

OBITUARIES

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Young, Edith “Edie” Florence - Born in Stewiacke East, Nova Scotia, to the late Edwin and Florence (Sharples) Parnham, passed away on October 13, 2025, at the age of 86 years. For many years, Edie was an avid bowler at the Truro Bowlacade, competing in numerous provincial tournaments and enjoying the friendships she made along the way. She was also a member of the Truro Duplicate Bridge Club and the Colchester Heritage Rug Hookers. Her faith was an important part of her life, and for over 60 years she was a dedicated member of First United Church. She spent many years travelling to Florida and spending time at their cottage at Brule Beach enjoying the sunshine and their friends. Although her memory failed her at times in the last few years, Edie could recall verses and sayings for all occasions. As her mobility decreased, she watched life from her den window, wishing she could cut down a large bush that blocked her view of the street. Edie is survived by her husband of 66 years, Bev; her children, Vicki (Phillip) and Bruce; her grandchildren, Andrew, Erin, and Michael; three great-grandchildren; and her sister, Joyce (Wally) Pizzingrilli. She was predeceased by her brother, Gerald. She will be deeply missed and will be remembered for her unwavering strength of spirit. A service to celebrate Edie's life was held in First United Church, Truro, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Cathie Crooks officiating.

BLOIS, Carol Elizabeth – 84, Central Onslow. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother, sister and aunt on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, with her family by her side. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Melnor and Florence (Smith) Hoyt. She spent most of her life in Central Onslow. Carol is survived by her daughter, Donna (Scott) MacNeill, Aylesford; sons, Rod (Rhonda Rushton), Onslow Mountain; Thane (Theresa Fougere), Onslow Mountain; grandchildren, Jared Blois, Nathan Blois (Danielle LeBlanc), Carly Blois, Jenna Blois, Merissa MacNeill; sister, Betty Bellefontaine, Prince Edward Island; brothers, Ronnie (Kathy) Hoyt, Onslow; Frank Hoyt, Salmon River; Russell (Sandy) Hoyt, Canning; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Wayne; sister, Doris Archibald; brother, Ken Hoyt; sisters-in-law, Weaty Hoyt, Joan Hoyt; brother-in-law, Bill Archibald; niece, Janet Richardson. Celebration of life was held on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Trinity United Church, Upper Onslow, Reverend Glenn MacLean officiated. 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

MOFFATT, William “Bill” Douglas passed away peacefully at his home in Folly Lake, Nova Scotia, on October 17, 2025, surrounded by his loving wife and children. He was 71. Born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Bill lived a life guided by purpose, discipline, and achievement. After earning a Bachelor of Science from Mount Allison University in 1976 and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario in 1979, he went on to build a distinguished career in the investment management industry. Bill had a 30-year working partnership with Rob Merchant, which was marked not only by professional success but also by a deep, lasting friendship. For the last 14 years they worked at RBC Dominion Securities. Throughout his career Bill was known for his integrity, insight and deep commitment to clients. Beyond his career, Bill approached life with the same focus and dedication that defined his work. A lifelong golfer, he found joy on the course. To Bill, golf was more than a pastime – it was a discipline that reflected his character. He also found satisfaction in woodworking, a craft he learned from his father-in-law, Eric Hazeldine. His careful attention to detail and patient craftsmanship made it another meaningful outlet for his quiet precision and creativity. Bill will be dearly missed by his wife, Gail (Hazeldine); their three children, Rachel (Lucas) McCabe, Jonathan Moffatt and Luke (Allison) Moffatt; and his siblings, Deborah (Gus) MacLellan, Rebecca (Bryan) Langille, and Garfield (Susan) Moffatt. He was predeceased by his parents, Berta Viola Wagstaff and Douglas Stewart Moffatt, as well as his sister, Rachel. Celebration of Life was held on October 24th at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Society of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia at alsnbnbs.ca/en/donate or by calling 902-454-3636 (ALS office). Our family extends heartfelt gratitude to the many friends, neighbours, caregivers, and medical professionals who supported Bill over the past three years. Your care, time, and encouragement helped him face his illness with strength, clarity, and dignity. Bill Moffatt lived with intention. He set goals, pursued them with quiet determination, and leaves behind a legacy of excellence, respect, and purpose.

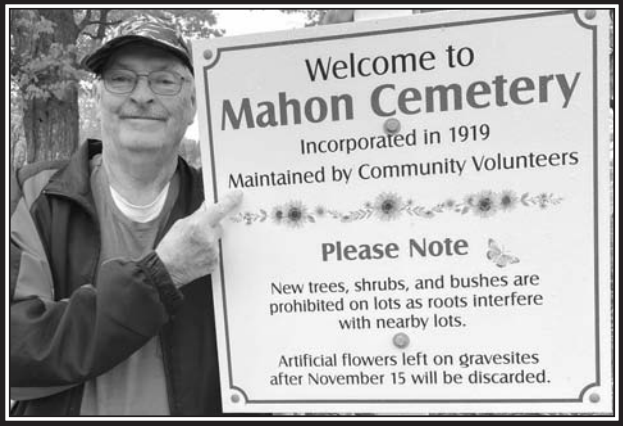
KENNEDY, Erwin Clarence “Ken” – 84, Debert, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Shannex Debert Court, Debert. He had been waiting to reunite with his beloved wife, Velma (White) Kennedy, who predeceased him in May 2024. He is also predeceased by his parents, Harold and Blanche (Miller) Kennedy; siblings, Edwin Kennedy, Barbara (Kennedy) Coffin. Ken's three great loves were Velma, the Lord and his children. Ken served his country as a Tel-Op in the Signals Corps with Canadian Armed Forces for 25 years. After retirement, he founded the beloved community Newspaper, The Shoreline Journal. He also was a great leader in the Truro and Area Christian Coffee Houses. He was very active in Atlantic Baptist Association, and along with Velma, earned a certificate in Lay-pastor Ministry from Acadia Divinity College. They went on to become nursing home chaplains and well as ministered with their musical group, Higher Ground, with their dear friend, Andrew King. He was also a member of Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 72, Great Village. Ken loved his family, children and especially his grandchildren. He had a special softness for children. He always contributed to March for Dimes and World Vision and Compassion Canada with child sponsorship. Ken is survived by his son, Gregory Kennedy (Cindy); daughter, Pamela Kennedy; grandchildren, Sarah Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Olivia Kennedy. Private family interment has been held in Middle Road Cemetery, Middle Road, Debert/ If so desired, donations in Ken's memory to 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



Ken Kennedy

STEWART, K. Elaine (née Carson) – It is with broken hearts that the family of Elaine Stewart, beloved wife of Dwight Stewart of Truro, announces her passing on Saturday, October 18, 2025, in the Halifax Infirmary, surrounded by family. Through her three-year journey with cancer, Elaine met every challenge with strength, dignity, and courage. Born on June 23, 1958, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, she was a daughter of Bill and Marmie (Linton) Carson. She grew up in East Riverside, NB, where she was actively involved with Girl Guides; years later, she served as a Guide leader for her daughter. She went on to graduate with a BSc in Biology from the University of New Brunswick (Fredericton) in 1980 and began her career in research at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. Elaine met Dwight at UNB in 1977; they married in 1981 and built their home in Bible Hill, NS. Together they raised three children, Michelle (Danny Hennessey), Jonathan, and Michael (Kim). They skied in the winter and spent summer days at the cottages in Northport, NS, and Cambridge-Narrows, NB. After many years dedicated to raising her children, Elaine embarked on a second career in medical administration. She helped pioneer the implementation of electronic medical records software at clinics in Nova Scotia, travelling all over the province to train physicians and their staff. Her greatest pride was her family. She was a devoted wife and mother, and an especially proud Nana to her grandsons, Finn and Leo. In their empty-nest years, Elaine and Dwight embraced their love of the outdoors. Winters included downhill and cross-country skiing and snowshoeing; summers brought sea kayaking, cycling, backcountry hiking, camping, and exploring all over Nova Scotia. They also hiked in the Swiss Alps and wandered the countryside in Italy – both bucket-list trips for Elaine and Dwight. For Elaine, nature was her therapy. Besides her loving husband, children, and grandchildren, Elaine is survived by her siblings, Bev Farnham (Dave), Sandy McGuire (Paul), and Al Carson (Lise Allain); siblings-in-law, Olla Kennedy (Sandy), Cathy Durdle (Alan), Dawn Brunet (Roger), and Kelly Ancil (Peter); and stepfather-in-law, Herb Bryan; as well as many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Elaine was predeceased by her daughter, Michelle Hennessey, who passed in April 2025. Mother and daughter supported one another closely through treatment, beginning chemotherapy on the same day. She was also predeceased by her parents, Marmie and Bill Carson, and parents-in-law, Alice Bryan and Vernon Stewart. The family extends heartfelt thanks to VON, The Lodge That Gives, the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society, and the entire ENT team at the QEII for their compassionate care and support. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Elaine may be made to Colchester East Hants Hospice Society, QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation, and The Lodge That Gives, or a charity of your choice. Visitation was held in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St, Truro, on Friday, October 24th from 6 to 8 PM. A celebration of Elaine's life took place at the same location on Saturday, October 25th at 2 PM.

POND, Gary Eugene – It is with heavy hearts that we the family of Gary Eugene Pond (age 63) of Harmony, NS., announce his peaceful passing after losing his battle with - ALS, “Lou Gehrig's Disease” on October 19th, 2025. The following obituary was written by Gary himself. Gary was born March 8, 1962, to his parents, Orville and Eileen Pond. He grew up on a farm in Admiral Rock, only six short miles to Shubenacadie, NS, where he told everyone who wouldn't laugh that he had to do all the work. Lorna and Gary lived in Harmony and raised their son, Dave, who also now lives just down the road with his wife, Stephanie, and Gary's two grandchildren, Lex and Mariska. Lorna and Gary also spent twenty-two summers at their cottage in Malagash, enjoying the mountains, the beach, the bonfires and Jet Skiing when the tide was right. Gary is survived by his loving wife, Lorna (Pond) formerly Lorna Mackenzie; the man he calls his son, Dave Mackenzie (Stephanie); his grandchildren, Lex and Mariska; his siblings, Sheila (Terry) Crombie, Patricia (Bob) Brightman, Shirley Reid (Dave), Kevin (Monique) Pond. He was predeceased by his brother, Rick (Patsy) Pond and in infancy by his sister, Gail and his brother, James. His life was one marked by kindness, generosity, and a deep love for family, fun and friends. Known for his warm smile, Boston Bruins and quick wit. He tried to bring comfort and joy to those around him, telling them that their Leafs haven't won the Stanley Cup since he was (5) Years old and the HABS who haven't won a Cup in 32 years.... CHEERS BOYS! I'll talk at ya's later...lol Throughout his working life, Gary worked at many occupations, but it was 'working' with his son, Dave, and business partner in Orville's Refrigeration Ltd. for the last 15 years that brought him the most joy. You will really have to ask Dave to find out the truth on that one though, there appeared to be a lot of supervision than working going on by times. Gary's family would like to give a special thank you to all the medical professionals who helped Gary over the last several weeks. From Dr. Phillips to all the other supports, the family appreciates your kindness. A Celebration of Gary's life was held Tuesday, October 28th, 2025 from 6-8pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS, where family, friends, and all whose lives were touched by his life were invited to gather to meet and greet with Gary's Family. No Funeral Service as per Gary's request. Family flowers only and donations can be made to the local food bank.



Robert Hill proudly displays the replacement sign at the Mahon Cemetery in Great Village. Community volunteers are appreciated for their work and new volunteers are welcome. The Annual General Meeting will be held at Great Village Legion on November 20th. (Sybil Fleming Photo)

Mahon Cemetery Update AGM Upcoming Nov. 20

By Sybil Flemming

Passing through Great Village on Highway 2, a small sign notes “Mahon Cemetery”, named for one of the founding families in Great Village. Formally it is the property of the Great Village Cemetery Company. In its pastoral setting, this cemetery has been the final resting place for many since it was established as a family plot by the Mahon family in 1779. Its well-maintained grounds, surrounded by agricultural fields, are cared for by volunteers using by-laws first established in 1919 as the guide. The cemetery also includes several headstones moved from Highland Village, necessitated by tidal erosion on the grounds in Highland Village.

For many years, the dedication of Robert Hill has assured lot owners and families that grounds are groomed and kept in order. Mr. Hill has retired from this valuable volunteer work, receiving a formal thank-you from those who attended the AGM in 2024. His knowledge of the grounds continues to be invaluable to the volunteers who currently oversee it.

A full slate of officers, all volunteers, is in place to continue the maintenance and business of the Mahon Cemetery. The executive group consists of President Connie Smith, Secretary Sybil Flemming, Recording Secretary/Treasurer team Christina Cooke and Bob Slack, and Past President

Robert Hill. Additionally, there are six Trustees Robert Patriquin, Gary Slack, Ross Gordon, Logan Spencer, Dawn Slack, Bob Slack.

Each year, clean-up days are held to maintain the appearance of the grounds. All those interested are welcome to lend a hand. Recently the sign at the lower entrance of the cemetery was replaced. The sign reminds families and visitors of the expectations regarding the planting of shrubs and flowers on plots, and that artificial flowers are to be removed by November 15 each year.

In September, Mr. Hill kindly met with the executive at the cemetery to review the existing sections and to discuss revised guidelines for the new area. Trustee Dawn Slack is working on mapping this area with the use of drones. It is proposed that lots will now be sold as single lots, available in two sizes. Cremation lots each will be 4 ft. by 5 ft., and can hold 4 cremations. Lots for traditional burials, 4 ft by 10 ft, will also be available. Each of these lots allows for one headstone per lot.

On November 20, 2025 the annual general meeting will be held 7:00PM at the Great Village Legion. This is a public meeting and all are welcome. Changes to fees and lot sizes will be approved at this meeting.

Sybil Flemming is Secretary, Great Village Cemetery Company, which operates the Mahon Cemetery

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