

OBITUARIES

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GILLIS, Carol Jean – Truro, formerly of Onslow. Always the life of the party and a friend to all, Carol Jean Gillis passed away after a brief illness on August 27, 2022. Carol was the daughter of the late Howard and Carrie (Brenton) Roper and spent the majority of her growing up years on Beech Hill Farm, Princeport. She loved the farm and all it entailed, including summers chauffeuring Senator Dennis, who founded the Chronicle Herald. Her true love, however, was music and she and her sister, Kathryn, with their beautifully blended voices were frequent performers at local music festivals throughout their youth. Her talents served her well in later years as she entertained at both the Truro Glengarry and Keddy's piano bars, where her warmth, storytelling and twinkling blue eyes always made everyone feel welcome. She was predeceased by her beloved daughter, Cherie Brown and her husband, George Gillis; sisters, Bette (Don Chisholm) and Kathryn (Edsel Hamilton). She is survived by her three children, Lori (Tom Partridge), Carrie (James MacQuarrie) and Jenny Gillis (Neal McCarthy); devoted nieces, Melanie MacBean and Debbie Rutherford and nephew, Don B. Chisholm. She was the proud grandmother of Andrew and Grace McCarthy, whom she loved dearly. We take great comfort in knowing how much joy she brought to others with her wonderful sense of humour, her unparalleled ability to see the beauty in everything and the legacy of love that she leaves behind. Though we are sad to see such a bright light dimmed, we feel so grateful to have had her with us for as long as we did. If so desired, donations in her memory may be made to the IWK Children's Hospital. There will be no visitation or service, as per her wishes. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

NUTTALL, Larry V. – Age 69, of Apple River passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at the Bayview Memorial Health Centre, Advocate Harbour. Born in Advocate Harbour, he was a son of the late Vernon and Cavell (Anderson) Nuttall. He is survived by his children, Rhonda Murray (Kevin), Valley; Brian (Amber Hanna), Apple River; Steven (Breanne Murphy), River Hebert; grandchildren, Nate, Dru and Kenzie. In keeping with Larry's wishes, a graveside committal service will be held September 1, 2022 in the Advocate Cemetery, Pastor David Forbes officiated. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at: www.smithsfuneralhome.com

CONROD, Fern Maureen, Age 76, Truro, passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2022, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Pansy (Ettinger) McCallum. Fern had a great passion for music and in her younger years would spend many Saturday nights at the local dances. Years later, she could be found travelling around the bluegrass fields with her best friend, Sharon Lewis or sitting around a bon fire with Audrey and Gordie Farrell with drink in hand. While her love of music was great, her love for family was greater as she loved her three daughters and four grandchildren deeply. Fern is survived by her daughters, Sherry (Aaron) Trenton, Diane (Eddie) Moncton, NB and Angela (Frank) Salisbury, NB; her grandchildren, Jocelyne, Elizabeth, Alison and Mathew; sisters, Geri, Violet, Diane, Bonnie, Pinkie (Bob) and brother, Butch as well as her Aunt Eunice. She was predeceased by her brother, Ivan McCallum; sister, Vangie Langille; brothers-in-law, Bob Langille and Richard MacDonald. As per Fern's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

McGRATH, Juliette S. 'Julie' – Age 60, of Parrsboro passed away peacefully on Monday, August 29, 2022 at home. Born in Stanley, NB, she was a daughter of Irma (Dowe) Hughes, Parrsboro and the late Ronald Hughes. She is survived by her husband, Harold; sons, Justin Lake, Ottawa; Jamie and John Lake, both of Amherst; Sherman McGrath, Parrsboro; a sister, Rose-ann (Calvin), Moncton; a brother, David (Teresa), Brookfield; 5 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Jordan. In keeping with Julie's wishes, a private graveside committal service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at: www.smithsfuneralhome.com

RICHARDS, James "Jim" Edward – Age 83, Stewiacke, died in his sleep on September 1, 2022, in Braeside Home, Middle Musquodoboit. Born on June 26, 1939, in Marinette, Nova Scotia, he was a son of the late John and Sadie (Hartling) Richards. Jim is survived by his wife, Emma (Robertson) of 42 years; his children, Randy, John, Shari, Melissa, and James, who are scattered across the country; his siblings Roger, Linda, and Marion; and grandchildren Robert, Logan, Jericho, in addition to others. Jim was a long-haul truck driver, running Newfoundland to Quebec, with some trips stateside and into Ontario. He loved hunting and fishing, and car races on TV. He loved animals and recently said goodbye to his 14-year-old cocker spaniel, Hope, and his 17-year-old black cat, Maggie May. Always cracking a joke, even in the darkest of circumstances, his absence will be missed by many. A huge thank you to the VON, Red Cross, and the wonderful staff at Braeside Home. You were all so very good to him. At Dad's request, no services will be held. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

MURPHY, Nicholas Elton Timothy – Age 36, Salmon River. It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Nick Murphy. Nick was the son of Debbie Murphy and the late Terry Murphy of Salmon River. He was born and lived in Salmon River. He played hockey from the age of 6 – 18 years and so enjoyed those years. They helped mold the person we knew and loved. He worked at Keith's Gas Bar, Kohler Windows & Entrance Systems, took a trip out West, was employed with LaFarge Canada and, most recently, The Flower Barn. Nick overcame many challenges due to his accident ten years ago with his positive attitude, quick wit, sense of humour and determination. Nick was a millionaire when it came to friends. We should all be so lucky. Left to mourn is his mother, Debbie; beloved dogs, Dozer and Duke; brother, Shane (Sarah); nephew, Liam Murphy and niece, Ella Murphy of Bridgewater. A Celebration of Life was held on September 5th at 2735 Camden Road, Camden, NS. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WILSON, Harry Judson – 99, Debert, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, September 3, 2022, at the home of his daughter, Linda. Born in Little Bass River, he was a son of the late Andrew and Daisy (Fielding) Wilson. Harry was the last surviving member of his immediate family and is survived by his daughters, Linda (Eric) Chapman, Debert; Fay Delbridge (Jim Empey), Edmonton, Alberta; Judy Wilson-Shee, New Maryland, New Brunswick; Cathy Poole (David Stiles), Debert; grandchildren, Andrew Chapman, Michael Chapman (Michelle Kirby), Amy Chapman, Carrie (Hugo) Menendez, David Chapman, Shelley (Justin) Huntington, Chris (Rhonda) Shee, Colette Shee, Tara (Shaun) Lucas, Sherri-Lynn Poole (Colin Stelmashuk), Aaron Poole (Justine Osprey); 16 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, Harry was predeceased by his loving wife of 70 years, Phyllis (Lorette); son, Ross; son-in-law, Patrick Shee. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Saturday, September 10, 2022, The Reverend Lori Ramsey officiated. Interment was in Terrace Hill Cemetery, Kaulback Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

CROWE, Horace Charlton – May 8, 1952 - September 4, 2022, a lifelong Toronto Maple Leafs fan, hailed from Onslow Mountain, NS. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary (Matthews); his children, Roger (Taunya) and Teresa (Doug); his 4 grandchildren, Isaac, Amelia, Seth, and Jenna; his sister, Frances (Paul); and many nieces and nephews. Horace, Dad, Grampie had a fond love for all sports and watched many games either as a coach or as a "coach" on the sidelines for both his children and grandchildren. He also was a skilled statistician and announcer for all MLB and NHL games on TV, it was always fun to watch a game with him. Horace worked as a heavy-duty mechanic for Moffat Bros. and a mechanic/truck driver for CP Express & Transport, where he won a national Professional Driving award. After the dissolving of CP Express (Interlink), he became a partner with MBW Courier Inc. until his retirement in 2011. Besides the love of his family, he had a gift and love for music. He was able to play any string instrument, piano, and he had a gift of feeling the music with his hands. He enjoyed many years of singing with family and friends and the social aspect of how music brought people together. Horace enjoyed wintering in Florida with Mary meeting new people and playing music. In the summer Bluegrass Festivals were the highlights and they travelled with their fifth wheel camper to attend the shows. Donations in Horace's memory may be made to Colchester East Hants Health Centre or the Kidney Foundation (Primary Biliary Cholangitis). Visitation was held September 9th with a Funeral service on September 10th both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS with Eileen Corah officiating. Online condolences by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

CROWE, Milford "Bruce" – It is with great sadness that we, the family of Milford Bruce Crowe of Truro, announce his peaceful passing on Sunday, September 4, 2022, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre at the age of 93. Born in South Athol, Cumberland County, he was the oldest son of the late Laurie Milford and Ursula (Smith) Crowe, (East Mapleton, Cumberland County). Bruce will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 62 years, Joan, Truro; his children, David (Janice), Herring Cove; Wendy (Robert), Bedford; and Kimberley (Kevin), Clifton; grandchildren, Colin (Megan), Calgary; Connor, Halifax; Mary (Steven), Lower Sackville; Dustin (Janelle), Debert; and Emily (Noah), Westchester; great grandchild, Jayce; brothers, Keith, East Mapleton; Glynn (Gertrude), North River; Alfred, Georges River; and Lionel (Janet), Lake Echo; many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents he was predeceased by a grand daughter in infancy, Alisha (Wendy and Robert); brother, Garth, (Gander, Newfoundland); brothers-in-law, Lemert Brown, (South Brook); Horace Pugsley, (Dieppe, New Brunswick); Charles Fickes, (Annapolis Royal); Stewart Pugsley, (Athol); and Charlton Crowe, (Onslow Mountain); sisters-in-law, Betty (Alfred), (Georges River); Lorna (Keith), (East Mapleton); Ruth (Garth), (Gander, Newfoundland); Melvina (Lemert), (South Brook); Doris (Charlton), (Onslow Mountain); Shirley (Horace), (Dieppe, New Brunswick); Anne (Stewart), (Athol); and Mary-Ann (Charles), (Annapolis Royal). Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Sunday, September 11, 2022, Reverend Shannon MacLean officiated. Interment was held in Mapleton Cemetery. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

PYE, Mary-Louise, age 73, of Truro, passed away on September 5, 2022, in Lunenburg County. The world has lost a beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend with the sudden passing of Mary-Louise Pye. (Grammy Toot Toot, Lovie Lou, Lou Lou Bird, Malou, Lou). Mary Lou was born in Belgium on May 17, 1949, in the city of Arlon, to parents Adaline and Leopold Guillaume. Mary Lou, the youngest of seven children, immigrated at the age of five with her family to Canada settling on a modest farm in Marquis, Saskatchewan. This is where she developed her tireless work ethic, strength, and love of nature. She moved to multiple places over the years including Big Spring, Texas, before settling in Truro, Nova Scotia. Mary Lou's top priorities were her family and her home. Along with her late husband Garry, attached at the hip, they spent many years enjoying long drives exploring Nova Scotia's rugged coastline in search for the perfect property. That search ended in Lunenburg with their finding of 'Rum Point'. For the next 25 years, this property and her home in Truro, became labours of love. Her plate always full with home renovations, projects, and more home renovations. She breathed life into her properties with flowers and foliage, inspiring the eye and filling the air with the beautiful scents of her gardens. Mom had no trouble getting her hands dirty and welcomed the hard work. A cheerful celebration of life for close friends and family took place on Saturday, September 24 at 55 Longworth Ave, Truro, NS. Survived by children, Heidi Jean Macpherson (Andrew Caldwell), Jennifer Louise Macpherson, Andrew Russell Paul Pye, and Alexandra Victoria Tung (Bryceton Tung); Stepchildren, Shannon Pye Wilson (Patrick Wilson), Traci Pye Roberts (Glenn Roberts); 11 beloved grand children; siblings, Elizabeth, Patrick, Marie-Rose, Chantel, and Kathleen. Predeceased by her husband, Garry Pye; son, Robert James Macpherson; parents, Adeline and Leopold; sibling, Peter. Donations can be made to your local SPCA. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, N.S. Online condolences may be left by visiting www.colchestercommunity.com

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