

OBITUARIES

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BENNETT, Janice E. — Age 48, of Amherst, and formerly of Southampton, passed away courageously on Friday, July 30, 2021 at Northumberland Hall (Shannex), Amherst after a 19 year journey with cancer, with family by her side. Born in Amherst, she was a daughter of Willis and Elaine (Siddall) Bennett, Southampton. Besides her parents, she is survived by her sister, Patsy Bennett (Billy Lucci), Amherst; a brother, Mark, Fenwick; nephews, Jordan Bennett (Erica Wilson), Justin Bennett; a great nephew, Bauer. Also, her earth angels "special aunts", Joyce Collins and Wendy Siddall; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who were so very special to her in each their own way. Due to current Covid-19 restrictions and in consideration of safe gathering limits, a private family funeral will be held. A public 'Celebration of Janice's Life' will be announced as restrictions are lifted. Memorial donations may be made to the Cumberland Health Care Foundation or to the Recreation Program of Northumberland Hall, Shannex, Amherst. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com.

THIBODEAU, Arcade "Archie" — 88, Truro, passed away July 30, 2021 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Church Point, Digby County on December 23, 1932, son of the late Jim and Chantal (LeBlanc) Thibodeau. He was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Joan (Hopkins) in 2012. Also predeceased by brother, Antoine Thibodeau; sister, Angele Saulnier and brother-in-law, George Saulnier. He is survived by his daughter, Anne Merina Thibodeau (Kevin Vaughan), Halifax; sister, Rita Corkum, Villa Acadienne, Meteghan. Archie was employed as an Autobody instructor for 25 years at the Nova Scotia Community College — Truro Campus, retiring in 1994. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held August 4th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro. A Graveside Service followed in Watson Cemetery, 1997 East Prince St., Truro. Father Andrew Rembarczyk officiated. Donations in Archie's memory may be made to a charity of choice. The family would like to thank the staff at Parkland Truro where Archie resided for the past two years and the nursing staff in the Transitional and Continuing Care units at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre for their care and compassion in his final days. Online Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

TOTTEN, Bernard "Bernie" Allen — 75, Masstown, passed away August 6, 2021 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Lester and Letitia (Barley) Totten. Bernie was a former employee with Crossley Carpet retiring after 25+ years. He enjoyed time fishing, tinkering around in his garage and being with family and friends. He was a member of several bowling leagues over the years and also enjoyed playing cards and dancing. He is survived by his son, Dan (Megan); daughter, Loretta (Mark) Higgins; grandchildren, Leah, Wyatt, Ethan, Rem, Tia, Jessie and Jasper; brothers, Lionel (Marie), Royce (Donna) and Ted as well as special friend, Helen; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Judy (Peters) in 2016; brothers, Reginald, Erwin, Ronald, Stanley and Lee; sisters, Joyce, Ella, Grace, Florence and Leta. A Graveside Service for Family and Close Friends was held Saturday, August 14th in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert, Rev. Carolyn Wilson Wynne will be officiating. If so desired, donations in Bernie's memory may be made to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. Arrangements are under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro, where online condolences may be made by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

GORDON, Jean Alvetra — 95, Great Village. Our Mom, Nanny, Aunt and friend reached the end of her time with us on Saturday, August 7, 2021, very peacefully in her own home. Born in Great Village in 1926, she was a daughter of the late Everett and Eva (Simpson) Smith. This is where Jean lived most of her life, where she married and raised her children, and where she welcomed all strays both human and animal lugged home by her children. Jean is survived by her children, Linda, Ross and Lois and granddaughter, Kelli. She was predeceased by her husband, Vayle; two infant daughters; son-in-law, Ross McLean; sister, Mary Barley; brothers, Russell and Donnie. A private family graveside will be held at Mahon Cemetery, Great Village at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall — Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

MOIR, Gerald Kendall — 82, Five Islands, passed away peacefully in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro on August 8, 2021. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Reginald and Adelaide (Pitcher) Moir. Gerald was a hard worker for all his life — working for many years as a building contractor. Gerald was known as always being a happy, loving and kind person, being very dedicated to his family. In years past, Gerald worked as an auctioneer and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He will be missed and loved by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; daughter, Rose Marie Moir; son, Kendall; granddaughter, Rebecca; stepsons, Jason (Stacey) Morton, Joel Morton; many nieces and nephews; sisters, Frances (Douglas) Driscoll, Kathleen (Rodney) Smith and Bonnie Moir; family friend, Aileen Johnston. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by brother, George (Andrea). Cremation has taken place under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro. If so desired, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

GIBBS, Anna Lynn — Age 72, Harmony. It is with great sadness that the family of Anna Lynn (Barker) Gibbs announces her passing on August 10, 2021 after a sudden illness. She leaves behind her loving husband of 50 years, Lloyd and her daughter, Andrea, the light of her life. Anna was born in Windsor, NS in 1948, the daughter of the late Owen and Norma Barker. After graduating from high school, she trained in office administration and worked in this field for several years. Once Andrea was born, she devoted her life to being a mother. Anna had many interests, but her real love was breeding and raising Irish setters. This led to the establishment of the Irish Folke Kennels. She attended numerous dog shows and had several champions that she was proud to call her own. Travelling to Cuba was another joy in Anna's life. She loved the brief reprieve from the daily routine and enjoyed the warm sun, sandy beaches and the Cuban friends that were like family. In addition to her immediate family, Anna is survived by her brother, David (Margaret); sister-in-law, Cheryl and many in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Gary and mother and father-in-law, Bert and Ina Gibbs. The family wishes to express their gratitude to everyone who has shown so much love, help and compassion. Anna will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Colchester Community Workshop. A visitation was held August 21st followed by a memorial service on August 22nd in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. COVID-19 restrictions in place. Seating for the service is limited to 100 people. Interment to follow immediately in Bible Hill Cemetery, 41 Warren Drive, Bible Hill, N.S. Live webcasting of the service will begin at 1:58 p.m. (Atlantic Time) and is available along with online condolences by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

PURDY, John "Dalton" — Age 71, Truro. It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of John "Dalton" Purdy of Truro on August 10, 2021 after a long battle with cancer. Dalton was predeceased by his mother, Emeline Adams and father, Burton Purdy. He is survived by daughter, Martha (Martin); son, Matthew (Lindsay); sisters, Paige (David) Moore and Sandra (George) Carter; brothers, Harold (Margie), Ian (Emily), Anthony (Wendy); fiancé, Dawn Parker; step children, Shannon (Mike) Huber and Tyler (Natt) Wilson; many nieces and nephews, as well as six loving grandchildren, Gaia, Ellie, Anna, Isaac, Lily and Tegan, whom he loved dearly. Dalton worked for a number of years as an insurance adjustor in the Atlantic Provinces and in Fort McMurray, AB. After retirement, he worked part-time at Masstown Market and Chase's Lobster. Dalton was known for his great love of babies, pets, music, travelling, motorcycle trips with the boys and fishing (not catching) for sea bass. He was always up for a new adventure and made many new friends along the way. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, N.S. A private celebration will be held at Spencer's Point, Great Village at a later date. Donations may be made to the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Pugwash, NS. A special thank you to Martha Ferguson and the entire care team for their support during Dalton's time there. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

FISHER, Arthur Carson — Age 86, Debert. It is with great sadness that the family of Arthur "Artie" Fisher announces his passing on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the age of 86. Artie was a son of the late Fraser and Adilade Fisher. Artie will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Vera (Murray); his daughter, Debbie (Russ); sons, Eric (Kim) and Trevor (Jennifer); grandchildren, Riley (Stephanie), Kayla (Mark), Alea, Rachel and Blake (Rebecca) along with two great grandchildren, Gavin and Garrett. He will also be remembered by his sisters, Sylvia Barnhill and Carol Jackal; brother-in-law, Art Murray; sister-in-law, Marina Fisher and families, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his sisters, Betty and Shirley and brothers, John, Jerry, Paul and Don. In his younger years, Artie spent many years working away from Nova Scotia. He travelled from BC to Dawson, Yukon, Whitehorse and across Labrador and into Newfoundland as a heavy equipment operator. After returning to Nova Scotia, he established J&A Contractors Ltd in 1975 specializing in agricultural, commercial and marine excavation. Through a lot of hard work and long hours, J&A grew into a successful business that still operates today. When he wasn't working, Artie loved to spend time at the cottage in Portapique, at his cabin on Debert Mountain or cruising the countryside in one of his many sports cars with "Bandit". He enjoyed travelling with Mom and their friends which took them to Europe, the Caribbean and the USA. His second passion was golf, culminating into a second career as one of the developer/partners of the Debert Golf Course and many golf vacations to Florida and Carolinas with his golf buddies. Artie supposedly retired after 25 years with Trevor taking over J&A Contractors in 2000. Even though he was supposed to be retired, he was still able to tinker with the business up until a month ago. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff on 3D and Dr. Kelly in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. By request, there will be no visitation and Artie's wishes of cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the S.P.C.A. or charity of choice. A graveside service was held August 23rd in Middle Road Cemetery, Debert, NS. COVID-19 restrictions will be in place. Arrangements are under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

McGINNIS, Patrick Douglas — Age 82, of Carrs Brook, Economy, NS and formerly of Dartmouth. It is with great sorrow that Doug's family announces his unexpected passing on August 14, 2021 in the QEII, Halifax, NS. Doug was born and raised in Halifax with fond memories of childhood summers spent at the family cottage on McNabs Island, where later he acquired his own cottage and shared many more summers with his family and friends. Doug spent his working career at the Texaco refinery in Eastern Passage, retiring as Maintenance Supervisor. He also travelled to the U.A.E. in 1997 to consult on the rebirth of the refinery. Doug had a long and productive retirement, continuing his lifelong pattern of initiating construction projects of all sizes. It was common for him to take on jobs single-handedly that should require a crew of men and many trades. Constantly building, fixing and maintaining for himself and family and friends, he was a true "Jack of all trades" who was generous with his time and talents! He also found time over the years to serve as Chief Ranger of the IOOF, President of the Woodlawn Recreation Association and Commodore of the Dartmouth Yacht Club. Doug was predeceased by his parents, Doug Sr. and Helen (Zwicker) of Halifax and his beloved wife, Heather (Macdonald) in 2020. He is survived by sons, Jim (Chris) and Steve (Carolyn Judd); grandchildren, Brett and Keegan McGinnis, Julie and Sarah Richard; sister, Judy Lake; brother, George; nieces and nephews. A celebration of Doug's life was held August 19, 2021 in the Dartmouth Yacht Club following COVID-19 guidelines. Donations may be made in Doug's memory to the Economy Fire Brigade. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

ROODE, Wayne Elroy - 73, Bible Hill, passed away, with his loving daughters at his side, on Sunday, August 15, 2021, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Belmont, he was a son of the late Ralph and Myrtle (McRae) Roode. Wayne owned and operated his own business, Wayne's Saddlery, Boot and Harness until a short time before his death. Wayne is survived by his daughters, Ashley Purcell, Lindsey Roode, Kelsi Roode, all of Calgary; granddaughter, Savannah Purcell, Calgary; siblings, Dorothy (Reg) Culgin, Belmont; Joan (Phil) Feit, New Glasgow; Sonny (Faye) Roode, Belmont; Janet Wagar (Sam), Calgary; Phillip (Joyce) Roode, New Glasgow; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Reginald Roode. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall — Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where the funeral service was held Wednesday, August 25, 2021. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

HIMELMAN, Gloria P. — Age 94, of Diligent River passed away on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at the Bayview Memorial Health Centre, Advocate Harbour. Born in Diligent River in 1927, she was a daughter of the late Alexander and Mae (Porter) Salter. She is survived by a daughter, Margaret Himelman-Doiron (Kenneth), Enfield; sons, Donald (Wendy), Stratford, PEI; Eric, Diligent River; Paul (Sandra), Wellington; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a great-great grandson; daughter-in-law, Barbara Himelman, Diligent River; a sister, Flora Wheby (Jack), Dartmouth; numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Everett in 2014; a son, William; sisters, Dorothy, Augusta, Marie, Thelma; brothers, Robert, Gordon, Raymond, Ralph, Curtis. A graveside service was held August 24, 2021 in St. George's Anglican Cemetery, Parrsboro, Rev. Dr. Brian Spence officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the St. George's Anglican Cemetery or to a charity of choice. The family would like to send a special thank you to the long term care staff at Bayview Memorial and home care staff at VON and Continuing Care for all their loving support and care. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. Online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

FASH, Margaret Rose - 66, Debert, passed away peacefully, Thursday, August 19, 2021, at home. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Neil and Hazel (King) McSwain. She is survived by her best friend and partner, Peter King; daughter, Tara Surette (Keith), Belmont; son, Donald "Donnie" McSwain (Cindy), Belmont; grandchildren, Brooke, Rylan, Zachery, Ethan, Austin, Sarah; brothers, Jimmy McSwain (Gwen), Ontario; Dale McSwain (Jody), Belmont; sister, Donna McSwain, Halifax; aunt, Marg King; several nieces and nephews. Graveside service was held Thursday, August 26, 2021 at Onslow Island Cemetery, Central Onslow. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

CLARK, Wilbert S. 'Wibb' — Age 83, of Parrsboro passed away on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Upper Nappan. Born in Advocate Harbour, he was a son of the late Stewart and Thelma (Berry) Clark. He is survived by a daughter, Melanie Clark (Brad Wade), Scoudouc, N.B.; a son, Gerry Clark (Victoria 'Vicki'), Parrsboro; a sister, Lottie MacAloney, New Prospect; grandchildren, Kala Clark (Bruce Ward) and Dawson, all of Parrsboro; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Ardis. In keeping with Wibb's request, a private family graveside 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.

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