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BURRIS, Leroy - With deep sorrow we announce the sudden passing of Leroy Burris who died peacefully at home on Thursday, September 17, 2026, surrounded by his wife, Debbie and daughters, Lisa and Angela. We were not ready to let him go, but God had other plans. Our family will never be the same without him. He was the rock of this family. Leroy began his early years working for Berry's Furniture and later spent 30 plus years working at Co-op Atlantic Feed Mill until retirement. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Debbie (Putnam); daughters, Lisa and Angela (Robert Watson); grandchildren, Jessica (Stephen), Jack (Tessa), Jack Watson, Cayden, Liam and Calum; great-granddaughters, Alistar, Carolyn and Gwendolyn. He is also survived by sister, Rhonda Burris; brothers, Derek, Wyman, Darrell and Rodney. Also survived by his fur babies, Molly and Pussy Willow, who he loved and adored. He was predeceased by his parents, Douglas and Catherine "Kay" (MacFadyen) Burris; sister, Brenda Pellerine; brother, Kevin and two brothers in infancy, Roland and Timothy. He was heartbroken when his little pups, Amy and Jill, passed away. He never forgot the love that they gave both him and Debbie. They meant the world to them. The family would like to extend a special thank-you to the VON, especially Leona and Jenn, who were there when we needed them most. Dad thought the world of these ladies. A heartfelt thank-you to Jeff Crowe for Dad's last adventure in the woods, it meant a lot to him and to Colin Dodge for always being there for Mom and Dad. A very special thank-you to his brother, Derek, Lucy and their children for hosting a surprise birthday party for Dad. This family get together meant more to Dad than anyone will ever know. We would also like to thank the Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade, EHS and RCMP for all their kindness and support shown to us during this difficult time. Thanks to Colchester Community Funeral Home for their care, compassion and support. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Anna's Angels – Atlantic Canada. (E-transfers may be sent to: Annasangelsdogrescue@gmail.com) A Celebration of Life Visitation was held Friday, September 25th from 2-4 p.m. in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro.

RUSSELL, Douglas Owen - Doug lived life with an open heart, a helping hand, a fishing rod, and Lorraine close by. He was someone who was always tinkering or building something, and loved his fish and chips. He could make up and sing a song about anything, but he loved his old county tunes, especially George Jones. He had a knack for bringing laughter into any room— anyone who knew him well, knew his sense of humor extended to his digital life—a fact well known by anyone brave enough to open one of his messages, was to never to open a message from him in a public setting without checking it first! Above all else, his heart belonged to his family. His grandchildren, Silas and Lennox, no one brought him greater happiness than his beloved scruncions who were the center of poppy's universe bringing him endless pride and joy. Left to cherish his memory and carry on his stories are his loving partner, Lorraine; his children, Kristen (Brad), Nick (Leah) and Dustin; his brother, Calvin (Bev); his sister, Liz (Blair); his nieces, nephews, his many friends and his faithful furry companion, Rosco. Doug is reunited in peace with his parents, Sam and Sadie; in laws, George and Hazel; his brothers, Rayfield and Will and his beloved berner, Holly. No formal service or reception will be held by request. Instead, his family encourage those who knew him to honor his memory in a way he would have appreciated most: cast a line out on the water, find a new trail in the woods, share a good laugh and especially hold your loved ones close. A special thank you to the palliative care team for the amazing care you gave to our Dougie.

JEWKES, Peggy (Ackles) - June 28, 1944 - September 19, 2026. It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Peggy, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and dear friend. Peggy lived a full and wonderful life, filled with adventure, friendship, and countless cherished memories. She was fortunate to have shared a beautiful life with her late husband, Ralph. His military service allowed them to live in and travel to different parts of Canada and around the world, creating memories that Peggy treasured throughout her life. Her greatest joy, however, was her family. Peggy was a loving mother to her two daughters, Vicki (Steve) and Angela (Mike), and a very proud "Grammie" to her five grandchildren - Kyle, Noah, Chloe, Ben, and Maya - all of whom she adored. Peggy was born in Nova Scotia and was happy to return there in retirement, where she was close to her sister Pat, brothers Rodger, Hudson, and Eddie, and nieces Kim and Karen. Peggy was a very social person who cultivated many wonderful friendships throughout her life. She loved being around people, sharing stories, laughing, and making connections. Her friends and family meant so much to her, especially over the last couple of years when she needed them most. In keeping with Peggy's wishes, there will be no formal service. Instead, please celebrate Peggy's life by sharing a story, a laugh, or your favourite memory of her.



MAILMAN, Gordon Eugene "Gordie" - April 16, 1938 – September 21, 2026. It is with sadness, many wonderful memories, and more than a few good stories that we announce the peaceful passing of Gordon Eugene "Gordie" Mailman on September 21, 2026. Born in Bridgewater, Gordon was a son of the late Ross and Ethel (Sarty) Mailman. He was predeceased by his much-loved wife, Laura (Smith) Mailman, in 2021. Gordon leaves behind his daughter, Andrea (Noonan) of Barachois; son, Brian (Vanessa) of Elmsdale and grandson, Evan, who was without question his pride and joy. He is also survived by his sister, Joan (Emery) Faulkenham; brother, Randall (Marsha) Mailman, and many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins. Gordon graduated from the Maritime Forest Ranger School in 1957 as a Forest Technician and then spent the next 38 years with the Province of Nova Scotia's Department of Lands and Forests/Natural Resources measuring trees, soil sampling, putting out forest fires, and building roads. We are fairly certain he walked over most of Nova Scotia's Crown land and probably flew over the rest. He also served as President of the Nova Scotia Forest Technicians Association. Retirement, apparently, was just a suggestion. Gordon continued as a consultant in woodland valuations and became a respected expert witness in land valuation and disputes. He enjoyed his time working with Rob and Roy at Taylor Lumber, numerous legal firms, private landowners, and the various other lumber mills in the area. Gord was proudly old school, working with a pencil and paper, photographs/ stereo scope and measured distances by dragging an old steel chain through the woods (no string box or GPS for him). Gordon was also tremendously proud of his 38 years with the Salmon River Fire Brigade, serving in nearly every role, including Fire Chief for five years, before retiring as Bar Steward, perhaps the perfect position for a man who never met a conversation he didn't enjoy. A longtime member and former President of the Truro Curling Club, Gordon also served for ten years as a Director of the Nova Scotia Firefighters Curling Association. He travelled across Canada representing Nova Scotia at national championships, making plenty of friends and, undoubtedly, telling plenty of stories along the way. Our heartfelt thanks go to the staff of Vimy Court for their kindness, patience and wonderful care of Gordon during his final years. And a special thank you to the many restaurant servers around town who fed him countless lunches and suppers, listened to his stories and good-naturedly put up with him. He enjoyed every visit. We gathered on Saturday, September 26, 2026, in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, to celebrate Gordon's life and share a few more stories. Visitation with the family was held from 11:00 a.m. until time of service at 12:00 p.m. beginning with a Firefighter's Tribute. A reception immediately followed. Interment took place Sunday, September 27th in Bible Hill Cemetery. Donations in Gordon's memory may be made to your local volunteer fire brigade or a charity of your choice.

BARTLETT, Ben "Bennie" Curtis - It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Ben Curtis Bartlett, 76, of North River, Nova Scotia, who passed away peacefully on September 24, 2026, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, surrounded by the family he loved so deeply. Born in Truro, Nova Scotia, Bennie was the son of the late Earl and Minnie (Robson) Bartlett. Bennie was a hardworking man who took great pride in his many years as a heavy equipment operator. Throughout his career, he worked with several companies including; Ben Bartlett Dozing, Miller's Excavation, ACL Construction, Dexter Construction, and Atlantic Road Construction and Paving. He was a devoted husband and best friend to Viola, with whom he shared 51 years of marriage. Together they built a life filled with family, friendships, laughter, and countless memories. Their relationship was built on love, companionship, and a deep friendship that remained at the heart of their lives together. Bennie was a loving father to Curtis (Lisa), Jonathan (Rachel), and Andrew (Jennifer) and a proud Grampie to Ellora, Jameson, Beaudean and Blaire. His family was at the center of his life, and he cherished every opportunity to be together. One of ennie's favourite places was the family cottage on Brule Shore, Nova Scotia, where many special memories were made. Over the years, Bennie and Viola shared their home with many students from across Canada and around the world. These relationships were, and continue to be, very precious. Each student held a special place in his heart. Bennie was predeceased by his infant daughter, Victoria; his sisters, Shirley, Marge, Dolly, and June; and his brothers, Gilbert and Bobby. He is also survived by his siblings and their spouses, Kenneth (Gloria), Donnie (Minnie), Helen (Bill), and Vonnie (Hollis), along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and a large circle of lifelong friends. Bennie leaves behind much more than memories. He leaves behind the laughter of a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend; the stories shared over countless years; the friendships he worked so hard to maintain; and the love that he gave so freely to those around him. Visitation was held in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, Thursday, October 1st. A Funeral Mass was held in Immaculate Conception Church, 669 Prince Street, Truro, on Friday, October 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. A reception followed the service in Campbell Hall. Burial will take place in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Robie Street, Truro. The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Colchester East Hants Health Centre, especially Dr. Smith and Dawn of the Palliative Care team, for the compassion, dignity, and care they provided to Bennie and his family during his final days. A special thank you is also extended to nephew, Harvey Veniott and brother-in-law, Gino Spinazzola for their love, support, and unwavering presence during this difficult time. Bennie will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His laughter may be quiet now, but the memories he created will continue to speak for him for generations to come.

BROOKS, Daniel "Danny" Vincent – Age 61, Great Village, passed away peacefully in his sleep with his loving partner, Jill and his pets by his side on September 22, 2026. Danny was always the guy you would call whenever you needed help with anything. Although his preference was always animals over people, he would never hesitate to help someone in need of a hand. Danny had the biggest heart out of anyone you would have ever met. In his younger years, Danny loved playing hockey and baseball. He married Sharon Fifield Brooks at the age of 18 and had two daughters, Christina (Chad) and Jillian (Paul). He was so proud of the young women they grew up to be. We can almost hear him saying, "Paul…Chad…take care of my girls…I will be watching!" His grandsons, Quinn and Elliott, always put the biggest smile on his face. It would warm his heart to hear them call him, "Grampy with the hair." Even though Sharon and Danny separated, they remained friends and shared the love of their family. After all, we all know Danny never got rid of anything! Jill brought love, laughter, joy to Danny through the last eight years of his life. Danny is survived by his partner, Jillian Andrews; his daughters, Christina (Chad) and Jillian (Paul) and their mother, Sharon; grandsons, Quinn and Elliott; brother, Curtis; Jill's children, Samantha (Johnny), Alexandria (Doug) and David (Hayley); Jill's grandchildren, Elias, Aubree, Sophia and Cohen. He was predeceased by his parents, Kenneth and Beulah (DeCoste) Brooks, and his brother, Darren. Danny would want to thank Jimmy and Bernadine for their years of friendship and love. Danny died the way he wanted to, no fuss and nowhere near a hospital bed. The loss of this warm, loving, kind, helpful, take no nonsense man, will be felt by so very many. A visitation was held Sunday, September 27th from 2-4pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Donations in Danny's memory may be made to an animal rescue or charity of your choice.

LEVI, Martha Jean - It is with heavy hearts that the family of Martha Jean Levi, age 70, announce her sudden passing on September 22, 2026, after a brief battle with Cancer in Colchester East Hants Health Center in Truro, NS. Born in Rexton, NB, a member of Elsipogtog First Nation, Martha was a daughter of the late David and Evelyn (Joseph) Sanipass. Martha was a beloved colleague, friend and a longtime member of Confederacy of Mi'kmaw Nations, where she was employed for over 30 years. She was an avid golfer and a member of the Fox Hollow Golf Club for many years and one year, was the Club Champion. She will be sadly missed by her daughters, Delphine (Dennis), Dena, and her son, Frederick; her grandchildren, Roman (Keely), Owen, Ayden and Liam; sisters, Norma (the late Joe), Anna (Terry), Leanna, Eva, and Rena (Jeff); brothers, George, (Jennifer), Glen (Angel), and John (Pauley). Martha also leaves to mourn her aunt/godmother, Mary Irene, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and godchildren. Besides her parents, Martha was predeceased by her sisters, Shirley (the late Stan) and Nancy (the late Darren); brothers, Hubert and Malcolm and her precious grandson, Lucas. Visitation was held in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro NS on Monday, September 28th, 2026. She will then go home to Elsipogtog and will be resting at her sister, Rena's home, 110 Levi St., Elsipogtog NB from September 29th, 2026, until her Funeral Mass on September 30th, 2026 at 2:30pm, held in Ste. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, 202 Main St., Elsipogtog, NB. At the request of Martha, she will be cremated and laid to rest in Elsipogtog with family members. All are welcome to join the family for a feast at the Elsipogtog Community Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro, NS and Thompson's Funeral Home, Richibucto, NB.

WOOLLEY, Bob, age 80, passed away peacefully on September 28, 2026. He was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia and was the son of the late James and Effie (Strickland) Woolley. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Barb MacAulay of British Columbia and niece, Cindy. Bob was a devoted husband and father and retired from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation after 28 years. He is survived by his wife, Joyce (nee MacDonald), and son, Mark. Donations in Bob's memory may be made to the Colchester Food Network. A visitation was held Monday, October 5th until time of service in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

TOWNSEND, Margaret "Peggy, age 42, Londonderry, NS. It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Peggy Townsend, born in Yarmouth, NS, who peacefully passed away on September 30, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family and friends after a courageous battle with cancer. Peggy was a remarkable woman whose strength and determination and generous spirit touched the lives of so many. She was not only a beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend; but also a proud successful business owner. Through her passion and dedication, she built a successful dog grooming business, creating a career she loved and a business that reflected her caring and genuine love for animals. Outside of her work, Peggy found some of her greatest happiness in the outdoors. She loved being surrounded by nature, enjoying the fresh air, fishing and making the most of the simple beauty life had to offer. Whether she was spending time outdoors, sharing a laugh with friends or gathered around with family, she treasured the moments that brought people together. She leaves behind, along with many friends, clients and loved ones, her loving family; her children, Bastion and Ophelia; her mother, Beth, Halifax, NS; her brothers, Edwin (Monica), Halifax, NS, Chris, King City, ON; her sister, Tricia (Kevin), Grande Prairie, AB; her nieces, Brittany (Andrew), Hatchet Lake, NS and Danielle, Halifax, NS; great nephews and a great niece. She was predeceased by her father, Bert. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Truro SPCA. There will be no visitation or funeral service. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be made at **www.ColchesterCommunity.com**

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