

OBITUARIES

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HARRISON, Phillip Allan - age 81, of Great Village died on May 30, 2020. Phil was a remarkable man who looked everyone in the eye and welcomed them with a smile, a firm handshake and a big hug. Born in Halifax, Phil had a very humble childhood. His move to a Shubenacadie farm as a young teenager was life-changing. As a young man, he went on to Bible Hill to study at the Agricultural College. It was at a dance in Bible Hill that he met his lifelong sweetheart, Margie, of Great Village. While at the A.C. he worked at the Subway Bottle Exchange where his hard work enabled him to acquire and then grow the business allowing him to retire at age 45 years of age. Phil called Great Village home for over 55 years and he had been an active community member. For many years he volunteered his time and mentorship to countless youth in West Colchester coaching minor hockey and broom ball. He was instrumental in building and maintaining the outdoor rink in Great Village and worked diligently towards establishing the West Colchester arena. He was happiest when working around his yard, off to an old-time dance, on a travelling adventure, sharing a meal with family or teaching his kids or grandkids one of life's lessons. He was a no-nonsense kind of guy who often offered or was sought out for his opinion and advice. Phil had a sparkle about him and will be cherished by family and friends for his determination, work ethic, generosity, wit and charm. He was a loving husband to the late Margaret "Margie" (Lundie); Dad to Mike, Darren, Connie and Steve; father-in-law to Chrissy, Debbie and Kim; Grampie "Pee-Pee" to Emily, Meaghan, Mark, Cody, Ryan, Libby, Abbey, Jason, Connor, Logan and Andy; Great Grampie to Landon, Sadie and Dakota and dear friend to Barbara Lush. He was predeceased by parents, William and Violet; foster parents, Albert and Clea MacPhee; brothers, Bobby and Billy; sisters, Kay, Edna and Marie and brother-in-law, David. A Celebration of Life for **PHIL HARRISON** will take place on September 20 from 2-4pm at his home in Great Village (105 Great Village-Lornevale Road). The gathering will be held outside, rain or shine. Please bring your favorite memory of Phil and don't forget your mask! Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

BURGESS, Robert Stuart, "Bob" Burgess, - 66, North River, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born and raised in Old Barns, he was the son of the late Lester Eugene Burgess and Ruth Lillian Burgess (Lively). He is survived by the love of his life of 46 years, Shelley Marie Burgess (Angus); sons, Kurtis (Krystle), North River; Kevin (Cathy) and grandson Noah, who was the light of Papa's eye, Hilden; brother, Stephen (Darlene) Londonderry; aunt, Barb Dill (Russell), Bible Hill; niece, Jacqueline; nephew, Mitchell. Along with his parents, Bob was his step-mother, Joan; brother, Stanley; grandparents, Dart and Ella Burgess. Firefighters Tribute and funeral service was held Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at Robie Street Cemetery, 125 Robie Street, Truro, Father Dariusz Miskowicz officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

BELLEFONTAINE, Charles Frederick "Charlie" - 70, Truro, formerly of Belmont, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Halifax, he was the son of the late Charles and Catherine (McCormack) Bellefontaine. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Weatherbee; daughter, Jennifer Bellefontaine (Andy Pitts); son, Ryan Bellefontaine; daughter, Amber Timmons; sons, Dale, Clifford and Brent Weatherbee; grandchildren, Rebecca Pitts, Little Brent Weatherbee, Jesse Weatherbee, Brianna Lynn Johnson, Dakota Bellefontaine, Hayden Oakley, Morgan Pitts, Chelsea Weatherbee, Mikalia Bellefontaine, Brendan Beauchamp; sisters, Tina Chown (Percy), Carol Bellefontaine; brothers, Paul Bellefontaine, Freddie Bellefontaine, Kenny Bellefontaine, Steven Bellefontaine. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a Celebration of Charlie's life was held Thursday, July 30, 2020. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

TREMBLAY, Russell Vilmont "Frenchie" - June 12, 1948 - July 25, 2020, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, July 25, 2020 after a brief illness with cancer. Russell is survived by his son, Jesse Tremblay (Slawek); daughter, Micheline Gamble (Scott); granddaughters, Emma Gamble and Laura Gamble; his brother, Kenny (Bernadette) and many extended family members. Russell was predeceased by his wife, Arleen (McLean) and his parents, Gerard and Henriette Tremblay. He was born in Alma, QC and worked all across Canada before settling in Londonderry Mines, NS. Russell was a "Jack of all trades," though he worked most of his life as a heavy-duty mechanic and in construction. He and his family moved to Hilden in the early 90's and then finally to Stewiacke River Park, MacKay Siding, where he resided for the remainder of his life and was caretaker of the park. Russell had a love of animals, antiques and riding his motorcycle with his biking friends. He will be missed by his special friend, Lynda Benjamin, many extended family members in Quebec and the Maritimes and by his loyal companion, Honey. Cremation has taken place and there will be no service at his request. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In his memory, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Colchester S.P.C.A. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

WHALEN, Brenda Joyce - Age 57, of Bass River, passed away peacefully at home on July 28, 2020 after a courageous two year battle with cancer. She was the daughter of the late Harold and Phyllis Fulton (Croft). Brenda is survived by her husband, Joe; daughter, Natasha; brother, Doug Fulton and niece, Amanda McMaster. Brenda last worked at Balamore Farm Ltd. after stints with Bass River Chairs, Swedwood Int'l, and Kenomee Log Homes. Brenda loved nature which she regularly captured through her photography. She had a soft spot for animals, especially all of her rescued fur babies. Brenda will be remembered for her strength and her spirit. A hero and a fighter - she will be greatly missed by both friends and family. Special thanks goes out to family doctor, Dr. Karen Ewing; Palliative Care, Dr. Dave Henderson, Dr. Farrell, Angela McDonnell and VON Staff, Lynn and Emily, as well as all other members of her health care team. No visitation or service by request. A Celebration of Life at her place of residence, 76 Judge Fulton Road, Bass River, was held August 8th. Donations may be made in her memory to the "Lost Souls Fund" at the Truro Veterinary Hospital on Arthur Street. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

MADORE, Joseph Robert "Joe" - 44, Debert, passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family and fur babies, on Saturday morning, August 1, 2020, at home, following a nine month hard fought battle with cancer. Born in Springhill, he was a son of Narda (Patriquin) Madore, Pugwash, and the late Robert Madore. Along with his mother, Joe will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, Liza (Tarr); children, Matthew, Bailey; siblings, Candace (Rob) Smith, Stittsville, Ontario; Mari Ann (John) Stiles, Debert; Darcy Madore, Dartmouth; nieces and nephews, Jordan (Jessica) Garbes, Riley Madore, Elizabeth Smith, Charlotte Smith; several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A celebration of Joe's life was held Saturday, August 8, 2020, in Debert, Reverend Valerie Kingsbury presided. Interment will be held at a later date in Monument Hill Cemetery, Richmond, Cumberland County. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

WELSH, Terrance C. 'Terry' - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Terry on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Parrsboro, he was the eldest of 12 siblings of the late Ronald and Bella (Bennett) Welsh. Terry left Parrsboro in his early teenage years and later pursued a career as a sailor. He was employed with many companies over the years, sailing across the Atlantic. He was later employed with Upper Lake Shipping (now Algoma Central), where he sailed the Great Lakes as a wheelsman on numerous vessels. In the 1990s, he joined the Canadian Navigator where he became instant friends with Norman Brayon and Lance Farris. In the early 2000's, Terry transferred to the Canadian Olympic, until his retirement in 2011. He returned home to the 'Hollow' (his paradise in Parrsboro) that summer and never looked back. Terry was a proud and long-time member of the Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans Association Inc. He was a resident of Frog Hollow (Parrsboro). Besides his parents he was predeceased by his canine 'little buddy' Magoo. Terry is survived by his daughter, Terri-Ann 'Sissy' (Jody); son, Matthew; grandchildren, Ava, Dilyn and Mason; siblings, Ronnie, Michelle, Gerald, Roger, Joanne, Kenny, Sherri, Chris, Wayne, Jack and Marlene; numerous nieces and nephews. Terry also leaves behind his beloved canine, Maggie; special life-long friends, Dawn & Lance; special friends and neighbors, Sandra & Garnett. Terry had a devoted team supporting him through his battle for the past five months, his daughter Terri-Ann, her husband Jody, brother Jack and his wife Anna. The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Nova Scotia Cancer Care Team, and the staff of ICU at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre. A celebration of Terry's life will be held at a later date in the 'Hollow'. Donations may be made to the Amherst SPCA. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

DIGOUT, David Angus - 68, Nicaragua, formerly of Halifax, passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2020 in Nicaragua. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Bernie and Anna (Ferguson) Digout. He is survived by his wife, Leda Cordero Porras, Nicaragua; son, Christopher (Trudy), Halifax; two grandchildren; brothers, Peter (Paula), Lower Onslow, Ricky, Halifax, Dennis, Halifax. A special thank you to Bill Armsworthy and David McRae for never giving up on David. Burial has already taken place in Nicaragua. Online Condolences may be sent by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

JENNINGS, Patricia "Sally", Age 86, Masstown, passed away on Sunday, August 9, 2020 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was a daughter of the late Eric and Alice (Aldred) Dexter. Sally was an avid volunteer during her life, serving at Vimy Court Nursing Home, the Colchester Stroke Club, and enjoyed singing with the Happy Harmonies. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Gerald; daughters, Nancy (Tim) Winkler and Ann (Ken) Hansford, Upper North River; Susan (Chris) Vessey, Prince Edward Island; sons, Stephen (Brenda), Advocate; Michael and Jason, Ontario; and her favourite cat, Tommy. Also remembered by eight grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several step grandchildren and their families. She was predeceased by her brother, Jim; sister, Frances Creelman, and grandson, Jamie Gibbs. A special thank you to VON nursing, EMC team, CEHHC emergency and palliative teams. Donations may be made to the Colchester Stroke Club or Masstown Cemetery. Cremation has taken place in the care of Macdiarmid's Funeral Home & Crematorium, Oxford (902- 447-2930). Private interment will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.mmcfunerals.com

MacKAY, Dixie Lynn - Age 68, Truro, NS. It is with heavy hearts that we, the family of Dixie Lynn MacKay, announce her passing on Sunday, August 9th, 2020 in the QEII - Infirmary, Halifax, NS. Dixie was a daughter of the late Frank Borden Sr. and Venita "Sandy" O'Shea. She was preceded in death by her brother, Frank Borden Jr.; sister, Penny Buchanan and her nephew, Michael Smith. Dixie is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Emmons MacKay, and her two children, Ozzie (Shona O'Brien) and Tammy. She is also survived by her sister, Janice Cavanaugh (Ralph) in British Columbia; brothers-in-law, Wayne MacKay (Gloria), Ross MacKay (Debbie) and Glenn MacKay (Tammy); close family friends, Rhea Chase and her son, Bailey Merner and her nieces and nephews. In her wonderful years of life, Dixie worked alongside her darling husband, Emmons, with the racehorses in harness racing with the family owned, MacKay Stable. It's easy to say that Dixie touched a lot of lives in the Maritime Harness Racing Industry and she will be dearly missed. Dixie also took great pride in her loving son, Ozzie and his accomplishments in business and in life. Dixie will forever be remembered by Emmons, Ozzie, Tammy and her family and friends for her loving, kind and genuine heart. We will miss you forever Mom and you will always be in our memories, sadly gone but never forgotten. At this time the family would like to sincerely thank the ICU Nurses and Doctors at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre in Truro and the QEII - Infirmary ICU Department in Halifax. Special thanks to the VON Care Workers, family and friends. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. There was a Graveside Service on August 17th, 2020 in Bible Hill Cemetery. A Celebration of Life took place on August 17th, 2020. If so desired, donations in Dixie's memory may be made to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre in Truro, NS.

CALLISON, Fannie Mae (Otterson) - 91, North River, passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Amherst. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Edna (McLaughlin) McCallum. She is survived by her daughter, Joy Cameron, Truro (Michael Cameron, Charlottetown, PE); sons, Robert Otterson (Emily), Onslow Mountain; Randy Otterson (Anne), West North River Road; grandchildren, Andrew, Sean, Jonas, Matthew. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her first husband, Deane Otterson; son-in-law, Paul Collier; several brothers and sisters. Private family graveside service was held in Belmont Cemetery, Belmont. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

GLEN, Robert William - Age 70, Debert. We sadly announce the passing of our brother, Robert Glen on August 19, 2020 at his home in Debert. Robert is survived by his sister, Angela Glen and brother, Michael Glen, both of Debert. His love of the land and animals led him to the hard working life of a farmer through which he gained the close and caring friendships of his fellow associates. We dearly thank them for being there for him. There will be no service or visitation by request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

Dart Players please mark Friday, September 4th on your calendar, the Dart Season for 2020-21 will start up on that date. There will be a few changes to comply with the COVID-19 Epidemic. You do not have to be a member to play, grab your darts and come out and have some fun on Friday, Sept. 4th.

Just got off the phone with Earl and he tells me there will be no Cribbage for while yet because of the constant handling of the cards. Hopefully, it will break soon.

"Chase the Ace" is up and running and is held on Thursday night in the auditorium. Everyone is welcome and you do not have to be present to be a winner.

The Friday Night Suppers may be starting up sometime in September on a Take-out schedule only. A meeting or two will determine if they go forth.

For all those people who are saving and dropping off the pull tabs, thank you very much they are much appreciated.

Happy Birthday wishes for July are passed along to Valerie Yantha, Mandy Slack, Bill Wood, Bruce Higgins, Earl Harvey, Debbie Buchanan, Eric McCully, Helen Eastcott, Jimmy Totten, Savannah Barclay.

Happy Anniversary wishes for July are passed along to Carolyn and Mike Totten, Marcia and Norm Eastcott, Gloria and Doug Mattatall, Wendy and Dave MacPhee, Betty and Robert Hill, Susan and Mike Taylor, Connie and Sam Worthington.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our country and our freedom.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

