OBITUARIES

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BROOKS, Donna - Age 70, of Truro, Nova Scotia, passed away on October 1, 2026, supported in her final days by the family and friends she loved so dearly. Born in Middleton, Nova Scotia, on March 6, 1956, Donna was a gifted musician who went on to attend Bob Jones University, where she earned a degree in piano pedagogy. She shared her love of music as a piano teacher. For a number of years, Donna devoted herself to being a homemaker, creating a warm and welcoming home for her family. She was also an active part of the family business and later worked at Grant Thornton, bringing the same dedication and care to her work that she brought to everything else in her life. Donna's faith was central to who she was and she was deeply involved in her church family. She was a wonderful cook, and meals at her table were a gathering place filled with good food and good company. She loved walking and being outdoors, and she treasured time spent with family and friends above all else. To her grandchildren, she was simply "Grammy," and Jaxon, Gage, and Kai were the joy of her life. Donna is survived by her husband, Bruce Brooks; her daughters, Shannon Owens (Adam) and Christina Mendoza (Josiah); her son, Kyle Brooks; her grandchildren, Jaxon, Gage, and Kai. She will be dearly missed by her extended family and many close and lifelong friends. A celebration of Donna's life was held on Friday, October 9, 2026, at 2:00 PM in Immanuel Baptist Church in Truro, Nova Scotia. The family encouraged guests to wear colours in celebration of Donna's bright spirit.

PICKREM, Donald age 94, of Truro, passed away peacefully on October 2, 2026, in Vimy Court, Bible Hill with family by his side. He was born on October 22, 1931, and was only 20 days shy of his 95th birthday. Don was born in Halifax, NS and grew up in the North End. He was known as Don, D.J. or "Pick" to those who loved him. Don attended Richmond School and graduated from Queen Elizabeth High School in Halifax, NS. On September 3, 1954, Don married Margaret, who would be his wife for 72 years, and worked hard to provide for his family and build the home they lived in for 66 years. His family and home were his pride and joy. Don was a commercial traveler for 42 years with 34 of those years employed with Bowes Company Ltd. (Weston's) travelling all across the Maritime provinces. He retired in 1996. Don was also a faithful member of St. John's Anglican Church and attended regularly until he became too ill. He was also a 3rd Degree Mason at Fellowship Lodge 112, Truro. Don is survived by his wife of 72 years, Margaret; three children, Richard, Truro, Robyn (Michael) Deveau, Brule, and Margo (Ron) Herbert, Meadowbrook, NB. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Kelsie Donaldson, Kapuskasing, ON, and Tiffany (Spencer) Chapman, Harmony; step grandchildren, Michelle Deveau (Arthur MacDonald), Halifax, Ryan Deveau, Truro, Grace Herbert, Moncton, NB. Don is also survived by two great grandchildren, his treasures, Maverick Tipping, Maitland and Kamdyn Chapman, Harmony. Don was predeceased by his parents, Avis Peitzsche Pickrem Munroe and John A. Pickrem; brother, Carl Pickrem; stepfather, Eric Munroe; daughter-in-law, Donna Lynds Pickrem and granddaughter, Miranda Pickrem Tipping. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the entire staff at Vimy Court Nursing Home. The kindness, patience and compassion shown to Don by each and every one throughout his care was much appreciated. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Rev. Lori Ramsey, St. John's Anglican Church and Colchester Community Funeral Home for their care and guidance during this time. Family flowers only. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colchester SPCA, the Canadian Cancer Society or St. John's Anglican Church. A Visitation took place Tuesday, October 13th from 6-8pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, October 14th at 1:00pm in St. John's Anglican Church, Truro. Reception in Kaulback Hall. A family interment will follow in Terrace Hill Cemetery.

MacDONALD, Barbara "Carol" – 81, Brookfield, passed away on Monday, October 5, 2026, in the Colchester East Hants Centre, Truro. Born on November 25, 1944, in North Vancouver, British Columbia, she was a daughter of the late, George Smillie (Shieldhillstirling, Scotland) and Mildred Helen Lowe (British Columbia). Survived by her children, Edward (Jennifer) Toronto, ON, Tom (Amy) Uigg, PE, Jennifer (Larry), Mid le Stewiacke; siblings, George (Linda), Sunshine Coast, BC, Mathilda, Vancouver, BC, Chris, Burnaby, BC; in-laws, Dannie (Mary) MacDonald, Greenhill, NS, Sheila (Chuck Stone) Archibald, Middle Stewiacke and Ruth MacDonald, Alton. Also survived by nieces and nephews, Gina Winfield, Allison MacDonald, Matthew MacDonald, Ashley MacDonald, Aaron (Laura) MacDonald, Adam (Elsa) MacDonald, Alison (Colin) Lydell, Greg (Juliette) Smillie, Darren Smillie. As well as several great nieces and nephews whom she cherished dearly. More than anything she adored her grandchildren, Cameron David, Bowie James, Ella Margaret, Sophie Margaret, Aaron Ryan, Skye Love, Noah Allister, Raelin Eva, Payton Dani and Bradley Ainsley and (Cathy, Alvin and Andrew Burgess). She was predeceased by her husband of 36 years, David Allan MacDonald; parents, George and Mildred (Lowe) Smillie; parents-in-Law, Allister and Phyllis (Blakeney) MacDonald; brother-in-law: Elwood MacDonald and nephew, Scott Gibson. In addition to always supporting her children's hobbies of fastpitch, soccer, basketball, band and highland dance - she also loved watching baseball in Kentville and was a season pass holder for the Kentville Wildcats for many years. Later when she moved to Brookfield, she would spend many evenings at Elk Park with her son-in-law, grandchildren and Mya, her beloved dog watching fastpitch. In the off season, she would be watching soccer, football and following her favorite hockey player to cold rinks. She loved curling and would follow the brier and tournament of hearts throughout the season. She spent many hours watching (and spamming) her granddaughters with funny animal videos once she learned the "Facebook" and loved building puzzles with her grandchildren. If so, desired donations can be made to the Middle Stewiacke Recreation Association (msramoney@gmail.com), or Brookfield Curling Club (brookfieldcurlingclub@gmail.com) in her memory.

HATT, Donald Arthur age 86, beloved husband of Hazel (McNutt) Hatt, passed into the presence of his Lord on October 6, 2026, at home, after a brief illness. He was born in Forest Glade, NS to parents, Claude and Eileen (Parker) Hatt. In 1962, Donald married his beloved wife of 64 years and lived in the Truro, Forest Glade, and Bridgewater areas. He was born again (saved) on November 11, 1974, and was faithful to his Saviour and to the assemblies meeting in Debert, Brickton, Truro and finally, Nineveh Gospel Hall in New Germany, consistently attending all of the meetings until he was no longer able. He was a truck driver most of his working days and enjoyed farming, travelling and built three family homes. Donald will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Hazel; daughter, Eileen (Elvis) Oickle; son, Larry (Dawn) Hatt; grandson, Obadiah (Anna) Oickle; sisters, Helen Guest and Evelyn Stutters; brother, Wayne (Elizabeth) Hatt. He was predeceased by his parents, Claude and Eileen Hatt; daughters, Linda and Glenda Hatt; sisters, Lila Graves and Anna Hatt and brother, Gerald Hatt. Also predeceased by sister, Valerie Hatt in infancy. In Lieu of Flowers, donations in Donald's memory may be made to V.O.N., CEHHC "We Care About Cancer" or the Lunenburg Palliative Care. A visitation was held Tuesday, October 13th from 2-4pm in Nineveh Gospel Hall, 2495 Hwy 208, New Germany. A second visitation was held Wednesday, October 14th from 6-8pm with a funeral service on Thursday, October 15th at 10:30am, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

McDONALD, James "Jim" - October 15, 1964 to October 7, 2026. With profound sadness and heavy hearts, we announce the passing of James McDonald, lovingly known to many as "Jimmy Donut," "Goo," and, to Ellie, "Grampie." Formerly of Mulgrave, Antigonish, and Stewiacke, he lived in the community of Alton for the last 20 years. Jim died following a tragic motorcycle accident and a courageous battle with his injuries. He passed peacefully knowing he was deeply loved and surrounded by family. In his final hours, we listened to his playlist: AC/DC, George Thorogood, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Eagles, and CCR. At around 5 p.m., *Winds of Change* played, and he passed. After he left this world, we hit play, and on came *Fight for Your Right to Party* and *Life's Been Good*. Classic Jimmy. Archery was his greatest passion. A former bronze medalist at the Canadian 3D Nationals, his trophies, medals, and arrows fill our home. He was a certified Nova Scotia Bowhunter Instructor, a member of the Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia and the Truro Struttin' Gobblers. Jim worked as a Survey Technician with surveyors from Antigonish, Truro, Stewiacke, Fort McMurray, Calgary, and the former Northwest Territories. He worked at LaFarge, Pratt, Grant Contracting, and the list goes on. In life, he taught lessons beyond hunting, fishing, and archery. Above all else, Jimmy loved his family. He was a doting husband to his beloved wife, Claudette. He was a proud father to his children, Jenna and Nick, and nieces, Nicole and Emma. He was an adoring grandfather to Mason, Lochlan, Rowan, Ellie and a new addition expected in November. He loved his sisters, Shirley, Carmel, and Pabby. He had a special relationship with his brother Bernie. He will be greatly missed by Claudette's family including Doreen, Lynn and Rob. We find comfort knowing Jimmy is reunited with his parents, Mary Alice and Buddy, his sister Donna, Nanny Cane (Blanche), best-friend Pat, and the loved ones who went before him. If you feel inclined to make a donation, please send an e-transfer with his name, to bowhuntersassociationofns@gmail.com. All funds will go to support youth in our area with archery gear. A special thank you to the stellar EHS crews, ER trauma team, doctors, nurses and staff at the QE2 HI 5.1 and 5.2 ICUs. Everyone. He received the best care. We celebrated Jim at the Colchester Community Funeral Home on Willow Street in Truro, on his birthday, October 15th from 5 pm to 8 pm. A final send-off was in the Mulgrave Firehall on Friday October 16th with meet and greet 7 pm to 9 pm and dance to start at 9.

BURRIS, Leroy - With deep sorrow we announce the sudden passing of 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. Anyone who knew Leroy, knew he was happiest spending time at his camp, 4-wheeling, fishing and hunting. If he wasn't at the camp, he was always fixing or tinkering in the yard. 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. 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 on Friday, September 25th from 2-4 p.m. in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro.

JOHNSON, Kimberley Anne (Nadeau), October 23rd, 1957-October 8th, 2026. There should be a punch card if you have to write a certain number of obituaries. I checked. There isn't. And so here we are. My apologies if there are stylistic echoes between my tribute to my brother and this one. For example, the urge to begin with a disclaimer; I realize it is tradition to release an obituary in the few days immediately following a death. I am, admittedly, late. But if you knew my mom at all, you know why this has been almost impossible for me to write. My Mom was born Kimberley Langlois, on October 23rd, 1957, in Sudbury, Ontario. She attended École Secondaire Étienne Brulé in Toronto, followed by the University of Toronto, obtaining her Teacher's License in 1980 and beginning a career as an educator that spanned the better part of half a century. She moved to Dartmouth, NS in 1987, evolving quickly from a dedicated classroom teacher in the city's burgeoning French Immersion program, to a Vice Principal, to Principal. Mom adored being a teacher. As her career wound down, I think her many days as an elementary school educator, and the (happy) chaos it inevitably brought with it, made her long for a more quiet, rural existence, and she moved to East Jeddore, Bass River and finally Masstown, NS. Kim is survived by her husband (Peter Johnson), daughter (Danielle Nadeau), son-in-law (Blair Cameron), mother (Stephannie "Grammy" Langlois) and her brothers (Mike and Steven Langlois). Her Sudbury aunts, uncles and cousins also held a very special place in her heart. Mom was predeceased by her son (Eric Nadeau), father (Robert Langlois), step-father (Robert Alburger), and her dear Baba and Didou (Julie and Mike Kiersta). I must pay tribute to "Her Girls". Amy, Leeanne, Carmelita, Shelly, Cheryl and her lifelong friend, Kim Miller. There were some dark chapters in mom's life, and these incredible women anchored her, bringing her light back, every single time. And now, they anchor her daughter. And this matters. Mom always respected and admired people who were really good at doing really hard jobs, and in her final days, she encountered many of these people. Her VON, Palliative Care and MAID teams brought warmth, dignity and compassion to our family when we needed it most, and I can almost assure you that there will be a profusion of dahlias blooming in their gardens next year. I've always found the term "Celebration of Life" a little clunky. Or like it doesn't quite hit its mark. So, instead, we will simply call it "Saying Goodbye to Kim". Please feel free to drop in and join us on Saturday, November 21st, between 1-5pm at the Mic Mac Aquatic Club in Dartmouth.

CROWE, Veola "Marie" - July 3, 1938 – October 9, 2026. Veola "Marie" Crowe was born July 3, 1938, in North River, Nova Scotia. On October 9, 2026, she went to be with the Lord at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, with her daughter Heather by her side. For over 58 years, Marie owned Marie's Hairstyling, where she loved every day surrounded by the girls she worked with and the many sweet clients who came through her door. Marie's faith was at the center of her life. Each morning at 8:30, she settled in with a coffee and a muffin to watch her Christian TV channels, and those mornings always included a phone call with her daughter, one of her very best friends. She couldn't wait for her weekly Bible study with Cheryl and the girls, a group that blessed her deeply. Marie could always be found reading her Bible in bed and praying for numerous family, friends, and acquaintances every night before she fell asleep. Marie leaves behind the love of her life, John Crowe, her husband of 70 years; her daughter Heather (Mark); her grandson Zach (Krista); Gigi's great-grandkids (the favourites) Jax and Riley; and her son David (Debbie). The family would like to thank everyone for the prayers, support, kindness, generosity, and faithful visits during the last few months of Marie's life. She truly appreciated each and every one. We are also deeply grateful to the paramedics and hospital staff who cared for Marie so well in her last days. Cremation has taken place. A public graveside service was held October 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bible Hill Cemetery, 41 Warren Drive, Bible Hill.

PENTLAND, Shirley Ann (Lucas) - With heavy hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of Shirley Ann Pentland on October 10, 2026 at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, Nova Scotia. Born in Stephenville Crossing, Newfoundland, Shirley was the daughter of Joseph and Florence Lucas. She came from a large Newfoundland family, with connections that stretched across generations. Shirley leaves behind her beloved husband, William "Bill" Pentland with whom she shared 46 happy years together. She also leaves her children, Brian (Jacqueline), Rowena (Mike), Jacqueline, James (Devon), Stephanie (Keith) and Jason (Dana). She was predeceased by her son Keith in 2009. She will be lovingly remembered by her cherished grandchildren, Cassandra (Ryan), Emma (Max), Owen, Kieran, Wilson and Griffin and her great-grandchildren Jones and Noa. Her large family included her siblings Mercedes, Dolphy, Albert, Madonna, Olivera, Marie, Rosalie, Hayward, Percy, Sibby, Davey, and predeceased by Martin, Issac, Catherine, Vincent, Sammy, Raymond, Augustine, Maurice and MaryAnne.
The family extends a special thank you to Shirleys granddaughter Cassandra, a registered nurse, for the extra care she provided to her grandmother and the support she provided to the family during her final week in palliative care. Her compassion and guidance brought comfort during this difficult time. A celebration of Shirleys life will be taking place at a later date. For those wishing to honour Shirleys memory, donations may be made to the Arthritis society of Canada or the Canadian Lung Association

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