

OBITUARIES

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CHIPMAN, James William "Jim" — 93, Bass River, passed away peacefully, surrounded by love, on Sunday morning, September 24, 2023, at Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Building, QEII, Halifax. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Harvey and Evelyn (Backman) Chipman. Jim was a devoted family man and he was proud of his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and their families. Jim is survived by his children, Cathy (Dean) Pike, Carolyn (Joseph) McPherson, Jim Chipman (Monica), Susan (John) Silliker, Sandra Chipman; grandchildren, Stephanie, Kevin R., Amanda, Timothy, Kevin G., Matthew, Robbie, Melissa, Brandon, William, Meaghan, Jakob, James; several great grandchildren; sister, Joan Chipman; sister-in-law, Elaine Chipman; several nieces and nephews; special friend, Shannon MacAloney, who Jim and Catherine formed a close bond with and looked after each other over the years. Jim also sponsored three children through World Vision. Along with his parents, Jim was predeceased by his wife, Catherine Alice (Faulkner); grandson, Kristopher Jason Hawkins; siblings, Barbara (7), Linda, Sally, Grace, Shirley, Sylvia, Carl, Tony. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall — Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Thursday, September 28, 2023. Pastor Connie Stewart officiated. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

WHIDDEN, Earnest Nelson — Age 82, Bible Hill, September 26, 2023— end of the trail.
"Go rest high on that mountain."

WEBB, Gary James — 78, Great Village. It is with heavy hearts that the family of Gary James Webb announces his passing on Tuesday evening, September 26, 2023, at Debert Court, Long Term Care, with his family by his side, surrounding him in love and music. Dad was born in Economy, where it was always home to him, to the late Elonzo and Helen (nee Fleet) Webb. He will be forever missed by his loving wife of 52 years, Marilyn "Muffy" (nee Mack); daughter, Holly Miller (Jeff); grandson, Ryan (Josie); granddaughter, Kamryn; son, Nathan Webb (Amy); grandson Hunter; daughter, Mindy Miller (Scott); granddaughter, Erin; like a son, Craig Beairsto (Brigitte); brothers, Timothy (Marion), David; sisters, Linda Roberts (Burton), Lorna Crossman, Kathy Gilbert (Patrick); many nieces and nephews that he adored; special niece, Sherri Webb. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his infant brother, Merton; infant sister, Gail; beautiful sister, Gloria Picchione. A celebration of life was held Sunday, October 1, 2023 at the Economy Recreation Centre (front rooms). Interment was 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

Stevenson, Bruce Lee — 76, Bass River, passed away peacefully, surrounded by love, on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at VG Site, QEII, Halifax. Born in North Sydney, he was a son of the late Robert and Catherine (Cleary) Stevenson. Bruce is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Winifred "Winnie" (Morrison); children, Rob (Sharon) Stevenson, Ingonish; Tracey Stevenson (Jason Bolton), Madoc, Ontario; Jeffrey (Yoshimi) Stevenson, Richmond, British Columbia; Heather Stevenson, Bass River; Kayleigh Sykes (Jacob Smith), Autumn Stevenson (Brandon Douglas), Oliver Stevenson, Kotomi Stevenson; siblings, Peter (Patti) Stevenson, Florida; Patricia Stevenson (Cliff Johnson), Cape Breton; Michael (Lynn) Stevenson, Maine; several nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed by his canine companion, Scruffy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall — Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

BLAIKIE, Edna M. (Wardrope) — Age 101, Truro, passed away on September 28, 2023, in Vimy Court, Bible Hill. Born in Milford Station, Hants Co., on January 31, 1922, to the late Chester and Flora (Goff) Wardrope, she was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Edna is survived by her son, Gary (Marly), Truro; daughter, Cindy (Bob), Truro; her son-in-law, Bill (the late Sherry) Shedden, Falcon Lake, Manitoba; daughter-in-law, Barb; her grandchildren, Joe (Melanie), David (Becky), Pam (Max), Melanie (Chris), Rian and David; her great-grandchildren, Cadence, Liam, Joshua, Adian, Ari and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Edna was predeceased by her husband, Walter; daughter, Cheryl "Sherry" Shedden; her son, Walter "Lee"; her grandson, Matthew Shedden; her brother, Roger (Jen); sisters, Hilda (Walter), Hazel (Lenoard) and Mildred. Mother enjoyed many things, but her family was most important to her. The family would like to thank the staff of 3E and 2E for their care of Mother during her stay in hospital. Also, thank you to the staff of Vimy Court and Derry Lane. They were awesome with Mother for her short stay with them, as well as the staff at Munroe Court. There will be no visitation or service at her request. A small service at her burial will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WARNER, Carl Albert of Debert, passed away on September 29, 2023, at the age of 87 years. Born in Digby, he was a son of the late Albert and Henrietta Warner. Carl spent his working career in municipal administration, including the Town of Digby, Town of Bridgetown and County of Colchester and retired in 1983 as Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Victoria School Board, Victoria, BC. After retirement, he became involved in municipal politics and served nine years on the Colchester County Council, including three years as Warden. Carl also served on the Colchester-East Hants Amalgamated School Board. He was active in Boy Scouts in Digby and Bridgetown and served on the Digby and Debert Fire Brigades. He is survived by his daughters, Janice (Alfred) MacArthur, Moncton and Julie (Ron) Healey, Bible Hill; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Alan Nichols, California, USA and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Carl was predeceased by his wife of 42 years, Greta (Stevens) Warner and his siblings, Ardis Moore, Verna (Peter) Applejohn, Paul, Earl and Ann Warner. Carl was happiest when working on his property and was very meticulous about the condition of the lawn and hedges. He was an avid camper and snowmobiler. He and Greta spent time every year for 35 years at their favourite camping spot, Keji National Park. Carl also enjoyed his trips to New England, California, Europe and across Canada. In keeping with Carl's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Cremation has taken place with burial at a later date in the Middle Road Cemetery, Debert. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

GOWER, Allison Kenneth — Age 96, Truro, passed away peacefully on October 2, 2023, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late William and Lena (Burriss) Gower and was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Allison worked 42 years and eleven months with CNR doing a variety of jobs. He enjoyed gardening and spending time at the mall with friends. He especially loved dancing and gambling at various casinos. He often enjoyed travelling to Toronto to visit his siblings. Allison was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, both Truro and Debert branches. He will be missed by family and his many friends. He is survived by his son, Wayne (Christina) of North River; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Annie (Brown); sisters, Jean, Mabel and Helen and brothers, Alfred and Ronald. Donations in Allison's memory may be made to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer." Cremation has taken place. At his request, there will be no visitation or service. A private burial will take place in Watson Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

JARVIS, James Bruce — Age 81, Mount Uniacke and Debert, passed away on October 9, 2023, in Vimy Court, Bible Hill. Born in Seaforth, he was a son of the late John and Evelyn (Hennesby) Jarvis.

James was a loyal, unassuming and trustworthy person who was always "Mr. Fix-It" for family and friends. He was always busy helping someone. He worked as a machinist for many years and would often take a break by helping his brother build homes. Never one to take a shortcut, he was meticulous in whatever job he was working on. James was a "Ford-Man" and loved working on his cars with his brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Dicks); children, Michele (George) O'Grady, Amanda (Chris) Donnelly, Corinna (Chris) Grennan, Jamie Jarvis; brothers, Laurie (Judy), Graham (Frances); eight grandchildren, one great grandson as well as several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by sisters, Ruby, Opal, Marion, Lorraine, Velma, Lillian and Dorothy; brothers, Jackie, Lester, Leo and Billy. Cremation has taken place. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

GLEN-HIGGINS, Torry Colin — Age 35, Halifax, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 35. Torry was living in Halifax but was raised in Debert, Nova Scotia. Torry is survived by his mother, Angela Glen of Debert and was predeceased by his father, Victor Higgins. Torry was born on June 16, 1988. He graduated from CEC in 2006 and went on to study for two years at St. Francis Xavier University followed by two years at Truro Community College, studying Information Technology and Web Design. He was accepted as a Junior Solution Developer with TeamSpace, Canada's Red Space division, in 2010 in Bedford where he worked till 2019, then ventured into trading stocks. Torry was known for his positive reputation. No matter who spoke of him, the words were always the same. He was loyal, kind and was always willing to help. He was a brilliant, organized and caring man who was equal parts creative and analytical. Most knew of his interest in technology and while he did focus his career around this, he was also an avid reader and dabbled in writing himself. He never came without a plan and he always made sure to help his family, friends and those around him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. A time to celebrate Torry's life was held on Sunday, October 22nd from 3-5 p.m. in the Debert Legion Branch #106, 1252 Masstown Road, Debert. Condolences to Torry's family may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

RCMP and HSI Disrupt International Drug Ring

On August 10, after a 16-month investigation led by the Nova Scotia RCMP's Federal Policing section, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in Buffalo, New York, arrested 37-year-old Ahmed El Kady in possession of 433 kilograms of cocaine destined for Canada. El Kady, who's from Hamilton, Ontario, has ties to Nova Scotia's drug trade.

American officials believe the investigation led to the largest cocaine bust ever seen in western New York state.

"This investigation and extraordinary seizure of cocaine disrupted a significant transnational criminal organization and drug pipeline into Nova Scotia," says Matthew Scarpino, HSI Buffalo Special Agent in Charge.

RCMP's Federal Policing in Ontario conducted subsequent searches associated to El Kady in the Hamilton and Niagara regions of Ontario, resulting in the seizure of additional evidence consistent with drug trafficking and money laundering.

In spring 2022, officers with the Nova Scotia RCMP's Federal Policing unit identified a criminal group involving El Kady that was importing drugs into Canada from the United States. The network, which was considered to be one of the more sophisticated drug trafficking networks within Atlantic Canada, was facilitating the movement of imported cocaine throughout Ontario and the Atlantic provinces.

In May, Nova Scotia RCMP officers conducted a traffic stop near the Cobequid Pass and intercepted 40 kilograms of cocaine; the cocaine was on its way to the network's dealers in Halifax. And on September 1, RCMP officers

from Federal Policing in Nova Scotia executed multiple search warrants across the Halifax Regional Municipality. The searches resulted in the arrest of four people, who will face multiple drug related charges. The charges include, but are not limited to: Participation in Activities of Criminal Organization; Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence; Possession of a Controlled Substance (Cocaine) for the Purpose of Trafficking; Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamines) for the Purpose of Trafficking; Possess, produce, sell, import or transport anything intending that it will be used to produce a controlled substance or traffic in a controlled substance; Possession of Cannabis for the Purpose of Selling; Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and Laundering Proceeds of Crime.

Investigators seized four kilograms of cocaine, approximately \$170,000 in cash, an estimated \$120,000 in silver bars, multiple electronic devices, and six vehicles. With the exception of El Kady, who remains in US custody, all arrested parties have since been released and will appear in court at a later date.

In addition to HSI, several groups assisted the RCMP with the investigation. Partnering organizations include Canada Border Services Agency in Nova Scotia, Fredericton Police Force, Public Services and Procurement Canada Forensic Accounting Management Group, Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada, Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario, and Criminal Intelligence Service of Nova Scotia.

New Rules for Off-Highway Vehicles in Effect

A pilot project allowing off-highway vehicles (OHVs) to access trails and services via designated road shoulders and roadways became permanent September 29.

"After a successful pilot project, off-highway vehicle operators have demonstrated

they can use their vehicles safely and responsibly on designated public roads," said Public Works Minister Kim Masland. "By making this project permanent, we are helping riders get from one trail to another safely and supporting economic development in rural areas by giving better ac-

cess to services like gas stations and restaurants."

The Road Trails Act, which includes the same requirements as the pilot project, requires riders to have a valid driver's licence, insurance, registration and a licence plate. It also outlines rules and penalties, and gives municipalities

the ability to designate local streets for off-highway vehicle use through bylaws.

New regulations under the Road Trails Act also set out requirements for vehicle equipment, helmets and road signage for designated roads.

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