

# OBITUARIES

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**Jason Wayne Reeves** - 55, of Onslow Mountain. It is with great sadness that we share the unexpected passing of Jason on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at Deer Lake, Newfoundland.

Jason's home was Liscomb, Nova Scotia before moving to Truro to attend trade school. He started working as a carpenter for Irving Oil then moving into a property management position. He worked with BLJC before

starting his own property management company in 2011. Jason's favorite pastimes were snowmobiling and ATVing. He had many adventures traveling with family and friends in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Jason was always able to solve problems and will be remembered for taking care of everyone and everything whether it was planning the adventure, lending a forgotten item or helping to make repairs. Jason leaves behind wife, Leah (Hingley); sons, Lucas and Riley; mother, Betty (MacLean) Sharpe; siblings, Quentin Reeves, Mandi Sharpe, and Samantha (Charlie Lavery) Sharpe. Special family members include Eric and Connie Nauffts, Ken (Denise) Nauffts, Erica (Doug) MacPherson and Carla (Derek) Battist. He was predeceased by his father, Wayne Reeves; sister, Annette Reeves; grandparents, June MacLean, Daniel MacLean, Martha Reeves and Clarence Reeves. A Celebration of Jason's life will be held 2-4 pm on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at the North River Fire Hall, North River. If so desired, donations to IWK Health Centre Foundation or a charity of choice are welcomed. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)



**BURNS** (Campbell), Marilyn Jessie passed away peacefully in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, surrounded by her loving family on September 28, 2024, at the age of 81. Marilyn was born on October 31, 1942, at the family farm in Centerville, Cape Breton. She was the daughter of Neil Dan and Margaret Campbell. Marilyn was predeceased by her parents, parents-in-law, Ross and Hilda Burns and Marie Murdock Burns; sister-in-law, Helen Farrow; brothers-in-law, Richard Burns, Bert Burns, and Herald Farrow; nieces, Jesslyn, Jennifer and Suzanne Campbell; nephew, Jason Campbell; aunts, Mae (Neil) MacKay, Dolena (Hector) MacKinnon, Phyllis (DJ) Ferguson, Laura MacInnis, Shirley (Jackie) Morrison, Flora (Hawley) Smith; Annie (David) Austin; uncles, Murdock (June) MacInnis, Morrison (Laura Bell) MacInnis and Stewart MacInnis. In her early twenties, she worked at Vi's Restaurant in Whycomagh and later moved to Truro to work at Cook's Chick Hatchery where she enjoyed visiting farms throughout the Maritimes. While living in Truro, Marilyn met Allan Burns, whom she married in 1970. Allan and Marilyn built a life in their home on Riverside Avenue where they raised their two children. Marilyn's favorite job was caring for children. She was the full-time babysitter for Colleen and Jim Shaw for 18 years. She adored their four children, Joe, John, James and Sarah who became as dear to her as family. Before retiring, she worked as a caregiver for Grace Bethell. Marilyn's caregiving efforts would later be returned to her when she most needed it. During her illness, she received dedicated and thoughtful care from many doctors, nurses, the Victoria Order of Nurses (VON) and The Key. The family would like to thank them all for their efforts and kindness. Marilyn enjoyed volunteering with various organizations that their children were involved in over the years such as Beavers, Explorers, CGIT and Highland Dancing. She was very involved in the church (First United and St Davids United Church), serving on the Board of Stewards and also regularly lending a hand at church events. She worked for over 20 years for Meals on Wheels coordinating meal deliveries to seniors. In 2014, she received the Outstanding Community Volunteer award from the Village of Bible Hill which she was extremely proud of. Marilyn will be dearly missed by her husband of 54 years, Allan; son, Neil (Jamie) Burns; daughter, Michelle (Duane) Webber; grandchildren, Rya & Gavin Burns, Madison & Riley Webber; brothers, John Murdock (Tena) and Barry (Colleen Beaton) Campbell; sister, Isabel Munro; sisters-in-law, Carolyn Burns and Diane Burns and her many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, Marilyn would be very pleased if you made a donation to VON Canada or a charity of your choice. A visitation was held October 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm with a funeral service on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**STEPHENS**, Edgar Robert, Age 65, Millbrook, passed away on September 28, 2024, at his home in Millbrook. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Daniel Paul and Rita Rose (Howe) Stephens. "Big Ed" was noted for his humour and his volunteer efforts within the Millbrook First Nations community. Throughout his life, he worked many jobs as a labourer including fishing for lobster and snow crab. He is survived by his children, Krystal and Edgar Jackson; spouse, Carla Canada; sisters, Shirley Morris, Deborah, Patricia, Jeannie, Denice Stephens and Kelley Elwell; brothers, Bryon and Derrick Stephens; several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by brothers, Daniel Gordon Stephens and Donald Michael Stephens. The Wake will begin on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. and continued until the Traditional Indigenous Service which began at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, both in the Millbrook Seniors Centre. Interment took place in the Sacred Heart Cemetery followed by a Salitè and meal in the Nora Bernard Community Centre. Online condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**WOOD (CRAWLEY)(PARSONS)**, Margaret Hazel - Age 64, of Truro, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2024. Born on July 8, 1960, Margie, as she was affectionately known, dedicated her life to education and touched the hearts of many through her caring nature and selflessness. Margie embarked on her educational journey at Cobequid Education Centre, followed by studies at St. Francis Xavier University and The Nova Scotia Teachers College, which paved the way for her lifelong vocation in teaching. She began her career at Prince Street School, working alongside her parents, and spent most of her career (28 years) at Cobequid Education Centre within the Special Education Department. Her commitment to her students and colleagues left an indelible mark, making her a beloved figure in her professional community. Margie is survived by her daughter, Lindsay (Parsons) MacDonnell; son-in-law, Greg MacDonnell and former husband, Richard Crawley. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sadie and Thomas L. Wood. A visitation was held October 21<sup>st</sup> commencing at 1pm followed by a service to celebrate Margie's life at 2pm, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**CONNORS**, Betty Jean - It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our dear mother, Betty Jean Connors, at the age of 88 years, on the morning of October 1, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Mom was born in Sackville, New Brunswick and was the youngest daughter of the late Howard and Emma (Fillmore) Kay. Survived by her children, John (Evelyn), Karen Smith, Janet Sullivan (Alan), Cheryl Morrison (Shawn), Marilyn Chiacchia (Mike) and Wendy Deuville (Mike); sister, Audrey Brooks; her ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, with another on the way. Mom was predeceased by her husband, Edward; grandson, Jeffery; sisters, Margaret Lefurgey, Daisy Lewis, Flossie Dupuis and Connie Walls; brothers, Elmer, Donald, James, Henry, Melbourne, Fred and Robert and son-in-law, Murray Smith. She was employed by Kingston Aluminum for 35 years where she learned the trade and became an aluminum welder. Spending time at the cottage, or having family get together - she would not miss a single thing and right by her side, were her beloved fur babies - Honey & Kiki. Mom was an avid animal lover and loved having visits in the nursing home the last several years from her grand fur babies. Mom had two very close lifetime friends, Carol McPhee and Dorothy Dean. They were known by family as the "Three Musketeers" with whom she shared endless road trips and adventures including, but not limited to, day trips and concerts - especially Charlie Pride and Tommy Hunter. The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Shannex Vimy Court for their kind and compassionate care of our mother over the past eleven years. The staff and residents have become like family to us, and we will never forget the kindness they have shown our Mom and our entire family throughout Mom's illness and time living in the nursing home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the CEHHC "We Care About Cancer." Visitation was held October 9<sup>th</sup> from 12pm until time of service at 1pm both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS, Eileen Corah officiating. Reception followed. Mom and her grandson, Jeffery Fleck were both laid to rest in Pine Grove Cemetery, Stewiacke East, following the reception.

**MCCORMICK (KEEBLE)**, Evelyn Patricia passed away peacefully in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, surrounded by her loving family on October 1, 2024, at the age of 86 years. Evelyn was born in Truro to the late O'Rena (Hutchinson) and Arthur Keeble. Evelyn, a loving wife, mother and sister, was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Wayne McCormick; sister, Virginia Forbes and brother-in-law, Murray Forbes. She will be dearly missed by her daughter, Trisha (John) MacInnes; grand-daughter, Katie; grand-son, Kenny (Emily) and great granddaughter, Maya; sister, Norma (Fred) Symes; brothers, Stephen Keeble, all of Truro and Ross (Teresa) Keeble of Chatham, Ontario; nieces and nephews, Elly Archer, Stephanie (Jeff) Forbes, Kevin (Lorrie) Forbes, Greg (Laura) Forbes, Mark Symes and David (Natasha) Symes and long-time friends. Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Grandy, the staff at the Village Family Physicians, the EHS paramedics, Dr. Armsworthy, the Nurses on E8 and in the Emergency Department at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, and the Colchester Community Funeral Home for their understanding and assistance at this difficult time. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation or a charity of your choice. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**DENNIS**, Carol Ann - It is with great sadness and much love that the family of Carol Ann Dennis announces her passing on Friday, October 4, 2024 at Colchester East Hants Health Centre after a brief battle with cancer. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Fauline Rockwell. Carol was the heart of our home and family. She is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Donald Dennis. Forever remembered by her children, Stephen (Connie), Shelley (Fred), Paul (Nancie); grandchildren, Olivia (Cody), Nicholas, Christie (Matthew), Andrew (Ashley), Victoria (Elliott), William, Cameron; great-grandchildren, Sullivan, Daxen, Leni and Jack. She will also be missed by her sister, Diane Lutz (Calgary) and brother, Peter (Dartmouth). A private family burial will take place at a later date. If so desired, donations to the Hospice Society or Trinity United Church are welcomed. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**TAIT, Bruce McKee** - Age 91, Bible Hill. The family of Bruce McKee Tait are saddened to announce his passing on October 6, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. He was born in Oxbow, Saskatchewan, a son of the late Leslie and Roxilena (Stevenson) Tait. Bruce, along with his parents and older brother moved to Thunder Bay, ON where he graduated from Port Arthur Collegiate Institute in 1951. It was during this time that his father taught him how to use the Railroad Telegraph Machine. He worked as a Telegraph Operator on the railroad in the remote areas of Saskatchewan while studying to be an Electrician. Once Bruce successfully completed his exams, he worked as a licensed Industrial Electrician in Thunder Bay, ON, Edmonton, AB and various locations in Nova Scotia such as Hawker Sidley in Trenton, the Pictou Shipyards and Michelin Tire in the Annapolis Valley until his retirement. Bruce and Isabel were both members of St. David's United Church in Bible Hill. He is survived by his wife, Isabel (Davison); children, Jean Tait (Ian Bowden), Gordon Tait (Yukari), Steven Tait, all of Alberta, Myra Tait of Winnipeg and Victoria Rafighi (Hossein) of Vancouver; stepchildren, Jeff Brown, Bryce Dargavel and Janet Clark; grandchildren and step grandchildren; great grandchildren and step great grandchildren; brother, Greg MacBeth (Kim), MB and sister, Dianne Rennicks (Don), Teulon, MB. Besides his parents, Bruce was predeceased by his daughter in infancy, Beverly Ann; brother, Robert Tait and stepson, Ross Dargavel. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bruce's memory may be made to the Salvation Army or the Colchester Food Network. A funeral service was October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Rev. April Hart officiating. Reception followed. Interment at a later date.

**COLBOURNE**, Winston "Lloyd" Age 83, Onslow Mountain, passed away October 7, 2024, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, N.S. Born in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, he was the son of the late Fred and Emily Colbourne. Lloyd was an entrepreneur working first with a liquidation business, later running a country inn and eventually, a home builder. He is survived by his wife of nearly 64 years, Evelyn (Pike); daughter, Linda (Allan); sons, Donald (Annette), Terrance (Ruth); grandchildren, Donnie (Shanel), David, Telene (Jonathan), Jonathan, Shane, Bradley and Zachary; great grandchildren, Shayand Shayla; sister-in-law, Margaret McCarthy; nieces, nephews and pet, Rosie. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by son, Rick; sisters, Marjorie, Betty, Alma and Ruby; brothers, Fred and Aubrey; pets, Dolby and Shadow. Cremation has taken place. At his request, there will be no visitation or service. Those wishing to send an online condolence may do so by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**Ferguson (Bell)**, Beverly Ann - 89, Truro, passed away peacefully on October 12, 2024, in the Mira Nursing Home, Truro. Born in Bear River, NS to the late Cecil and Vera Bell. Beverly will be sadly missed by her daughter, Julie B. Ferguson, Debert, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, David Ferguson; sons, Miles and Matthew Ferguson; grandson, Trevor Ferguson. Arrangements are under the care of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. In keeping with Beverly's wishes there will be no service, in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Truro SPCA if desired.

**Cooke, Brent Douglas** of Spencer Point, NS, passed away on Friday, October 11, 2024, at the age of 57 years, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Born in Truro, on February 6, 1967, he was the son of Douglas and Shirley (Miller) Cooke. He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley; daughters, Jessica (Lee) and Julie (Matt); son, Bradley (Autumn); grandchildren, Bria, Ava, Ella, Megan, Lucas, and Everleigh; mother, Shirley; brother, Kevin (Cheryl); sister, Pam, and mother-in-law, Iris, along with several nieces, nephews, and in-laws. Brent was predeceased by his father, Douglas Cooke and father-in-law, Douglas Peppard. Brent graduated in 1988 from the Maritime Forest Ranger School in New Brunswick. His passion for the outdoors led him to a life-long career as a woodsman. He worked with the Department of Lands and Forests, Scott Paper Company, Laser Drainage Company, J.W. Tanner Logging Ltd. and Larry Bates Logging Ltd. Brent was a dedicated and caring father, which was evident in the way his children looked up to him with respect, love and admiration. His grandchildren held a cherished place in his heart, bringing immense joy to his life. He looked forward to time with them, and every visit would instantly put a smile on his face. Following a stroke in 2013, Brent was admitted to Colchester East Hants Health Centre where he then resided for over a decade. During this time, Brent developed strong friendships with many nurses, respiratory therapists, and health care professionals who provided superior care during his time there. They became his extended family, and for them we are forever grateful. Shirley, Brent's wife of thirty years, was the love of his life and they were truly soulmates. Their unwavering devotion and commitment to each other was a true testament of the love they shared. Shirley was a constant source of strength and comfort for him. Even while in the hospital, Brent prioritized his love for Shirley and her happiness. He went to great lengths to ensure no special occasion was missed, no matter how small. Their love was unbreakable. In lieu of flowers, donations in Brent's memory may be made to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre or the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A visitation was held October 24, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., followed by a funeral service on Friday, October 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, with Rev. Larry Harrison officiating. A family burial followed immediately after the service in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

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