dad by his side. Michael was the son of Royce and Cindy (Spicer) Canning, of Wharton. He was a graduate of Parrsboro Regional High School in 2008. In the Fall of 2008, Michael attended Holland College in PEI for a two year Culinary Arts Program, followed by a one year Pastry Arts Program, graduating with a degree in both in 2011. Michael prepared food in numerous restaurants and was an excellent chef (Fox Harb'r Resort, Wild Caraway, Split Crow, Nook & Cranny, among others locally and for an extended time in PEI and New Zealand, with his last being with the Black Rock Bistro in Parrsboro for three years). He truly enjoyed his fur buddies, namely "Doozar" whom he enjoyed sharing his culinary creations; also, Garfield, his feline "boy". He is survived by and deeply missed by his parents; a brother, Greg (Kayla Barnfield), Grande Prairie, Alta.; nephews, Oakley and Beckham; paternal grandmother, Bona Canning, Parrsboro; aunts, Darlene Bowden, Paula Bowden (Robert), Darlene Porter (Tom); several cousins. He was predeceased by maternal grandparents, Paul and Ella (Melanson) Spicer; paternal grandfather, Earl Canning; aunt, Jennifer (Spicer) Berry. A Celebration of Michael's life will be held at a later date - announcement to follow. In keeping with his love for animals, memorial donations in his memory may be made to the LA Animal Shelter. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

HINGLEY, Dorothy Lillian – 94, Bible Hill, passed away September 24, 2019 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Frederick and Lily Mae (Vance) MacNutt. Dorothy worked for many years with her husband, Lloyd at Hingley's Meats in Bible Hill. During this time she also pursued a career in real-estate which she continued until her passing. Dorothy is survived by her sons, Walter and Darrell (Beth), Bible Hill; grandchildren, Justin and Sarah as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Lloyd; sisters, Ethel and Mae and brother, Leland. A memorial service was held September 29th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Rev. Valerie Kingsbury officiated. A time of visitation and reception followed. Interment in Watson Cemetery at a later date. Donations in her memory may be made to Diabetes Canada or the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WEBB, Gary W. – Age 73, of Lower Five Islands passed away suddenly on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at the VG Site, QEII, Halifax. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Logan and Beryl (Yorke) Webb. He was a lifetime employee of W & A Moir Ltd. in Halifax. He is survived by his wife, Martha (Eagles) Webb; sons, Gary Jr. (Wendy), Bedford; Kevin (Darlene), Sackville; Brian (Nicole), Herring Cove; grandchildren, Sophie, Chelsea, David, Logan, Jonah, Alyssa and Emma; sister, Patricia MacLean (Jim); brothers, Allison; David (Marion); Steven (Debbie); Ronald (Marilyn); Donald (Carol); numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Kevin. A gathering of family and friends was held at the Five Islands Fire hall on October 12, 2019. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

PRATT, Clara Blanche Teresa – 87, Truro. On September 25th, 2019, Clara Blanche Teresa Pratt, loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away after a brief but courageous battle with cancer at the age of 87. She was born on August 4th, 1932 in Belmont, N.S., daughter of the late Alfred and Pearl Mae (Morrissey) Lindsay. Besides her parents, Clara was predeceased by her husband, Irvin Pratt; sister, Elsie (Steve) Eagles and brothers, John and Samuel Lindsay. She is survived by her children, Murray, Sandra Dee and Teresa (Marcel Laforest); her grandchildren, Matthew and Madeleine Laforest (both her pride and joy); her brothers, Dexter (Barbara) and Russell (Anne). She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews. She worked at Lamont's Nursing home until it closed and then, in 1983, began her own, "Clara's Rest Home" for ten years which she thoroughly enjoyed. Many thanks to the nurses and Drs. (Kelly and MacDonald) in the ER, Colchester Hospital as well as the VON who assisted her daughter Sandra Dee who was her primary caregiver and best friend. A Celebration of her Life was held October 5th, 2019 beginning with a Royal Canadian Legion Branch #26 Ladies Auxiliary Tribute followed by a memorial service in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Burial will take place at a later date. Donations may be made to the Children's Wish Foundation, Ladies Auxiliary Truro Legion #26 or the Red Cross. Online messages of condolence may be sent to Clara's family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

BURGESS, Darrel Edward, 80 of Lower Truro, passed away peacefully on September 25, 2019 in Wynn Park Villa, Truro after a lengthy thirteen year journey with Alzheimer's. He was born in Beaverbrook, Colchester County on May 30, 1939, a son of the late Murray and Edna (McCallum) Burgess. Darrel lived in Beaverbrook until his teenage years, at which time he attended Horton Academy in Wolfville for his high school education. His oldest brother Ross was attending Acadia University at this time. He was an adherent of Old Barns United Church and was a past member of board of stewards, church choir, Old Barn's men's club and also helped with the food bank garden. Darrel is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Marsha (Beattie); brothers, Reuben, Leon and Alvin; sisters-in-law, Ruth Burgess and Raylaine Lenaghan; brother-in-law, Norm (Heather) Beattie; several nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by brothers, Ross and Rodney; sisters, Geraldine, Esther and Heather; sisters-in-law, Carol Burgess, Pat Burgess and Norma Burgess; brother-in-law, Peter Lenaghan. Special thanks to Dr. Neil Bower and Fran for the kindness and compassion shown to Darrel over the years, staff at Debert Court and Dr. Trevor Locke and staff at Wynn Park Villa for treating Darrel with love, dignity and respect. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life was held October 4th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Private family interment in Old Barns Cemetery. Donations in Darrel's memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia, Old Barns Cemetery Fund or to Old Barns United Church. Condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

BEERENS, Izaak Abraham – 95 years young. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Izaak Abraham Beerens on September 26, 2019 in Wynn Park Villa, where he called home for the past three years. Izaak was born in Oostburg, the Netherlands on November 17, 1923. He immigrated to Canada shortly after World War II. He worked on various farms before becoming a Custodian in the Truro area, where he met the love of his life, Grace. As a Custodian, he worked at the County of Colchester, Patterson Law, Mitchell Optometrists, Montreal Trust, the Bank of Nova Scotia, Success Business College, the Royal Bank, and the Credit Bureau until his retirement in 1989. Every night, Izaak could be seen burning the midnight oil, outside in his wooden shoes, flooding the rink for the kids to enjoy fresh ice the next day. Nothing filled his heart more than to watch the local youth and his grandchildren hone their skills on the back yard rink. He is survived by brothers, Willem and Abraham (Bram), who reside in the Netherlands; his daughters, Blanche (Lewis) Parker, Bible Hill and Wilma Allison, Truro; grandsons, Wade (Cathy) Parker, Bible Hill, Steven (Kelly) Parker, Pugwash, Jeff (Bonnie) Parker, Pugwash as well as eight great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Besides his wife of 41 years, Grace, he was predeceased by his parents, Johan and Jacoba Beerens; brothers, Cornelius, Michiel, Jacobus (Ko), Arjaan, Johannes (Jan) and sisters, Pieternella (Piette) and Koos. He will be dearly missed and never forgotten. Many thanks to the staff at Wynn Park Villa for the kindness and compassion shown to Izaak over the past three years. Funeral service was held October 1st in the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Rev. Lori Ramsey officiating. Burial will follow in Bible Hill Cemetery. Donations may be made to charity of choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

CANNING, Philip L. 'Phil' – Age 72, of Parrsboro passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Lyall and Mary (McAloney) Canning. A life long resident of Parrsboro, Phil was a well-known professional golfer having worked at the Moncton, Truro and Avon Valley Golf Clubs. Subsequently he was named executive director of the Canadian Professional Golf Association (Atlantic Zone), a position he held for nearly 20 years, retiring in 2012. He was an Honorary Member of the Parrsboro Golf Club and Honorary Director of the Professional Golfers' Association of Canada. In addition to his golfing career, Phil was an accomplished wood worker creating quality cabinets and furniture at his Parrsboro shop known as 'The Woodshed'. A music lover, Phil enjoyed both listening, as well performing, and as a young aspiring musician in the 60's, Phil was a member of the popular local band, The Untouchables. He is survived and deeply missed by his loving soulmate of the past 30 years, Judy Aylward, whom he shared his passion for their beautiful gardens and their travels abroad to Europe; his brother, Morris (Gleneida), Parrsboro; nephews, Collin and Derrick (Bobbie); niece, Carla (Jeremy); dear friends, Ruth Smith and Brian Wheaton. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by special aunt, Ruth McAloney. In keeping with Philip's wishes, a private family graveside service will take place at a later date. Special thanks to the nurses and physicians at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre for their compassionate care and comfort to Phil and his family through his final days. Memorial donations may be made to the Palliative Care Program of South Cumberland Community Care Centre Foundation or to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

McCALLUM, Audrey Beatrice, Bible Hill, aged 93, passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her children in Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow on October 11, 2019. The daughter of the late Arnold Archibald Crowe and Janet Marie Crowe (Lynds), she was born in Bible Hill on October 15, 1925. As the eldest child, she took on extra responsibilities, helping care for her siblings after the early death of her mother. She attended school in Truro followed by Normal College and later received a BA from Mount Allison. She took pride in her gardens on Vimy Road and was an active member of the Bible Hill Garden Club. After retiring, researching genealogy and volunteering at the museum were big parts of her life. She belonged to the University Women's Club and spent many hours working at their annual book sale. She is survived by her beloved children, Colleen (Chuck) Poulain, Stellarton, Kim (Bonnie Waddell), Upper Onslow, Terry (Joan), Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, Shelley, Central Onslow, Robin (Jane) Barrie, Ontario, Andrea (Rick) Osmond, Lower Sackville, sister, Janet (Chris) Kowalski, White Rock, BC, as well as 12 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by husband, Leo, sister, Barbara, and brothers, Keith and Don. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life was held October 16 followed by a private family burial at Crossroads Cemetery, Valley. Donations may be made to Colchester Historeum or Colchester East Hants Public Library Foundation. Online condolences at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

KING, Gladys E. – Age 89, of Hammonds Plains, and formerly of Parrsboro passed away Saturday, October 12, 2019 at home. Born in Lories, Nfld., she was a daughter of the late William and Elizabeth (Cuza) Stacey. She is survived by a daughter, Patricia Bodnar (Edwin), Edmonton, Alta.; sons, Ken (Sharon), Hammonds Plains; Bruce (Laurie), Bradford, Ont.; a brother, John (Jeanette), Victoria Harbour, Ont.; 9 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; special niece, Judy Yorke, Vancouver. She was predeceased by her husband, Clyde in 2008; sisters, Emma, Celeste; brothers, Harry, Cecil. Funeral service was held October 17, 2019 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, Rev. Dr. Brian Spence officiated. Burial in St. George's Anglican Cemetery, Parrsboro. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the South Cumberland Community Care Centre Foundation. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

TOWER, Carol A. – Age 68, of Five Islands passed away Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Lauchlin W. and Muriel (Hartlen) MacDonald. She is survived by her companion of 34 years, Mike Marsden; a daughter, Amy Firminger (Paul), Wentworth; a sister, Colleen MacDonald (Mandy), Halifax; a granddaughter, Jessica; a grandson, Adam; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Beverly; brothers, Lauchlin R. Jr., Robert and Gerald. A gathering to celebrate Carol's life will take place at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

THOMPSON, Eric M. – Age 70, of Brookfield passed away suddenly on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Springhill, he was a son of the late Harry and Sheila (Bowden) Thompson. Eric attended Nova Scotia Agricultural College and McGill University, then returned home as co-owner of Maritime Drainage and Keneric Tractors in Brookfield from 1973 to 2005. He is survived by a son, Nathan (Kelli), Dartmouth; grandson, Emmett; brothers, Weymond (Lez), Brookfield; Aaron (Louise), Bridgewater; sister-in-law, Anne Thompson, Halifax; aunt, Betty Thompson, Amherst; uncle, Dara Bowden, Truro; several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Dean. Special thanks to Gary and Laurie Kolstee for the friendship and care. A time of visitation was held Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. A graveside committal service will take place in the West Brook Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations to the West Brook Cemetery or to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

Paul, Charles J. 'Charlie' – Age 79, of Parrsboro passed away Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Springhill, he was a son of the late Julia Paul. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth 'Betty' (Gray); daughters, Jacqueline Paul, Boston; Audriana Smith (Dillon), Truro; sons, Cody, Boston; Chris, Halifax; a sister, Janet MacDonald, Montague, PEI; grandchildren, Leandra, Lily, Alba. He was predeceased by a son, Charles. A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

MacGILLIVARY, Edgar R. – Age 71, of Spencer's Island passed away Sunday, October 20, 2019 at the Bayview Memorial Health Centre, Advocate Harbour. Born in Advocate Harbour, he was a son on the late Lawrence and Melba (Shirley) MacGillivary. Edgar graduated from Maritime Forest Ranger School in 1968, returning home to join the family forestry business L.G. MacGillivary and Son Lumbering, remaining active with the company for more than 40 years, up until his recent illness. He is survived by a daughter, Angela MacGillivary (Kevin Swan), Enfield; sons, Dwayne (Kim), and their children, Jordan and Jenna, Spencer's Island; Matthew (Joanna) and their children, Mahayla and Isaac, Great Village; special niece, Sandra Benjamin (Barton), and their children, Courtney and Curtis, Spencer's Island; sisters, Brenda McLellan (William), Diligent River; Gloria Lewis, Lower Five Islands; Marlene Rector (Sherrard), Spencer's Island; brothers in law, Ronald (Sharon), Kamloops, B.C., Robert Berry (Marchel Strong), Advocate Harbour; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Irene in 2015; sister in law, Audrey (Strong) Berry; brother in law, Richard Lewis. Funeral was held Saturday, October 26, 2019 in the Spencer's Island Union Church, Rev. Clarence Clarke officiated. Burial in the Allenville Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Recreation Department of Bayview Memorial Health Centre, Advocate Harbour. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

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