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ATKINSON, Hughie Cleveland It is with heavy hearts that we announced the passing of Hughie Cleveland Atkinson, age 75, of Murray Siding on October 12, 2026. He was born on June 13,1951, in Truro to his loving parents, Cleveland Earl and Bertha Elizabeth Atkinson. Hughie worked at Eastern Hat & Cap manufacturing, Brookfield Foods in his younger years, then went on to work at Stanfield's from where he retired. Hughie loved fishing, hunting with his nephew, playing crib and gardening. He cherished times with his family, laughing, joking, and talking of the old times and helped in part of with raising his brother's children. He was a stepfather to Kathy and Amanda and a step grandfather to Emma, Austin and Brandon. He was predeceased by his parents, Cleveland and Bertha and loving wife, Lorraine McKay Atkinson; sister, Eldora Lynds; brothers, Reg, and Cecil Atkinson; niece, Carline as well as nephews, Timothy and Fulton Lynds. Hughie is survived by his loving wife who cherished him, Wanda Logan Atkinson; brother, Francis Atkinson along with his stepchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom loved him dearly. A celebration of his life and interment to be announced at a later date.

COOKE, Shirley Pauline – Age 81, of Highland Village, passed away peacefully on October 12, 2026, in Wynn Park Villa, Truro. She was a daughter of the late Harold Leo "Pat" and Mary Ellen (Fountain) Miller. She is survived by her son, Kevin (Cheryl) Cooke; daughter, Pam Chisling; daughter-in-law, Shirley Cooke; siblings, Elaine Mackinnon, Audrey (Logan) Spencer and Glenn (Dennise) Miller; grandchildren, Christina (Bobby), Catherine (Cody), Kevin (Lauren), Jessica (Lee), Julie (Matt), Bradley (Autumn), Ben (Alicia), Kaylee (Abbey); and great grandchildren, Mackenzie, Ethan, Caleb, Kayden, Kara, Bria, Ava, Ella, Megan, Lucas, Everleigh, and Henley. Along with her parents, Shirley was predeceased by her husband, Douglas Cooke; son, Brent Cooke; sister, Fern Hegan; and brother, Wilfred Miller. Born and raised in Londonderry, Shirley was proud of her roots and spoke fondly of the people and places that shaped her life. It was there that Shirley and Doug began their married life together in their first home. As their family began to grow, they built the home we all know and love, in Highland Village, where they raised their three children and spent many years side by side. She also spent fifteen seasons working at Ski Wentworth where she formed many lasting friendships. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the management and staff of Wynn Park Villa for the compassionate care, kindness and dignity provided during Shirley's residency. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to the Great Village Fire Brigade. A visitation was held Tuesday, October 20th from 1:00 p.m. until the time of funeral service at 2:00 p.m. in Colchester Community Funeral Home, Rev. Larry Harrison officiating. Interment to follow immediately in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village.

MARSHALL, Teresa Marie 1962 – 2026. It is with great sadness that the family of Teresa Marie Marshall announces her passing in October 2026. Born in Truro, Nova Scotia, Teresa was a proud Mi'kmaw woman and member of Millbrook First Nation. An exceptionally talented multidisciplinary artist, writer, and poet, she was a passionate advocate for Mi'kmaq rights, history, and culture. Her work was exhibited and celebrated from coast to coast. While her art reached audiences across the country, her talent also held a deeply personal place within her family. Through her paintings and drawings, including treasured portraits of her grandparents, Rachel and Charlie, she preserved family history, love, and memory for generations to come. Through sculpture, installations, painting, drawing, poetry, and theatre, Teresa's artistic accomplishments reached audiences across the country. Teresa explored themes of identity, resilience, cultural survival, and the lasting impacts of colonialism. She studied at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD) and Dalhousie University, and her distinguished artistic career included exhibitions at the National Gallery of Canada, Vancouver Art Gallery, and Cape Breton University Art Gallery. In 2001, she received an Eiteljorg Contemporary Art Fellowship in recognition of her contributions to contemporary Indigenous art. Her art will live on in galleries, and in the homes of those who supported her work. Beyond her artistic accomplishments, Teresa was passionate, spirited, sassy, and fiercely individual, with a sharp, often dark sense of humour. She had a beautiful singing voice and an unmistakable laugh that those who knew her will always remember. She had a special love for cats and took pride in her gardens. Teresa was predeceased by her parents, Nora and Raymond, and her sister, Karen. She is survived by her sister, Bernadette, and her brother, Fred, as well as her Aunt Trudy and Uncle Fred; nieces and nephews, Gillian, Alex, Annie, Ashley, Rachel, Coralee, Matthew, and Shania. She is also remembered by her many cousins, extended family, friends, and the artistic and Mi'kmaq communities whose lives she touched. Visitation was held on Saturday, October 17th from 1-4 p.m. in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Burial will take place on Sunday, October 18th at 1 p.m. in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Millbrook. Meal and salité to follow in the Nora Bernard Community Centre, Millbrook.

McDONALD, James Levi – Age 63, passed away on October 17, 2026, in the QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late James V. McDonald and Jessie MacLeod. James is survived by his children, Levi McDonald and Cierra Price; granddaughter, Millie Price; sisters, Karen Hunter (Herb) and Nancy McDonald. Besides his parents, James was predeceased by his siblings, Arthur Kennedy (Darlene), Billy McDonald (Elaine), John McDonald and David McDonald. James was many things, including an entrepreneur and fisherman. He loved playing pool. Donations in his memory may be made to the IWK Children's Foundation. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

SMITH, Cyrus Creelman "Cy" – 76, Debert, passed away peacefully, with his loving family at his side, on Monday, October 5, 2026, at Shannex Debert Court, Debert. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Cyrus and Dorothy (Cox) Smith. Cy worked with Electrical Distributors for several years and then went to work at Stanfield's from where he retired. Cy loved music. At Debert Court he played the bongos, and many will remember watching him playing the drums with "The Country Gentlemen" on Channel 4 many years ago. Cy was the last surviving member of his immediate family and is survived by his sister-in-law, Beth Smith, Bible Hill; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Crystal (Lawrence) Best; brothers, Glen (Ann) Smith, Don Smith; niece, Jeanne Smith; nephew, Barry Smith. Special thanks are extended to the staff at Debert Court for your care and love of Cy and his family; this was his home, and you always made him and us feel so welcome. Private interment was held in Harmony Cemetery. 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

Matheson, Hugh – Hugh Matheson, lifelong resident of Brookfield, died peacefully surrounded by his family on October 20, 2026. Born in 1939 to Tom and Flo Matheson, Hugh remained deeply rooted in his community throughout his life. Together with his wife, Judy (Henderson), Hugh built a life shaped by family, service, and a shared connection to the place they called home. Hugh often said he considered himself the luckiest man on earth. Hugh and Judy raised five children: Chris Bernard (Doug), Kim Dawe (Joel), Leah Bowers (Charles), Jodie Matheson (Rick Hill), and Nick Matheson (Lori). Hugh was proud "Grumpin" to 12 wonderful grandchildren: Donny, Lucas (Amalie), Gregor (Erin), Regan (Kendall), Jacob (Morgan), Chloe (Luke), Jack, Jewel, Maryn, Isaac, Neve, and Ronan. His great grandchildren are Malcolm, Callie, Jett, Kenzie, and Lane. Hugh is survived by siblings, Edna, John, and Vaughn. He was predeceased by his parents, Tom and Flo Matheson; siblings, Verna, Wilma, Letha, Gordon, Winston, and Ken; and many other cherished members of the Matheson and Henderson clans. Hugh was an athlete, coach, manager, fundraiser, builder, and fan. He was involved in hockey, softball, curling, and golf. His contributions were recognized with his induction into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame and the Truro Sport Heritage Society Hall of Fame. He coached and managed hockey at several levels and was assistant coach and manager of the 1980 Brookfield Elks senior men's national championship softball team. Perhaps nowhere was Hugh's commitment to Brookfield more tangible than in the Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex. Hugh played a central role in building and managing the facility and spent countless hours supporting it through community fundraisers, including the Lotta Truck. He was involved for decades with the Brookfield Athletic Association to help create opportunities for generations of athletes and families. He worked tirelessly on the Big Game Hunt / Elks Sports Draw, selling tickets right up until late August 2026. Hugh also served his community through municipal government as a Colchester Councillor and Deputy Mayor. He was a lifelong member of Knox United Church. Hugh was determined, independent, and unmistakably himself. He lived according to his own sense of how things ought to be done and when there was something that needed doing, Hugh's answer was always the same: "Let's get to work." If desired, donations gratefully accepted for the Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex, 55 Carter Road, Brookfield, NS, B0N 1C0; Brookfield Knox United Church; or Brookfield Terry Fox Run or purchase a Sports Draw ticket in his honour. Visitation will be held Thursday, October 22, 5-8 p.m. in Knox Church Hall. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2 p.m. in Knox Church. To livestream the funeral, https://www.facebook.com/knoxunitedbrookfield


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