

# OBITUARIES

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**LYNDS**, Freeman Edward – 75, Hilden, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Bible Hill, he was a son of the late Lockhart and Ruth (Crowe) Lynds. Freeman is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Carol (MacBurnie); daughter, Maryanne Lynds, Truro; sisters, Dorothy Graham, Central Onslow; Helen Weatherby (Charles Martin), Miramichi; sister-in-law, Jean Lynds, Onslow Mountain; brother-in-law, Leander Staples, Onslow Mountain; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings, William Lynds, Ann Staples, Ellen (Arnold) Roode. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Saturday, August 24, 2024, Pastor Ron Ruse officiated. Interment was in Onslow Island Cemetery, Central Onslow. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**CROWE, Phyllis Elizabeth** (nee Whynacht) - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mom, Phyllis Elizabeth Crowe (nee Whynacht) on August 18, 2024. Born on August 7, 1930, in her beloved Mahone Bay, she was a daughter of the late Daisy and Lindsay Whynacht. Phyllis graduated from Bridgewater Stenography School and worked at the Nova Scotia Museum of Science (now the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History) on Spring Garden Road in Halifax (1949-1956). There she met Dad, David Victor Crowe. Mom's life was like a quilt, stitched together with love by family and friends, in many places and by many experiences. She lived with Dad in Windsor NS, Hillsborough NB, Westfield, NJ, USA, Chatham, NB and Truro, NS. Mom was a servant of the church, giving of her time and talents generously, and was very active in the Anglican Church wherever she lived. She was a member of the Truro Gyrette Club. Phyllis was predeceased by her husband, David; sister, Faye Feader and nephew, Greg Feader. She is survived by her children, Becky (Bill), Halifax, Paul (Penny), Regina and Tim (Meera), Calgary; her grandchildren were the twinkle in her eye, Allison (Halifax), Olivia (Calgary), Sara (Gavin) (Glasgow, Scotland), Addi (Regina), Sarika, Nathan and Maya (Calgary), and great granddaughter, Chloe (Glasgow, Scotland). She is also fondly remembered by granddaughter, Sara (Paul, Noah and Jillian), (Enfield, NS) and adopted granddaughter, Emily (Oromocto, NB). She is also survived by nieces and nephews, a plethora of cousins and many, many friends. We would like to acknowledge and thank the residents and staff of Sanford Hall, Truro where Mom lived from 2014 to 2022. Mom lived at Parkstone Enhanced Care Halifax for the last two years, where she was loved and well cared for by the nurses and staff. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the SPCA or your local animal shelter, the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to a charity of your choice. Cremation has taken place. A funeral service will take place on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am in St. John's Anglican Church, Truro with the Rev. Lori Ramsey officiating. Webcasting will begin at 10:58 am (ADT). A reception will follow at 12:30pm in the Inn On Prince, 437 Prince St., Truro. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Webcasting and online condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**WILLIS**, Theresa Marion – Age 90, Truro, passed away on August 19, 2024, in Wynn Park Villa. Born in Guysborough on May 20, 1934, she was a daughter of the late James "Leslie" and Emma (Pelley) Worth. Theresa will be missed by her daughters, Terry Lynn (Kevin) Jackson, Sandra Finney, Coleen Mapp; sons, Jim (Peggy) Willis, Steven (Kathy) Willis, Jason Willis; grandchildren, Nicole Jackson, Christopher and Jarrett Mapp, Stephanie Howse and Matthew Willis, Stacey Ash, Marcy and Mitchell Willis. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, James Willis and grandson, Jeffrey Eugene. Donations in Theresa's memory may be made to St. John's Anglican Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. A private service will be held for immediate family in St. John's Anglican Church at a later date.

**CATERER**, Elspie Irene – Enfield - With a deep sense of sorrow and loss, our family announces the passing of our wife, mother and grandmother, Elspie Irene Caterer on August 20, 2024, at the age of 81 years in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. She is survived by her devoted husband of 53 years, Charles Caterer of Enfield, NS. She will be dearly missed by her cherished son Jeff Caterer, his wife Cinytha Vila Caterer, grandson Lucas and granddaughter Gabriella, Toronto, ON. She was predeceased by her loving daughter Connie Caterer and will be missed by her son Mitchell Weatherbee, both of Truro, NS. Elspie was also predeceased by her big brother Arleigh Ferguson of Truro, NS, and loving sisters Olive Hall of Truro, NS and Vera Dickie of Old Barns, NS. She was the daughter of Mary and John Ferguson of Earlton, NS. Elspie was raised in Earlton and also spent much of her childhood in Tatamagouche and Truro. She met Charlie, the love of her life in 1968. She often said that the moment she laid eyes on him, he was a-goner. They married and raised their kids in Enfield. As a navy wife, Elspie often had to manage a household and children by herself for extended periods of time while also working in various jobs. Over the years, she held positions at the Halifax Airport's Duty-Free shop, Elmsdale Lumber Company and the Heart and Stroke Foundation, where she visited all corners of the province she loved. As devoted grandparents, Elspie and Charlie often drove to Toronto to spend time with their grandchildren. In retirement, they travelled across Canada and to other countries. Visiting England and spending a month in Brazil were among Elspie's favorite trips. She was an amazing mother, who provided endless support to her daughter, Connie throughout her many years of health issues and sending money to her son, Jeff when he was broke in South America. When an unexpected daughter-in-law landed in her house from Brazil, Elspie welcomed her to the family with warmth and love. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation, 600 Abenaki Road, Truro, NS, B2N 5A1. A graveside service was held August 26<sup>th</sup> in Bible Hill Cemetery. Rev. Larry Harrison, who officiated Elspie's daughter's will funeral, will also help her family in their goodbyes. Online condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**ELLS**, Marilyn Cameron (MacNab) – Age 85, Truro, NS, died peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit, Colchester East Hants Health Centre, on Friday, August 23, 2024. She lived with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) for many years, which progressively limited her activities. Marilyn was born September 28, 1938, in Amherst, NS, the daughter of the late Charles Gordon MacNab and Daisy Estella (Cameron) MacNab, of Upper Malagash, NS. She grew up on their family farm and attended schools in Malagash and Tatamagouche. She earned a B.Sc. in Home Economics with an NB Teachers License, from Mount Allison University in Sackville NB. As a home economist, Marilyn worked with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing, at the Agricultural Canada Research Station in Kentville. She was assigned to Hants, Kings, and Annapolis counties, supporting 4H club and Women's Institute programs that took her into several rural communities. She became well-known through her work-related radio broadcasts on CKEN Radio. She and Dale Ells were coworkers. Their relationship blossomed and they were married in 1962. When they started their family, Marilyn became a full-time homemaker. The family moved to Truro in 1966, when Dale began new duties with the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. For 27 years, Marilyn took an active interest in his many NSAC responsibilities associated with student life, college administration, and international programs. She is survived by her husband, Dale; son, Cameron (Jennifer); daughter, Carolyn (Terry); sister, Carolyn (Harold) McIlquham; nephew, Jim (Susan) and their daughters, Heather (Zack) and Shannon; nephew, Walter (Christine) and their children, Kaitlyn (Ronald), Valerie (Chris) and Gordon (Amanda). She was predeceased by her brother, James Austin MacNab. In keeping with her wishes, on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am, a family-centered graveside service and a celebration of her life was held in the MacNab Hill Cemetery, Upper Malagash, and continue with a luncheon in the Malagash Mine Community Hall. Donations in her memory may be made to the MacNab Hill Cemetery Society, 275 King St., Truro, NS B2N 3L7; by e-transfers through or to a church or charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**LYNDS**, Eleanor Doreen (MacLean) Age 77, Truro, passed away peacefully August 26, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Eileen Neil. For a number of her teen years, Eleanor worked in the family nursing home and later as a waitress in a local restaurant. Her chief love and greatest joy was caring for and raising her three children. She is survived by her children, Christina Lynds, Terry (Patty) Lynds and Kimberly Hart all of Truro/Bible Hill area; brothers, Bryan Langille and Billy Lloyd; grandchildren, Tyler and Amanda Dennis, Darin and Warren Hart; great grandchildren, Liam, Lily and Grayson; nieces and nephews. Besides her mother she was predeceased by her sister, Colleen. Donations in her memory may be made to CEHHC "We Care About Cancer." Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held at a later date. On-line condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**CARTER**, Pauline Katherine (Foster) (1923-2024) - We are sad to announce the passing of our mother on August 27, 2024, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Pauline was born at home in Princeport, Nova Scotia, on December 6, 1923, to the late Gertrude Marion Carmichael and Clarence William Foster. Pauline graduated from Colchester County Academy and the Provincial Normal College, Truro. In the 1940s, Pauline taught in one-room schoolhouses in Colchester County and worked at Carter's Paints and Carter's China & Gift Shop in Truro. She later provided home care to local families and worked at the Brookfield Post Office. Pauline married (Wesley) Brenton Carter in 1950 and raised a family of five: Alan (Lorraine), Brookfield; Arthur, Dartmouth; Cathryn Biddulph, Dartmouth; David (Judith Kelly-Carter), Brookfield; and Christine (Stephen Taggart), Dartmouth. She played a significant role in the lives of her seven grandchildren: Robert (Yolanda) Biddulph, Lawrencetown; Daniel (Danielle) Biddulph, Kelowna, BC; Alice Carter (Matthew Keel), Bible Hill; Katherine Carter (Mason Purdy), Hilden; Rachel Carter (Craig Bates), Truro; Sarah Taggart, Dartmouth; Ellen Taggart (Andrew Snyder), Dartmouth; and one great-grandchild: Isabella Biddulph, Lawrencetown. She was predeceased by her husband; sister, Ruby (Foster, Drake) Hatfield; brother, Henry Foster; son-in-law, James Biddulph; and many special brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Pauline's interest in genealogy, writing and research influenced "A History of Pleasant Valley," while her culinary skills and desire to preserve ancestral recipes inspired "The Great Nova Scotia Cookbook." A careful restoration of her own home led her to write a chapter in "Affairs with Old Houses." She was honoured to receive heritage and community awards for her work. She also loved old-time music and was tapping her toes to her favourite fiddle tunes to the end. Thank you to the many people who made our mother's last 15 years more comfortable, including VON Homecare (especially Kim, Sonya, Naudia, Shelby, Susan, Elizabeth and Carol); VON Nursing; her caregivers (especially Pauline and Melissa); and the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Palliative Care Team (especially Drs. Monroe, Kelly and Henderson, Hannah and nurses). A Memorial Service will be held September 7, 2024, at Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, with Rev. Larry Harrison officiating. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to ALS Society of NB and NS, Heart and Stroke Foundation of NS, Knox United Church, Brookfield, or a charity of your choice. On-line condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**EDDY**, Norman William – Age 81, Truro, passed away on August 29, 2024, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. On October 12, 1942, Norm was born into a large family in Tangier. Norm was a teacher for all of his adult years. There have been many stories told by former students over the years. It was a time in his life that Norm thoroughly enjoyed. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing with his brothers in their younger years. Norm was a part of a bowling team out of Brookfield that participated in the league in Bible Hill. Above everything else, Norm was a very kind, compassionate and patient man who will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife, Tonya MacNeil; his stepdaughters, Anneka, Crystal, Lisa and two brothers, Parker and Walter. Norm was predeceased by his first wife, Gisèle, and the rest of his large immediate family. The family would like to thank the paramedics who came to the house this week, the staff in the emergency department – with special thanks to Dr. Blaauwendraat and Dr. Blois, as well as the doctors and nurses on D3 at CEHHC. Donations in Norm's memory may be made to the Lung Association. There will be no visitation or service. As per Norm's request, he will be laid to rest next to his first wife, Gisèle, in Middle Stewiacke Cemetery. There will be a church service dedicated to the both of them at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro.

**VERHEUVEL**, Peter John – Age 85, Truro formerly of Shortt's Lake, passed peacefully on August 25, 2024, in Vimy Court, Bible Hill. Donations in Peter's memory may be made to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation. A visitation will be held on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm with a Celebration of Life beginning at 2pm followed by a reception in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Full obituary and online condolences are available at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**RIPLEY**, Simone Marie - Simone passed peacefully on August 25, 2024, and will be missed greatly by her family. She was a kind and loving soul who was always willing to help anyone who needed it. She will be missed more than most will ever know. Simone was a Teacher Assistant and worked with students with special needs – a job she loved dearly. Her friends and especially her neighbours provided her with a great sense of security and support. She spoke fondly of them often. The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and staff for being so caring and sensitive – we appreciate them immensely. Donations in Simone's memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Cremation has taken place. In keeping with Simone's wishes, there will be no formal visitation or funeral service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

**COULTER**, Norma Jean - 89, Truro, formerly of Dieppe, New Brunswick, passed away peacefully on Thursday evening, August 29, 2024, in Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow. Born in Alberton, Prince Edward Island, she was daughter of the late Walter and Evelyn (Arthur) Haywood. Norma is survived by her children, Willard (Carolyn) Lewis, Cascumpec, Prince Edward Island; Garth (Joanne) Lewis, Dieppe, New Brunswick; Sandra (Randy) McLaren, Wilmot, Annapolis County; David Coulter, Calhoun, New Brunswick; Karen (Mike) Tulkens, Valley, Colchester County; 11 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; sisters, Lorna Jollimore, French River, Prince Edward Island; Eleanor LeBlanc, Prince George, British Columbia; several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her second husband, Elmer Ira Coulter; first husband, George Henry Lewis; brothers-in-law, Romeo LeBlanc, George Jollimore. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Tuesday, September 3, 2024, Reverend April Hart officiated. Interment was in Middle Road Cemetery, Middle Road, Debert. Tributes, messages of condolence and memories may be shared at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**PETERS (FAST)**, Gladys Catherine - Age 99, Truro, passed away August 31, 2024, leaving sons, Bruce Peters (Corrine Smith) and family, BC, Reg Peters (Leticia Smillie) and family, Halifax, Brian Peters and family, New Zealand and daughter, Shirley "Anjali" Peters-Birks (Danny Birks) and family, Alberta. She was predeceased by husband, William Peters; son, Brent Peters; brothers, Jim Fast (Donna) and Ray Fast (Joan) and sister, Audrey Toews (Ernie). In Gladys' words: "I was the oldest child of Anne & Jacob Fast. Born Sept 30th, 1924, in Foam Lake, Sask. My parents moved back to their hometown, Steinbach, Manitoba in 1929. At the age of 13, I received the Lord as my Savior but fell into keeping 'rules and laws' like the Galatians. I was baptized and joined the Evangelical Mennonite Church at age 17." Gladys and Bill were married on February 26, 1949, a week before they left for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where Bill accepted his first teaching position. This marked the beginning of Gladys' life spent supporting Bill's career and raising their family. One of the many moves brought them to Truro in 1970 where Gladys said, they knew no one but soon found friends at Immanuel Baptist Church. Before her marriage, Gladys trained as an X-Ray technician and worked for brief periods in Winnipeg, Ethiopia, and Steinbach. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the ALS Society. A funeral service was held on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS, Rev. Michael Fredericks officiated. Burial in Truro Heights Baptist Cemetery, Truro Heights.

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