

OBITUARIES

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Winters, Helen I. - 90, of Oxford, and formerly of Southampton passed away Saturday, August 22, 2015 at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Southampton, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Clara (Lepper) Pettigrew. She was a past chief with the Pythian Sisters, and Past Noble Grand of the Rebecca Lodge. She was a member of the Southampton United Church and served many years with the UCW. She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Winters, Lantz and Lower Sackville; sons, Brian (Rhonda), Penticton, B.C.; Bob (Marilyn), Penhold, Alta; John "Jackie" (Sharon), Dartmouth; Rod, Halifax; brothers, Laurie (Ruth), Vermilion, Alta; Harry (Myrtle), Vernon, B.C.; Aubrey (Shirley), Dartmouth; 8 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, John "Jack" in 1998; a son, Merlin; a brother, Earl. Visitation 2-4, 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Funeral 2 p.m. Wednesday [August 26, 2015] at the Southampton United Church, Rev. Elizabeth Davies officiating. Burial in the Southampton Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Southampton Community Centre. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

Gamblin, Dorin Sandford - On Wednesday, August 19th, 2015, Dorin Sandford Gamblin died after enduring a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. During her final five years she was blessed to be compassionately cared for by all of the staff at the South Cumberland Community Care Center in Parrsboro. For this her family is deeply grateful. Dorin was born on Easter Sunday 1923 in Orange, NJ. She was a war bride marrying Canadian soldier George A. Gamblin in 1946. She was predeceased by husband, George in 1977; sister, Jean; beloved son, Peter, and Peter's daughter Megan. She is survived by her daughter, Susan Gamblin, Welsford; NB; son, David (Patti), Florida; son, Sandy (Trish), Idaho; grandchildren, Greg, Christine, Nick, Steve, George, Alex and Brandon; great-grandchildren, Dessiea, Harlyn, Andrew, Noah, Eliana, Chloe, Luke, Charlotte and Lannah; niece, Kathy Bugdon (Gary), Bedford; nephew, Don Gamblin (Cathy), Spencer's Island. Dorin loved both her homeland and Canada. She was a member of the United Church of Canada in Brandon, Oromocto and Halifax. Her fondest memories included spending the month of August in Advocate and flounder fishing on the Bay of Fundy each day with her husband and children. She was passionate about the space shuttle program working for Boeing Aerospace in Cape Canaveral well into her 70's. She loved the Space Station robotic arm with the Canadian flag on it. Dorin knit hundreds of hats for the Caps for Kids Foundation and made all sorts of sewn items for those in nursing homes and other charities. A memorial service will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 2 pm at Trinity United Church in Parrsboro with Rev. Susan Gamblin officiating. A reception will follow in the hall. Memorial donations may be made to the Nova Scotia Alzheimer's Society, the South Cumberland Care Centre Foundation, Parrsboro or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

Elliott, Lillian Ann, born April 3, 1935 in New Glasgow, passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 20, 2015, in Truro. Lillian was the daughter of the late JW and Marion (Sutherland) MacLean. She graduated from New Glasgow High School, Nova Scotia Teachers College and Acadia University. She was a member of the First United Church Unit A and the Local Scottish Society; executive of the Arthritis Society, member of the Happy Harmonies choral group, the Truro Concert Band and a local Scrabble Group. She enjoyed writing poetry and performing at church functions with her Happy Harmonies group. She passed her joy of reading to all her children. A great cook and party host, she was affectionately known as "Diamond Lil." Lillian was the loving mother of Heather Elliott, Pembroke, ON, Bill Elliott, Truro, Sharon (Gordon) Elliott, Hilden, David Elliott, Toronto, ON and Sara (Terry) Doyle, Acton, ON. She was the grandmother of Renee Maiia, Bradley (Michelle) Murray, Paul (Megan) Dunn, and Olivia Doyle and great grandmother to AJ, Cole, Ryan, Milayna and Hayden. She is also survived by her sister Margaret MacDonald, New Glasgow as well as nieces and nephews. Lillian was married 54 years to her beloved husband and soulmate, the late Harold Bradford Elliott. No visitation by her request. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Monday, August 24th, 2015 at 2 p.m. at First United Church, 711 Prince St., Truro with Rev. Valerie Kingsbury officiating. Private family interment at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association or the Arthritis Society. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro where online condolences may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Hiltz, Janet L. - Age, 54 of Parrsboro passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, August 23, 2015 surrounded by her family. Born in Germany, she was a daughter of Pauline Morris, Parrsboro; and the late Michel Morris. She was employed at Hyland Homes, and later Oxford Frozen Foods for many years. She especially enjoyed young children, and was godmother to several special people to her. She was a caring, loving person, and many smiles she gave away. She is survived by her husband, Sheldon, Parrsboro; two sons, Michael Forbes, Truro; Dylan Hiltz, Parrsboro; sisters, Linda Morris, Regina, Sask.; Michele Morris, Parrsboro; nieces and nephews, Madeline, Emma and Samuel Bemrose; Candice Lake, Cassandra and Colton Morris; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral service 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at St. George's Anglican Church, Parrsboro, Rev. Dawn Léger officiating. Burial in St. George's Anglican Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Canada or to the Cumberland District of the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON). Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

Mahoney, Matthew Jeremiah 'Jerry' - 73, Valley, Colchester County passed away September 3, 2015 in Colchester East Hants Health Center, Truro. Born in New Glasgow, June 15, 1942 the son of the late Alfred Mahoney and Dorothy (Smith) Morris. He is survived by his wife, Heather (Gorrie) and daughter, Robin Kim; brother, James (Debbie) Mahoney, Ardness, Pictou Co.; sister, Alfreda (James) MacDonald, Dartmouth; sister-in-law, Wendy (Dave) MacPhee, Debert; brother-in-laws Glenn (Ada) Gorrie, Ottawa, Randy (Ronalee) Gorrie, BC, Robin (Betty) Gorrie, BC, Edgar MacDonald, Enfield, NS; several nieces, nephews & cousins. Besides his parents he was predeceased by brother, Joseph Mahoney; sisters Marguerite DeCoste; Eleanor MacDonald; brother-in-law Elmer DeCoste, mother-in-law Jean Gorrie. Jerry retired from the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre in 1994. He loved to camp and over the years visited 43 of the US states & travelled across Canada several times. One of his favorite places to visit was Myrtle Beach, he went there many times with his 5th wheel over the years. Every fall he loved to take a road trip to Maine and New Hampshire. His favorite campground in Nova Scotia was Elm River Park where he spent many a week-ends over the years. A great passion of Jerry's was cleaning vehicles for people, they would be back in the spring and fall each year to have their car cleaned, year after year. Our thanks goes out to the Emergency Department, Dr. Singh and her team in ICU, Dr. Smith and nurses in Palliative Care for the compassionate care they gave Jerry. I would also like to thank all the wonderful people who drove Jerry and myself back and forth to Halifax for his weekly appointments during the past few months to the Victoria Building at the VG. We could not have made it without you, thank you and God Bless. Per Jerry's request there will be no visitation or funeral. Friends and family are invited to a graveside service on Tuesday, September 8 at 1 p.m. in Bible Hill Cemetery. Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Donations may be made in Jerry's memory to the Scotia Pool Society, 80 Research Drive, Truro, B6L 2R2. Condolences to the family may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Fader, Gerald H. "Jump" - Age, 86 of Parrsboro passed away Tuesday, September 1, 2015 in Parrsboro. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late William and Winnifred (Smith) Fader. He operated Fader's Transfer for many years. As well, he was a blueberry farmer and enjoyed spending time at his McCurdy's Meadow. He is survived by his wife, the former Rosella Jeffers; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Ruth Henwood; a brother, Vincent. Visitation will be held 1-2 p.m. on Friday [September 4, 2015] at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, where funeral service will follow at 2 p.m., Rev. Dawn Léger officiating. Reception to follow at St. George's Hall, Parrsboro. Burial in St. George's Cemetery, Parrsboro. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

Terrence "Terry" Rushton, 66 of North River, formerly of Five Islands, has joined past family and friends who have gone before him. He was the son of the late Alton and Muriel (Cooke) Rushton of Londonderry. Terry was employed with Crossley Carpets for 37 years. He enjoyed Hockey, Baseball and Golf. He will be forever missed at many local rinks and ballfields. Terry was a member as well as Steward and past Steward in the United Church as well as a member of the Five Islands Fire Brigade for 20 years. His greatest enjoyment was seeing his children and grandchildren succeed in their endeavors. He enjoyed helping others whenever there was a need. He was a very dedicated to his family and friends. Terry is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Debbie (Lockhart); son, Patrick of Debert; daughters, Becky (Shaun) of Londonderry and Tammy (Alfred) of Bass River; grandsons, Aaron and Bryan; granddaughter, Josie; brothers, Michael, Timmy and Chris; sisters, Sharon (Alton) and Anna. As well as many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by sister in law, Linda; nephew, Jody and brother in law, Dale. Special thanks to the VON, Palliative Care Team, Nurses and Home Care, Doctors Michael and Roy Murray and the staff of Village Family Physicians. The family has been overwhelmed by everyone's support. For this, we say thank you. Visitation will take place on Sunday, September 6th from 6-8pm with Funeral Service on Monday, September 7th at 2pm all in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Rev. Anne Hoganson, officiating. Reception to follow in Londonderry Community Hall. Family flowers only. Donations in memory of Terry may be made to the VON, Colchester East Hants Hospice Society or to Colchester East Hants Health Centre Palliative Care. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Green, Esther "Pearl" - age 94, Central Onslow, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on September 15, 2015, surrounded by her loved ones. Born in Massachusetts, March 10, 1921, she was the only child of the late Fred and Belle (Baker) Cameron. She is survived by sons, Lawson "Sonny" at home; Carl, Masstown; daughter, Diane (John) Fisher, Central Onslow; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Lawson; son, Roy; infant daughter, Ruth Frances. At Pearl's request, there will be no public visitation or funeral. Pearl has requested a private burial in Robie Street Cemetery with immediate family only on Friday, September 18, 2015. Donations in her memory may be made to the Colchester SPCA or to a charity of your personal choice. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro where on-line condolences may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Collette, Sylvia Fern, age 82 of Bible Hill, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 19, 2015 in Vimy Court, Bible Hill. Born on August 21, 1933, in Diligent River, N.S., She was the daughter of the late Ray and Reta (Warren) Hiltz. Sylvia is survived by her sons Robert (Judy) of Bible Hill, Wayne (Ken) of Musquodoboit Harbour, Allan (Anne) of Herring Cove, Eugene of Halifax; grandchildren Robbie of Dartmouth, Brendan of Truro, Jordan (Kelly) of Hilden, Ravee (Darcy) of Alberta, Jana of Truro, Katrina of Truro; great grandchildren Jacob, Jaden, Jackson of Truro. Addison, Briella of Hilden, Brianna, Brooklyn of Truro; sisters Lois (the late Raymond Yorke) of Fox River, Ruby (the late Stanley Dowe) of Parrsboro. Along with her parents she was predeceased by her husband of 27 years, Rene Joseph; daughter Wendy Jean, sister Lalia (the late Danny Knopp); brother Fred (Marion). She will be sadly missed forever by her family and friends. Sylvia worked at Stanfields Ltd. for 25 years before her retirement. She always loved going for drives with her family, especially to see her sisters in Parrsboro. Sylvia also had a love for race horses and owned several over the years with her husband Rene. She always looked forward to going to the races to watch her husband and son Robert "Bobby" race their horses. Everyone that knew her loved her great sense of humour and her willingness to help others. A special thank you to the staff of Vimy Court and Dr. Trevor Locke and Dr. Don Rowe. Cremation has taken place under the care of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. In keeping with her wishes a private family committal service will be held in Bible Hill Cemetery, Bible Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the IWK Children's Hospital, Halifax. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting Sylvia's obituary at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Delmar Lyman Collins - 74, Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro, formerly of Hillcrest Manor and Beaver Brook, passed away on Friday afternoon, August 21, 2015, at Cedarstone Enhanced Care. Born April 13, 1941, in Truro, he was a son of Elizabeth Jean (Dearmond) Collins, Beaver Brook, and the late Elmer Rufus Collins. Along with his mother, he leaves to mourn his brothers, Walter (Elizabeth Rose) Collins, Merle (Carol) Collins; sister, Laverne (Hank) McGann, all of Beaver Brook; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Sunday, August 23, 2015, Reverend Ian Harrison officiated. Private interment was held in Old Barns Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

Dickie, Peter Edwin - 80, Lower Onslow, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2015, in Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro. Born in Onslow, he was a son of the late Walter and Hilda (Richards) Dickie. Peter and his wife Anna established Gloopscap Holstein Farms, Lower Onslow in 1966, where he was a Holstein Dairy Farmer for many years. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Anna (Whidden) Dickie; sons, Tony (Gail), East Mountain; David (Karen), Masstown; grandchildren, Jason, Matthew, Jacob, Thomas; great-grandson, Ethan; brother, Vaughn Dickie (Brenda), Onslow; sister, Estelle Rector, Truro. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Douglas, Stratton, Carl, Gordon, Keith; sister, Doreen Hunter. A private family graveside service was held in Lower Onslow Clarke Cemetery, Lower Onslow, Reverend Glenn MacLean officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

Weir, Ross Wilton - 77, Harmony. It is with great sadness that the family of Ross Weir announce that he passed away on Wednesday morning, September 9, 2015, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, after a short illness. Born March 2, 1938, in Nine Mile River, he was a son of the late Brenton and Ruby (Burriss) Weir. Ross is survived by his children, Tami (Edward) Milligan, Brooklyn, Hants County; Kathy (Randy) Putnam, Streamstown, Alberta; Wendy (Russell) Boutilier, Upper Stewiacke; Elvin (Mary Jo) Weir, Blacklick, Ohio; Patti Weir, Truro; grandchildren, Sarah, Samantha, Brandi, Jenifer, Christopher, Michelle, Becky, Meaghan; 12 great grandchildren; brother, Frank (Myrna) Weir, Crowes Mills; sisters, Treva Thompson, Lantz; Helen Chute, Annapolis Valley. Ross had a special angel, Beth Latinski, with whom he shared a loving relationship for the last year and a half of his life and Ross' family would like to give a warm thank you to her; she is a special lady. Along with his parents, Ross was predeceased by his loving wife of 49 years, Patricia Ruth (Sullivan) Weir, and Helen Paulette (Spence) Weir, his second wife of five years, who he was lucky and won her heart; granddaughter, Melissa Boutilier; brothers, Charles, Roy, Douglas, Lawrence and Carl Weir; sisters, Ada Withrow, Jessie Grant, Lorna Rath. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Saturday, September 12, 2015, Reverend Iain Macdonald officiated. Interment was held in Harmony Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

Nichols, Lillian Leona - 85, Truro. It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our mother, Lillian Leona Nichols, originally from Belmont, on Friday, September 11, 2015 at The Mira Long Term Care Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Perley and Lucy (Cox) Roblee. Lillian is survived by her sons, Fred (Maureen) Nichols, Burlington, Ontario; Dwight (Sharon) Nichols, Upper Brookside; Jerry Nichols, Belmont; Judi Nichols, Bible Hill; nine grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren. Along with her parents, Lillian was predeceased by her son, Raymond Nichols; brother, Orland Roblee; sisters, Clara (Beaver) Staples, Dorothy Teed. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Friday, September 18, 2015, Reverend Henry Boehm officiated. Interment was held in Belmont Cemetery, Belmont. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MacVicar, Wendell Reid (W. Reid) - 77, Truro, passed away peacefully Friday, September 18, 2015, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born February 2, 1938, in Chipman, New Brunswick, he was the only child of Arthur Wendell & Martha Victoria (Reid) MacVicar. He leaves behind his wife, Charlotte (Bogle-Cooke); son, Andrew (Nicole, Trinity) Dartmouth; step-daughter, Marie (Cooke) Faulkner; grandchildren, Sally & Tommy Faulkner, Truro; friends, relatives and many cousins, especially, John (Nora) Barton, Chipman, New Brunswick; special cousin, Grace (Jerry) Reid Brooks, Freedom, NH, USA, many great nieces & nephews; sister-in-law and brother-in-law. A graveside service will be held 2 p.m., Sunday, October 25, 2015, at Chipman United Church Cemetery, Route 123, Chipman, New Brunswick. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

McCulloch, Doris Ruth (Murray) - 93, Debert, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 19, 2015, at home. Born January 15, 1922, in Bible Hill, she was the daughter of the late Herman and Stella (Hamilton) Murray. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Elmer McCulloch at the age of 33 in 1957. She raised three children, sons, Robert, Debert; Thomas Lee (Bev) and daughter, Audrey (Wayne) McLeod, all of East Mines; also survived by sisters, Helen (Peter) King, Toronto; Eileen Kendall, Ottawa; five grandchildren, Pamela (Paul) Daniec, Londonderry; Matthew McLeod, East Mines; Brandon (Suzanne) McCulloch, East Mines; Joshua (Colleen) McCulloch, Folly Lake; Desiree (Ryan) McCulloch, Masstown; seven great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Maya, Drew, Autumn, Lily, Jase, and Bennett. Along with her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her brothers, Aubrey and Herman Murray. Visitation was held Tuesday, September 22, 2015, in Debert Baptist Church, followed by a graveside service and interment in Plains Road Cemetery, Debert, Reverend Dr. Frank Quinta officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MILLS, Lillie - 89, Debert. Our "Lily of the Valley" passed away peacefully on Thursday morning, September 24, 2015, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born April 13, 1926, in Union Valley (Parrsboro), she was a daughter of the late Harvey and Mary (Davis) Bennett. Lillie was predeceased by her siblings, Rhoda, Fanny, Clarence, Florence, James, Marjorie, Arnold, Beatrice. She was married to Isaac Johnson McCully, who predeceased her, and is survived by their children, Lawrence McCully, Diane Robinson, Gail Robinson, Glenn McCully and Susan Legere. She remarried and is survived by her current husband, Ronald Hartwell Mills. Lillie's legacy will continue through her ten grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, seven step grandchildren and great great-grandson, Cameron David Putnam. Funeral service was held Saturday, September 26, 2015, in Masstown United Church, 10871 Highway 2, Masstown, Reverend Carol Gillard officiated. Interment was held in Masstown Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

McPHEE, Johnson D. - Age 85, of Parrsboro passed away Friday, September 25, 2015 at Bayview Memorial Health Centre, Advocate Harbour. Born in Diligent River, he was a son of the late Thomas and Mary (Gallion) McPhee. A determined and hardworking man all of his life, Johnson worked for many years as an independent heavy equipment operator in Parrsboro and surrounding areas. Johnson was a dedicated husband, father and friend who took great pride in his family, home and work. He spent many winter months in the woods with his dear friend, the late Gerald "Jump" Fader. A very independent man, Johnson was well-suited to the term "jack of all trades," valuing opportunities to learn and grow from an early age. He had diverse interests and strong opinions, but above all loved gardening, farming, millwork, debating, sharing food and spending time with those he loved. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, the former June Phinney; daughters, Mary (Robert), Gloria, all of Parrsboro; Linda McLellan (Brian), Advocate Harbour; sisters-in-law, Myrna McPhee, Amherst; Helen McPhee, Hampton, N.B.; Marjorie McPhee, Parrsboro; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sisters, Kathleen Thompson (Trevor), Jean Repetto (Lloyd), Elizabeth; brothers, Stewart, Morris, George, Thomas, Daniel. Funeral was held September 28, 2015 at St. George's Anglican Church, Parrsboro, Rev. Dawn Léger officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the BayviewCommunities Health Foundation. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.