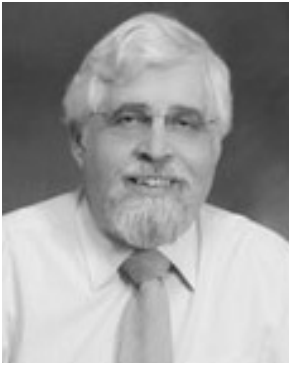


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HUNKA, Roger Joseph - Age 78, passed peacefully on September 20, 2025, at home in Princeport after a short illness with his son and daughter by his side. Roger's interests ranged from rowing and photography to gardening, cooking, and woodworking. He enjoyed opera and classical music and could often be found listening to CBC Radio on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Roger made the move to Nova Scotia in the early 80's where he began working for the Native Council of Nova Scotia. He spent the next 43 years working to advance the social, cultural, educational, economic, and political aspirations and needs of the Indigenous peoples of Mi'kma'ki, the Maritimes, and across Canada, serving as founder and/or partner establishing several non-profit, charitable, limited by guarantee and for-profit entities. Roger served as the National Bilateral Relations Director for the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP), the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council, the Director for the Maritime Aboriginal Aquatic Resources Secretariate, Producer of Mi'kma'ki: the Map, Mi'kmaq Language Learning Series, Mi'kmaq Business Finder, and developer of SEDCO Small Business Learning Series. He also served as Executive Director for the Native Council of Nova Scotia for twenty years. He was President of Mi'kma'ki Development Corporation and served as a Director on the Boards of several charities and not for profit entities, including MicMac Benevolent Society, Wenjikkwom Housing Commission, Kiknu Housing Society, and was the Aboriginal Affairs Advisor to CAP, the Native Council of Prince Edward Island, the New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council, and the Native Council of Nova Scotia. Roger was recognized and honoured several times for his contributions to the advancement of Aboriginal Peoples in the Maritimes region, including receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples "Aboriginal Order of Canada Award", and was recognized by the Mi'kmaq Grand Council on behalf of the Mi'kmaq Peoples of Mi'kma'ki. He was an Honourary Member of the Native Council of Nova Scotia, the Native Council of Prince Edward Island, and the New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council. Roger is survived by his children, Robert John (Breanne) Hunka, Old Barns, Rebecca (Dan) Hunka, Princeport, and grandchildren, Lily, Aimee, Lane, and Lavender. He also leaves behind his twin sister, Jenny (Tom) Clifford, Toronto, and sisters, Marion Hunka and Lillian Hunka, Montreal. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Sophie (Paduchak) Hunka, Montreal, Québec. Roger's family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to close friends, Vanessa, Joshua, Kendelle, Barry, Anna, Mary Rose, Lorraine, and the Mi'kmaq Grand Council, as well as the rest of the teams at MAPC, NCNS, NCPEI, NBAPC, and CAP for the unwavering love and support throughout Roger's life and in recent years in particular. We would also like to thank Franklin and the other wonderful nurses of the ICU in Truro. A Celebration of Life took place on Saturday, October 4th at 11am in the Sacred Heart Church in Millbrook, NS, followed by a community meal in the Nora Bernard Community Centre, Millbrook. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com



Roger Hunka

LEMMONS, David Kenneth - It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of David Kenneth Lemmons on September 25, 2025. Born in Truro, NS, David "Dave" was the son of the late Kenneth and Irma Lemmons. David was predeceased by both parents and his brother, Kirk Lemmons. David worked for Purolator for most of his career in Truro, and later transferred to Port Hawkesbury, NS, a community he grew fond of and where he loved being by the water each day. In his retirement years, he enjoyed spending time with family and experimenting with new recipes to share with his neighbours and loved ones. David loved his new home in Great Village and spent most of his days outdoors, whether barbecuing, relaxing in his screen tent, or taking drives to Masstown for delicious food and treats. He was truly in his glory whenever he was outside. David will be lovingly missed by his daughter, Nicole Schrader; granddaughter, Brooklynn and his sisters, Bonnie Harnish, Janice Manley, Beverly Crowe, and Cindy Lemmons. Dad, Papa, Brother, David, Dave... he was loved by so many and will be missed every day. A private graveside burial will take place at a later date with close family and friends. In Loving Memory of Darrell Keith MacNutt:

SALMONS, Rose Catherine (Gallant) - August 26, 1933 – October 7, 2025 - Rose Salmons passed away peacefully in the East Cumberland Lodge in Pugwash, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, in her ninety-second year in the presence of Alvin, her brother. She was a long-time parishioner of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Truro, Nova Scotia and a member of the parish choir and prayer group. Rose was a frequent entertainer at Munroe Court, where she was often found playing the piano for her fellow residents. She was also a member of the Happy Harmonies, a local choir. Rose was the eldest child of eleven born to Charles (Charlie Joe) and Helene (Desveaux) Gallant in New Waterford, Nova Scotia on August 26, 1933. She attended Mount Carmel School, completing high school in 1951. She entered the Sisters of Charity (Halifax) in 1953 and subsequently earned diplomas in music and in education. She spent many years teaching while in the convent. During this time, she taught Indigenous children who held a special place in her heart. In 1971, Rose decided to leave the convent and she began teaching in elementary schools throughout Nova Scotia. Her first love was music and she continued teaching music privately into retirement. In retirement, she assisted with the music ministry at Sacred Heart Church in Millbrook. Rose is survived by sisters: Celeste Boudreau (Phil, deceased), Claudette Gallant (CSM), Annette Petrie (Art Petrie, deceased, and Ken Moore) and brothers: Vincent (Dini), Alvin (Madonna, deceased, and Colleen), Andrew (Leona, deceased). She is also survived by many extended family members, including thirty-six grand nieces and nephews and many cousins. Rose was predeceased by her daughter, Concetta Elena, who died in infancy and husbands, Carmen Cascioli and Gilbert Salmons. She was also predeceased by her brothers: Bernard (Frances) and Thomas (Nummy) and sisters: Pauline Boudreau (Cyril, deceased), Margaret Samson (Odilon, deceased). In the last year, Rose's health declined. To increase her level of care, she moved to the East Cumberland Lodge in Pugwash toward the end of the summer. A very special thank you to all who were involved with Rose's care. This includes family members: Andy Gallant, Robert Boudreau, Marie Adsett, Celeste and Brian Macleod, the staff and management at Munroe Court, the nursing staff and doctors at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, the nursing staff at Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital, the staff at East Cumberland Lodge who looked after Rose and brother, Alvin, during Rose's last days. Donations may be made on Rose's behalf to the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra or a charity of one's choice. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 7th from 9:30 – 11:30am in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 12:15pm in the Immaculate Conception Church, 669 Prince St., Truro, NS. Webcasting will begin at 12:13pm (AST). Interment at a later date in Resurrection Cemetery, Sydney, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

EZEKIEL, George Robert – Age 97, Debert, died on October 17, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born on Bell Island, NL, he was the son of the late Edward and Mary (Anthony) Ezekiel. He was the last remaining member of his family. Survived by daughters, Carol (Bud Shupe), Wentworth and Susan (Stan), Trenton, ON. Thank you to all of the caregivers who saw Dad through his final journey. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

WEBB, David Alexander – Age 78, passed away peacefully in Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro, on October 12th, 2025. Born in the village of Economy, on the Minas Basin, he grew up digging clams and tending the fish weir with his father and brothers. As a teen, he moved to Massachusetts, USA, and was drafted into the Army. He soon met and married his first wife, Roberta "Sam", and moved back to Economy. After their divorce, he married childhood friend, Marilyn Peck, and they had their daughter, Carrie. Together they built their dream home on the mountainside on Swamp Road. After their separation, David moved back to Massachusetts and worked as a refrigeration technician, carpenter, and welder, among other trades. He moved back and forth to Economy over the years and built his hunting camp in the mountains on Webb family land. David loved his family kitchen parties hosted by his late parents, Elonzo and Helen (nee Fleet). Swamp Road was often a buzz with so many local friends and family laughing and singing along to the tunes of the accordions and fiddles. Many of these dear friends and family have since passed on, including his brothers, Gary (Muffy) and Timmy (Marion). David eventually settled back on Swamp Road on his vacant land. He moved his garage from the family homestead down to the property by tractor, built a fish processing shack, dug a pond, and built a little house. He filled the pond with trout and his beloved pet koi fish. He spent many long hours working at his fish weir, cleaning flounder, restoring his jeep, and hosting friends in his garage. David had many special women in his life. His only daughter, Carrie Phillips (James Parisee); two granddaughters, Irelynn and Gillian Phillips, and ex-wife, Marilyn Peck. He had three surviving sisters, Linda Roberts (Burton), Kathy Gilbert (Patrick), and Lorna Crossman (Ross). His sister, Gloria Picchione (Tony), was lost to breast cancer many years ago, as well as his first wife, Sam. David, affectionately known as "Uncle Dave", is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, who share fun and fond memories of him. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the lovely staff of Eden Hall and Cedarstone for the care and compassion they provided to my dad over these past years since his stroke. Cremation has taken place. There will be no funeral service. I ask that, upon your next beverage of choice, you send Dad a "cheers" and remember a fond memory of him. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

DECKER, William "Bill" Percy – Age 84, Valley, passed away on October 14, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Lockeport, NS on March 16, 1941, Bill was a son of the late William "St. Clair" and Gloria Helena (Nickerson) Decker. Bill is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Darlene; sons, David (Michelle), Paul, Stephen (Lynn), Michael (Jennifer); grandchildren, Bradley (Allison), Joshua (Haley), Jessica (Charles), Leena, Juliette, Clara, Jessica (Damien), Jamie; great grandchildren, Leland, Evelyn, Galilee, Amelia and Mason. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer" or the IWK. A visitation was held on Monday, October 20th at 1pm until time of service at 2pm, in Cornerstone Assembly, 14 Cornerstone Dr., Valley, NS. Burial to follow in Bible Hill Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

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RUSHTON, Donna Geraldine – Age 84, Truro. It is with heavy hearts that the family of Donna Geraldine Rushton announces her peaceful passing on Sunday, September 21, 2025, with cherished family by her side. A resident of Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro, Donna faced multiple illnesses over the past two years with strength, dignity and grace, as she did throughout her life living with chronic disease. Born in Bridgewater on June 14, 1941, to the late Emery and Kathleen (Gates) Murphy, Donna grew up in New Ross, a place that always held her heart. She spent much of her life in the Valley often saying the Valley air could make anyone feel better, and she remained a "Valley Girl" at heart all her life, cherishing visits to the area especially Blomidon and her family home in New Ross. Donna graduated from New Ross High School and in 1958, completed stenographer studies at Mack College in Kentville. Before marrying the first love of her life, Leon Rushton, she worked at E.G. Gates Accounting in Chester. After marrying Leon, she moved to Westchester, where she spent most of her adult life before relocating to Truro 16 years ago. Donna is survived by and was the beloved mother of daughter, Gina (Dana) Rushton, Truro Heights; sons, Shawn (Stephanie), AB, Todd (Jane) Rushton, AB; stepson, Tim (Linda), AB. As well she was "bonus Mom" to Jody Moore Sackville, N.S and Jennifer Webb, Hammond's Plains, whom she loved dearly and they her. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Tanner (Carrie) Smith, Wallace, Tyler (Taylor) Rushton, AB, Derek (Mitzi) Rushton, AB, Nicole (Jesse) Rushton, AB, and Santina (Mike) Weatherby, Hedgeville. She was also blessed with great-grandchildren, Blayze, Wallace, Ella and Easton, all of AB, MJ & Colt, Hedgeville, Amber, ON, and Tory, AB. Donna is also survived by her devoted siblings, Betty (Wallace) Olmstead, Debert, Wayne (Leila) Murphy, Halifax, Glenda Oickle, New Ross, Cheryl Murphy (Sid), New Ross and Marty (Wanda) Murphy, New Ross. She was predeceased by her husband, Leon, stepson, Donnie, her oldest brother, Garry, and her soulmate, Ron Biddle. She was the family's historian, always remembering every detail of her loved ones' lives, and the first person they turned to in times of joy or hardship. In keeping with Donna's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation or public funeral service, true to her words she wanted visits while she was living. A private graveside service will be held in Eagle Hill Cemetery, Westchester. Arrangements are under the care of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. In Donna's memory, donations may be made to the Truro Boys and Girls Club, a cause close to her heart. Forever loved, deeply missed, and fondly remembered.

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