

OBITUARIES

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PETTIS, Marilyn J. – Age 76, of Parrsboro passed away on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Arthur and Mary (Clarke) Guthreau. She is survived by sons, Barry (Rhonda), Truro; Darin (April), Amherst; a brother, Weldon Guthreau (Marie), Gander, Nfld.; granddaughters, Phylcia, Drew, Elizabeth, Brooklynn, Sarah; grandsons, Alexander and Jacob; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Rod; a son, Todd. Due to current Covid gathering limits for faith gatherings, a private family service will be held. Memorial donations may be made to the St. George's Anglican Church A.C.W. or to the Nova Scotia Chapter of Diabetes Canada. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

WHIDDEN, Frank Gesner – Age 88, Lower Harmony, passed on August 27, 2021. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Wilfred and Fannie (Canning) Whidden. Frank loved being outdoors. As a young man, he worked in the woods and later at William A. Flemming's Feed Mill. Frank could often be seen out in his garden, looking after his cows or plowing snow with his old tractor. Frank is survived by his daughter, Darlene; grandchildren, Jeffrey, Amanda, Bobbie-Jo and Tami; sisters, Jean, Marjorie and Helen and brothers, Vaughn and Bill. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Jean Edna (Taylor) and sons, James and Frank. A graveside service was held September 6th in Harmony Cemetery, Harmony, N.S. Donations in Frank's memory may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MacNEVIN, Ruth Irene – Age 97, Truro. With saddened hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Ruth Irene "Rene" MacNevin on August 31, 2021 in Shannex Cedarstone, at the age of 97 ½. Born in 1924 in Dominion, Cape Breton, she was a daughter of the late Ethel (MacPherson) and Allison Graham. She was the last surviving member of her birth family, having been predeceased by her brother, Allan and sister, Norma. Rene was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Malcolm Clarence MacNevin in 2000 and her beloved nephew, Robert (Marilyn) in 2019. Surviving are her two children, Graham (Catherine) and Judith (Stewart); six grandchildren, Josh, Rebecca (Mark), Robert (Shannan), Marc, Graham (Kristie) and Richard; six great-grandchildren, Payton, Grayson, Cassidy, Scarlett, Evanna and Teddy. After being sequestered due to COVID-19 for more than a year, she was fortunately permitted this summer to once again enjoy family gatherings, where she reunited with friends, grandchildren and to meet her two most recent great-grandchildren. Rene was a leader for First United Church Explorers and CGIT, a charter member of the Truro Curling Club and an avid Bridge player. She spent several years working part-time in the Sears catalogue office, as well as with her dear friend, Dodie in Greer's Pharmacy. Her family wishes to thank all those who cared for Rene during her later years. Words cannot express how much we appreciate the care and compassion shown by Cedarstone staff over the past three years. They are truly remarkable people. In accordance with Rene's wishes, there will be no funeral. A graveside farewell with family and friends will be held, date to be announced. Memorial gifts, if desired, may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MacLEOD, Frances E. – Age 88, of Dartmouth, formerly of Parrsboro, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at the Gables Lodge in Amherst. Born in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late George and Lena (Yorke) Erb. She is survived by a daughter Sheila, daughter-in-law Paula, grandson Max, granddaughter Mya and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son John and her brother Curtis. Frances attended Truro Normal College to become a legal stenographer. In 1952, she married Max MacLeod and they moved to Halifax, Shelburne, finally settling in Dartmouth. Her son John was born in 1957 and daughter Sheila in 1962. Frances stayed home to raise her children. She played piano at Grace United Church, volunteered for the March of Dimes, assisted with various elections and was a league bowler. After her divorce in 1975, Frances returned to work in legal offices, eventually working for the Department of Justice at the Dartmouth Provincial Court House from where she retired in 1996. Frances' constant companion from 1989 until his death in 2003 was Ralph McElmon. Throughout her retirement years Frances was active at Dartmouth Seniors, quilting group, TOPS and loved playing cards/cribbage with company. Thanks go out to Hill neighbours whose help enabled her to stay in her own home until this Spring. Funeral service will be held in South End Baptist Church in Dartmouth on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 11 a.m. A graveside committal service will follow at Parrsboro Baptist Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Bide Awhile Animal Shelter, Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia or to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

FULLERTON, Gordon D. – Age 85, of Southampton passed away peacefully on Friday, September 3, 2021 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Springhill, he was a son of the late Frederick and Yvonne (Nelson) Fullerton. Gordon was one of the founding members of the Southampton Fire Department. He served many years as president and secretary for the Cumberland County Firefighters Association. He is survived by his brother, Norman. He was predeceased by a brother, Richard in infancy. In keeping with Gordon's wishes, a graveside service was held September 10, 2021 in the Southampton Cemetery, Pastor Sasha officiating. Memorial donations to the Southampton Cemetery or to the Springhill Baptist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

FOSTER, Florence M. – Age 84, of Kitchener, Ont. passed away on Friday, September 3, 2021 at home. Born in Springhill, growing up in Parrsboro, she was a daughter of the late Andrew Faulkner Parker and Vilda Natalie (Cavanaugh) Parker. Florence retired from the University of Waterloo being the best dressed person on campus. She enjoyed playing bridge with friends, as well as visiting Nova Scotia each Summer, and taking cruises on Celebrity and Holland America Cruise Lines ships. She is survived by her daughter, Pamela Duguay, Nanaimo, B.C.; her brother, John Parker (Jean), Dartmouth; 9 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald; sons, Stephen, Peter; a sister, Marion in infancy. In keeping with Florence's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family graveside service will take place in the Advocate Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations to a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

CARRIGAN, Tracy Ann – 45, Truro, passed away September 5, 2021, at home, as a result of a heart attack. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Christine Urquhart. She is survived by her sister, Brenda Carrigan, Pictou; nephew, Trevor (Emma Henderson), Truro Heights; step-father, Ron Urquhart, Masstown; step siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a visitation was held Monday, September 13, 2021. Private interment was held in Robie Street Cemetery, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

BERNARD, Shawn Marie – Age 54, Maitland. It is with great sadness we announce the sudden death of our beloved mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and aunt on September 6, 2021 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Shawn was born on July 12, 1967 in Truro to Carol Martin (Tomlinson) and the late Albert Bernard. She is survived by her mother, Carol (Dean) Martin; step mother, Mary Bernard; children, Greg (Tasha), Adree and Trent (Emily); step daughter, Laetitia (Jeremy); grandchildren, Brea, Jack, Cole, Alexa, Clara and Adessa; brothers, Darren (Kim), Travis (Nancy), Scott, Joe, Josh (Liza), Jeremiah, Peter (Faye) and Brian. She was predeceased by her father, Albert Bernard, both maternal and paternal grandparents and granddaughter, Ava. Shawn graduated from Nova Scotia Teachers College and began her teaching career at CEC. She was an inspired teacher who cared deeply about her students in and out of the classroom. She furthered her career by taking her masters at Acadia University. She finished her career at Hants East Rural High as Vice Principal. Shawn will forever be known for her selfless love and compassion. She spent many weekends at her scrapbooking retreats, creating keepsakes for family and friends. Although we will deeply miss her loving chats and hugs, we are comforted in knowing she is reunited with her angel, Ava Ruth Marie and is embracing eternal "lovins". Visitation was held in the Millbrook Community Hall, 72 Church Road, Millbrook, First Nation September 9th until time of Funeral Mass on September 11th in Sacred Heart Church, Millbrook with Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiating. COVID-19 restrictions were in effect. A Salité has been organized via social media. Donations may be made to the Canadian Mental Health Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to Shawn's family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

McNUTT, Gerald Basil – Age 85 of Central North River, NS died on September 8, 2021 in the Mira Long Term Care Centre, Truro. Basil was born in Central North River on October 28, 1935. He was a son of the late Stanley M. McNutt and Beatrice Carrie (McRae). He is survived by his children, Donna Lynn (Kris) Chahley, Debbie Marie (Steven) Uchacz and Shawn Stanley McNutt; grandchildren, Peyton Chahley, Paige Chahley, Ryan Uchacz and Mathew Uchacz; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by wife, Gladys Ruth (MacRae); sisters, Elsie (Law) and Joan (Atkins); brother, Reggie. Basil joined the army when he was eighteen, then came back to Nova Scotia and started working for CW Stone later working at CFB Debert until his retirement. He made beautiful furniture and carvings. Basil enjoyed operating his Christmas Tree Farm. He was a member of North River Fire Brigade and Mason Lodge. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Lewy Body Society. A Memorial service was held September 13th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

BARTLETT, Stephen Ross – Resident of Truro, NS passed away peacefully at home in Truro at the age of 73. He was a dedicated employee at Canada Post for 29 years. Steve was a loving father, cherished son and brother. He was an avid reader, fisherman and buddy. Stevie enjoyed his camping trips and the beach with his buddies. Steve is survived by daughter, Jennifer Barley; grandchildren, Logan and Shyan Barley; and brothers, Don (Joan), Hal (Ardith), Chris (Susan), Scott & Kelly. He was predeceased by his parents, Viril and Jean Bartlett and his ex-wife, Gail Johnson. A celebration of life will be held in the summer of 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Steve can be made to the local animal shelter. www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MEEKINS, Belindia L. – Age 62, of Lower Five Islands passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at home. Born in Springhill, she was a daughter of the late Silas and Elaine (Hodges) Pettigrew. She is survived by a daughter, Melynda Gilbert (Raymond), Lakelands; sons, Nicholas (Carrie Goodwin), Greenhill; Norman, Amherst; sisters, Dorothy Johnson (Ken), Ottawa; Allie Hatfield (Stephen), Oxford; brothers, Silas (Linda), Pugwash; Chris (Karen), Boston; grandchildren, Gavin, Julia, Joseph, Renee and Hughie; numerous nieces and nephews; 'special' sisters-in-law, Barbara MacAloney and Linda Meekins. She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth in 2016; a grandson, Joshua; brothers, Norman and Paul. In keeping with Belindia's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family graveside service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations to the IWK Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

MacVICAR, Charlotte E.R. – 81, Truro. With great sadness we announce the peaceful passing of our dear mother, grandmother and sister, Charlotte Elizabeth Ross (Bogle, Cooke) MacVicar on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Charlotte was the daughter of the late Alfred Edward and Myrtle Alena (Gamble) Bogle and stepdaughter of the late Cornelius "Con" D. Richard. She so enjoyed her family and adored her daughter, Marie Faulkner, and grandchildren, Sally Jane Marie Faulkner and Thomas Karl Faulkner; stepson, Andrew MacVicar (Nicole, Trinity), Dartmouth; son-in-law, Andy Faulkner, Brentwood; sister, Edith Bogle, Grosse Pointe, Michigan; brother, Lloyd Bogle, Stewiacke; sister-in-law, Anne Bogle, Prince George, British Columbia; many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents and step-father, she was predeceased by her first husband, Harold Cooke; second husband, W. Reid MacVicar; brother, Harold Bogle; sister, Janet in infancy; sister-in-law, Helen Bogle; brothers-in-law, Gerald T. Cooke and Dr. William G. Tucker. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where Charlotte's family received friends on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

SANFORD, Sharon Dawn Linda – It is with deep sadness and much love that we mourn the passing of Sharon Dawn Linda Sanford age 80 of Valley, Col. Co., on September 15, 2021, following a very recent diagnosis of cancer. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Charlotte (Fitzgerald) Carey. She is survived by her son, Peter Sanford (Yolanda), Truro; her daughters, Bronwyn Dodsworth (Aaron), Valley, Heidi Sanford (John), Kentville. She is also survived by her brother, Michael Carey (Teresa) and sister Debbie Boyd; grandchildren, Carey, Cole, Justice, Isaac, Sarah, Sam, Mike; great grandchildren, Emberly, Mia, Max; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by the love of her life and the wind beneath her wings, husband Douglas Keith Sanford; her sister Ruby Loomer, as well as many other very much, loved family members. Sharon at a young age worked at Keyes Fiber in Hantsport where she met her husband. She later worked for many years at the Maple Leaf plant in Canard. Her family meant the world to her and she loved everyone with all her heart. She had many interests and things she liked to do including; watching nature, spending time by the ocean, caring for her plants and flowers, always looking for different seeds to grow, shopping at Frenchy's, going on trips with family and friends, watching crows and collecting anything that had a crow or butterfly on it. She had many hidden talents that she sometimes shared with others through her songs, poems, quotes, pillows, paintings and many unique artistic creations. She worried about everyone and everything in a loving and caring way. She will be sadly missed by her family. A memorial service was held September 25 in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro with Marty Ettinger, DLM officiating. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to Canadian Diabetes Association. On-line condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

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