

OBITUARIES

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PROUDFOOT, Coreen Louise – 71, Debert, passed away August 26, 2017 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in New Glasgow, she was the daughter of the late Margaret (Spears) White. Coreen grew up in Isaac's Harbour and moved to Toronto to work at a young age. She owned and operated Coreen's Restaurant in Keswick, Ontario. After 20 years, she moved back to Nova Scotia to work, settling down in Debert, N.S., with her husband Joe Williams. She had a great love for camping and boating. Most of this time was spent in Country Harbour with family and special friends. Coreen especially enjoyed time spent with her special friend, Dexter. She will be greatly missed by all those whose hearts she touched. She is survived by her husband, Joe Williams; sister, Judy (David) Cameron; nephew, Jeff Cameron; nieces, Susan Cameron and Tracey Mattinson. Besides her mother, she was predeceased by step father, William White; brother, Gary Proudfoot; father in law, Joe Williams. Special thanks is extended to the CEHHC Palliative Care Unit. A Celebration of Life was held September 9 at 2pm in the Debert Legion, 1252 Masstown Rd., Debert. If so desired, donations may be made to the Colchester Branch SPCA or to the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be sent by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

LAWRENCE, John Alan "Al" – 80, Bible Hill, passed away Monday, August 28, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Halifax, he was the oldest son of the late John A. and Eudora M. (O'Brien) Lawrence. Al worked with the Royal Bank for nearly 40 years, mainly managing branches in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. After retirement from banking, he became a residential property appraiser in the Truro area. Al is survived by his daughter, Audrey (Steve) Fultz, Bible Hill; son, Will (Sue Ellen) Lawrence, Maitland, Hants County; grandchildren, Matt and Emily Fultz and Caleb and Kathleen Lawrence; all of whom he loved and of whom he was very proud. He is also survived by his sister, Helen Lawrence, Maitland; brothers, Douglas and Terry (Margi) of Halifax; sisters-in-law, Nancy MacDonald, Guelph, Ontario; Barbara Carpenter, Stellarton. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his beloved and respected wife of 45 years, Beverly (MacDonald) Lawrence (2008); sisters, Lillian Hill (2009) and Ruth Main (2013). All are welcome to join Al's family for a celebration of his life which will include music, story-telling, jokes, refreshments and an open mic that will be held from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2017, at Bible Hill Fire Hall, 69 Pictou Road, Bible Hill. Interment will be held at a later date in Oak Island Cemetery, Maitland, Hants County. Honouring Al's wishes, his remains have been donated to Dalhousie University Medical School for advancement of Medical Education and Research. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GAMBLE, Verna A. – Truro, daughter of Percy and Hattie Henderson passed away peacefully at Valley View Villa, Riverton, N.S. Verna was predeceased by husbands Raymond Smith, Elroy Mosher, and Walter Gamble; sons, Donald Smith, Douglas Mosher; sister, Pauline Pyke; brother, Harold Henderson. She is survived by brother, Donald Henderson; children, Leanne O'Laughlin (Clifford), Brent Mosher (Kathy), Karen Stensaker (Colin), Cindy Smith, Shelley Driscoll; ten grandchildren; eight great grandchildren. Verna had many interests. She loved the piano and played at Masstown United Church. She spent many peaceful hours gardening in which she took much pride. Cremation has taken place. No visitation by request. A Celebration of Life service was held September 21, 2017 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro with Rev. Donna Lawrence officiating. Interment in Robie Street Cemetery, Truro. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of choice. On-line condolences may be made at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

SHAW, Douglas Malcom "Doug" – 83, Truro It is with great sadness and a heavy heart to announce the sudden death of Douglas "Doug" Malcolm Shaw on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Born January 1, 1934 in Arichat, he was the son of the late Harry and Joanna (Kehoe) Shaw. Doug was a very hard worker and everyone that knew him knew he was the most kind, loving and caring gentleman. Doug worked for many years with Imperial Oil as well as Esso. He owned the Isle Madame Motel in Isle Madame for many years as well as worked later for the Chignecto Central School Board doing boiler maintenance. He eventually moved to Crowes Mills and later to Truro. Doug was a faithful parishioner of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Truro and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his loving wife, Marie "Joan" Shaw; sister, Norma Samson, Arichat; several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Doug was predeceased by his first wife, Viola Shaw (Boudreau); brother, Gordon Shaw. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro from where visitation was held September 15. Funeral Liturgy was celebrated on September 16 in Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 669 Prince St., Truro, Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiating. Reception followed in Campbell Hall. Burial in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Robie Street, Truro. Family flowers only. If so desired, donations in Doug's memory may be made to the Colchester Branch SPCA. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

RECTOR, Basil W. – Age 85, of Parrsboro passed away on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Center, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, he was the son of the late Raeburn and Eva (Smith) Rector. Basil worked for C.E. Harrison and Sons, Babineau Farm and Kernohan Farm for many years. He is survived by his wife, the former Bertha Jeffers; daughters, Kathryn (Rod Burrows), NWT; Trina Foote (George), Woodville; a son, Kevin, Parrsboro; grandchildren, Courtney, T.J., Dan, Erik; great grandchildren, Kai, Shaeden, Casey, Cassidy, Jaidyn, Adison, Thea; as well, his best friend Lacey, his dog. He was predeceased by sisters, Audrey, Beulah; a brother, Lowell. At Basil's request, no funeral service will be held. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Cumberland Regional Health Center Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

MACINNES, Elisabeth "Betty" – 86, Lower Onslow, passed away Tuesday, September 12, 2017 in Debert Court, Debert, where she resided for the past six years. Born January 5, 1931 in Great Village, N.S., she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Gladys (Simpson) Lane. She is survived by children, Robert (Kim), Jo-Ann (Gary), Douglas (Wanda), Terri-Lynn (John); sisters, Hazel Berry, Ontario, Helen Boudreau, Halifax; grandchildren, Jonathon, Courtney, Chayce, Amanda, Blake, Elissa, Sydney, Zaria, B.J. and step grandsons, Mathew, Christopher and 10 great grandchildren. Also part of Betty's and Aubrey's family were the many foster children they loved and cared for over the years. Along with her parents, Betty was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Aubrey MacInnes; brothers, Hugh and Samuel Lane. Betty's most memorable moments were spent enjoying the beautiful coastline of the Bay of Fundy while camping with Aubrey at Carr's Brook or Sand Point. After residing at Debert Court, for the past six years, with daily visits from Aubrey until his passing nearly two years ago, Mom will finally be reunited with the one and only love of her life. There will be no visitation or service at this time. In keeping with Betty's wishes, her body has been donated to Dalhousie University for Alzheimer's Research. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia. The family wishes to thank the staff of Debert Court who went "above and beyond" in their care of Mom for the last six years. Online messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

DEAN, James Paul "Jim" - Truro Heights. With regret we are sorry to announce the passing of our beloved Dad, Grampie, and Papa D, on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, after a battle with cancer and a broken heart. With the passing of the love of his life, Edith, in December, he did not have the strength to battle any more. Dad was a well-known mechanic in the Truro area for years, starting at Rushton's Fina and later on owning Jim Dean's Texaco on Willow Street. A common term dad was known for was "Jimmy Fix. Born in Glace Bay, Jim was a son of the late James and Lillian (Snow) Dean. He is survived by his children, Steve (Monique), Jamie, Rob (Shelley), Lisa; grandchildren, Timmy (Kelly), Tasha (Johnathan), Jeremy, Jaeger, Jaden, Joel, Josie, Josh, Ben and Emily; great-grandchildren, Chloe, Lucas, Lexi and Lydia; dogs, Hershey, Hemi, Cuda and Jake; sisters, Mae, Mary, Janet; brother, Walter. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Edith Nelson; sisters, Jeanette, Shirley, Ann; brother, Dan. A celebration of Jim's life was held Sunday, September 17, 2017, at Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MORRIS, David H. "Haywire" – Age 65, of Ward's Brook passed away Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Keith and Joyce (Moore) Morris. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, the former Mary Canning; his children, Stacy (Wade), Scott (Lori), Rosie (Graham) and Laurie; a sister, Judy; brothers, Eric, Jeffrey, Rodney; 15 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Gerald in infancy. Visitation was held September 22, 2017 at Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro, where funeral service was held September 23, 2017 with Rev. Marlene Quinn officiating. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

BYERS, Captain Walter Conrad "Con" - Age 74, of Parrsboro died on Wednesday, September 21, 2017 in the Palliative Care Program of the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan following a series of illnesses. Born February 14, 1943 in Parrsboro, he was a son of the late Nema E. (Canning) and Walter R. Byers. During his time in Parrsboro High School, he was drum major for the Parrsboro Citizens Band and was involved in Sea Cadets through which he was selected to make a trip to Germany on a U.S. troop ship. After graduating from Nova Scotia Teachers College and Saint Mary's University with concentrations in History and Spanish, he taught junior and senior high school students in several schools. Later he operated Time Frame Photo on Main Street in Parrsboro for many years where he took, developed, tinted and framed pictures. He specialized in the preservation of heritage photos, as well as writing articles, giving talks, and publishing "Age of Sail Heritage Scrapbooks", historical calendars and booklets relevant to the local area. While attending Saint Mary's University, Con did volunteer work one summer in a remote rural village in the mountains of Mexico. During another summer he studied Spanish in Spain. His subsequent extensive travels included South America, the Trans-Siberian Railway in the USSR, the U.S.A, the Philippines, Malaysia, the Middle East and the Far East. In 2012, he was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his contributions to Canada. Over the years Con has been named Citizen of The Year on more than one occasion. He has been involved with a number of community projects and organizations such as Parrsboro Town Council, The Age of Sail Heritage Centre, Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, Handley Page Air Cadet Squadron (first Commanding Officer), Save the Band Hall project, Chignecto Park Committee, town, county and provincial tourist associations, and the Harbour Board. He played a significant part in the 1980s re-floating and towing of the Kipawo (the last Minas Basin ferry) to Parrsboro from a beach in Newfoundland and the subsequent establishment of The Ship's Company Theatre. The Parrsborough Historical Society's Ottawa House Museum has been a major passion with him for many years and much of his work will live on in the exhibits and archives now being housed there. Con had an enduring interest in the history of ships and the sea. He also built boats and sailed them and some years ago he obtained his coastal captain's papers and served as master of the Avon Spirit (one of the last Nova Scotian sailing vessels to be launched) sailing out of Halifax and Inverness, Cape Breton. He was proud to be a part of this maritime tradition. In addition to history, he loved life, and people, and writing, and poetry, and story-telling, and dancing to the music of his favourite local band, the Wazoo Blues Band. He will be missed by his family and by many, many friends near and far. He is survived by brothers, Ronald (Carol) and Bernard (Karen), both of Parrsboro; nieces, Aleta (Byers) Beers, Quispamsis, N.B.; Nadine (Byers) Lockhart, Amherst; Monique (Byers) Trenholm, Diligent River; ex-wives Donna (Cooke) O'Connell, Pugwash; Bernice (Antrim) Byers, Parrsboro; step-daughters, Ellen Antrim, Elizabeth Antrim and Karen Varner, all of Parrsboro; as well as step-grandchildren, Louisa Duhamel, Jessica Duhamel and Christopher Gillis, Halifax; Adam Gillis, Parrsboro. He was predeceased by nephew, Konrad E. Byers. By Conrad's request there will be no visitation or funeral services held. His ashes are to be committed to the outgoing tide of the Minas Basin. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Parrsborough Shore Historical Society (Ottawa House). Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

PEARSON, K. Bruce – 66, Valley. It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved husband, step father, brother and grandfather, Bruce Pearson, on Friday, September 22, 2017, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Kenneth and Beryl (Atkinson) Pearson. As a teenager, Bruce delivered newspapers for Truro Daily News and then continued to work with them in many capacities over the years and retired as Advertising Manager. In earlier years, he went through the ranks of Cubs and Scouts and was also a leader. He coached fastball in Truro for over 20 years and loved camping at Hidden Hilltop with his wife and their many friends, especially, Bobby Richard. An avid musician and story teller, Bruce took great pleasure in entertaining and bringing joy to family and friend at the campground, seniors at various nursing homes and many others; although his stories were true, they were quite often elaborated on each time they were told! Bruce is survived by his wife, Patti (Allen); step children, Sean (Mei) Murray, United Arab Emirates; Cyndy Murray, Bible Hill; grandchildren, Malehya Brooks-Murray, Haiden Murray-Smith; brothers, Harry (Cindy) Pearson, Bible Hill; Mark (Lois) Pearson, Masstown; nieces, Melanie (John) Buckler, Masstown; Tanya Pearson, Truro; nephews, Jason Pearson, Glenholme; Jeffrey Pearson, Halifax. Special thanks are extended to VON, EHS and the nurses and doctors in the Emergency Department and the Palliative Care Team at Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall ~ Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Funeral service was held September 27, 2017 with Reverend Glenn MacLean officiating. Interment in Crossroads Cemetery, 110 Salmon River Road, Valley. Family flowers only. If so desired, donations in Bruce's memory to Palliative Care Unit (CEHHC), Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 26, Truro (General Fund) or charity of choice are welcomed. Private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by viewing Bruce's obituary on-line and selecting "Send A Condolence" at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

In Loving Memory of Son and Brother Joseph 'Joe' Morrissey

who passed away October 14, 2016

When We Lost You

To lose someone so special
is really hard to bear,
It hardly seems believable
that you're no longer here.

We wish we could see you one more time
come walking through the door,
But we know that is impossible
we will hear your voice no more.

You left us far too early,
before your time, it seems,
and now you'll never have the chance
to fulfill all those dreams.

We pray that God will give us strength
and somehow get us through
As we struggle with this heartache
That came when we lost you.

Forever missed
and loved,
Geraldine & Glenda