

OBITUARIES

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Hatfield, Fred Lenard "Junior" - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend on July 14, 2023, with family at his side. No longer will you suffer - we love you forever. Born in Truro, Nova Scotia on July 15, 1936, Fred was the son of the late John Leonard "Happy" and Sadie Barbara (MacInnis) Hatfield. He is survived by his devoted wife of 48 years, Freda (Charlton-Johnson) Hatfield; children, Barbara (Glenn) Holmes, John (Sandra) Hatfield, Wayne (Jennifer) Blair, Darren (Kathy) Johnson, Peter (Helene) Johnson, Colleen (Brian) Pinkney and daughter-in-law, Natalie Webster. He is also survived by cherished grandchildren, Lauren, Nicole, Jocelyn, Jason, Adrian, Michael, Amanda, Rebecca, Alex, Sarah, Connor, Kaleb, Melissa, Megan, Erin, Craig, Brett, Erica, Danielle, Sarah, Alex and Max, as well as many great-grandchildren. Fred is also survived by his siblings, Jack (Diane) Hatfield and Betty Hatfield; sister-in-law, Valorie Hatfield, as well as other loving family members, neighbours and friends. Besides his parents, Fred was predeceased by children, Karen and Michael Johnson; siblings, Dorothy, Percy, Albert, Billy, Charlotte and Gerald (in infancy). Fred joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at the age of eighteen where he worked as an Airframe technician at RCAF Cold Lake, Alberta until he was called home at the end of five years to help his Dad in the plumbing business. He became a licensed plumber, initially working with his father and brother, Bill and eventually took over the company. Through his company, Hatfield Plumbing and Heating, Fred served Truro and surrounding areas for over 50 years. In his retirement years, Fred became the go-to "handy-man" for family and neighbours, helping with many projects around the house or cottage. Many a deck and shed stand today after Fred's skilled work. As Fred's family, we would like to express a sincere thank you to the staff of Wynn Park Villa for the exceptional care and love given to him during the past 20 months. A gathering to remember Fred's life was held in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, N.S. on July 28, 2023, from 11:00am-1:00pm. Private family interment. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com. Donations in memory of Fred may be made to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 26, Truro, N.S. or to the Palliative Care Program, Wynn Park Villa, Truro, N.S.

TAYLOR, Ian Curtis, Age 87, Belmont, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2023, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, he was the son of the late Lewis and Mary (MacLean) Taylor. Ian was a gifted mechanic and loved spending time working on old cars. He enjoyed time with his companion, Kenda, especially four-wheeling in their younger years. He worked for forty one years at Stanfield's Ltd., first as a mechanic and later as manager of the knitting department. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and all those he came to know in his lifetime. Ian is survived by his children, Mary (John) Carrier, Curtis (Bonnie) Mont, John (Nancy), Ian Jr., and James; nine grandchildren; six great grandchildren; son-in-law, Gary Conrad; several nieces and nephews; extended family, Michael (Colleen) Richards and Derek Richards. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by daughter, Nancy; sisters, Nora, Helen and Peggy; brothers, Eric and Sonny. Cremation has taken place. No visitation or service. As Ian mentioned when asked by his family what he wished done with his ashes, he responded, "Like two ships sailing the seven seas together, forever, scatter them with my companion, Kenda."

SHIPLEY, Darlene Evelyn Ruth - Age 63, Onslow Mountain. It is with saddened hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Darlene Evelyn Ruth Shipley on July 16, 2023, at home. Born in Ontario, she was the daughter of the late Theresa Rosalind Rines. Darlene is survived by her partner, Darrell; son, Joey (Kenda), Brookfield; grandchildren, Tyler (Sabrina), Jalysa (Colton), Brooklyn and Raielle and great grandchildren, Jocelynn, Cambry and Caysen; sister, Brenda Cates; aunt, Shirley Smith as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins and best friend, Wanda Draper. Besides her mother, she was predeceased by stepfather, Harry March, uncle, Tracey and granddaughter, Hannah. Darlene worked at Quality Containers and then for many years at the Truro Superstore. She loved to watch movies. There is no visitation or service by request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.

GORDON, Bilby, Robert - Age 83, Bible Hill. It is with great sadness that I share with you, the sudden and unexpected loss of my husband, Robert "Bob" Gordon Bilby of Bible Hill, NS. Born in Truro, NS on August 16, 1939, to Eileen (MacDonald) Cook and Gordon Bilby, Bob grew up on Brunswick Street in Truro and the Hollow. He was a proud East Ender! After a few years in the Canadian Air Force, Bob joined the Truro Police Force in May 1963. He served the community with excellence for thirty-six years. He rose to the rank of Sergeant and mentored many junior officers' careers. Bob held the respect of the citizens of Truro with his integrity and professional ways he managed the many challenges of police work. When Bob retired in 2000, he then went on to enjoy part time employment with the Canadian Firearms Registry and then the Canadian Corps of Commissioners in NS and PEI. Bob and I married in September 1980 and our journey of loving continued all these years. We had the pleasure of making homes in Truro, North River, Earlton, Charlottetown, PE, Valley and our present home in Bible Hill. Bob was taken from us too soon, suddenly and unexpectedly, on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at MacPherson Lake, Port Shoreham, Guysborough Co., NS. He is greatly missed. Bob is survived by his wife, LaVonne (Mack) Bilby; sisters, Bernice "Bunny," (the late Harry) Cox of Kingston, ON, Karen Gail Gibbs and husband, Ted of Oakville, ON, M. Anne Bilby and partner, Bruce Bowles of Bible Hill and brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Wesley Mack and wife, Peggy of Richmond Hill, ON. He was predeceased by his parents, Eileen (MacDonald) Cook and Gordon Bilby; parents-in-law, the Rev Lloyd and Elizabeth "Betty" Mack and sister-in-law, Sharon (Mack) Shellhaas. Special thanks to my angels on earth who assisted me with a tough and tragic situation at MacPherson Lake on July 15th. I am forever grateful. Special thanks to longtime friends Tom and Gary for all your help. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the RC Legion #26 of Truro or the Truro Salvation Army. A visitation was held on Tuesday, July 25th from 1pm until time of service at 2pm, both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS, Rev. Ken Fillmore officiating. Online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

HARDY, Stewart Ernest - Age 79, Hilden, passed away peacefully on July 19, 2023, in the QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax. Stewart was born in New Glasgow to the late Ernest and Molly (Clark) Hardy. He was a member of Branch #26 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Truro and enjoyed playing golf. Stewart is survived by his children, Janet (Jasen), Jason (Corine) and Alex "Sandy"; grandchildren, Cameron, Max and Evy; stepchildren, Nancy and Robert; step-grandchildren, Cynara (Lester), Skye and Cameron and step-great-grandson, Cason. Stewart was predeceased by his wife, Linda (Hamilton). Donations may be made to Branch #26 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Truro or CEHHC "We Care About Cancer" (www.cehhcfoundation.ca). There will be no visitation or service by request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

SEARS, Alfred Lawrence - It is with heavy hearts that the family of Alfred "Sonny" Sears, age 66 of North River, announce his sudden passing on Thursday July 20, 2023, at his home. Born in Shelburne N.S., he was the son of Ruby (Atkinson) Sears, formerly of Shag Harbor and the late Alfred Sears Sr. Besides his family, mining was his passion having worked in several locations throughout Canada. Sonny was in his element hunting and fishing with his sons and friends. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 45 years, Sharon (Griffiths) Sears; sons, Corey Perry (Sarah), Cape Sable Island, Steven Sears (Jennifer MackKinnon) of Barney's River and Shane Sears at home; brother, Fred Sears, Liverpool; sisters, Gloria Banks and Kathy Porter of Yarmouth and Judy Malone, Shag Harbor; grandchildren, Anna Marie Staples Sears, Pictou, and Jared Staples Sears, Belmont. Alfred was predeceased by his daughter, Sherry Sears and brother, Larry Sears, Shag Harbor. Special thanks to the North River Fire Department, First Responders and neighbors for their compassion and care. Cremation has taken place under the care of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS where online condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com. A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

SIMPSON, Elva S.M. (Loughlin) - Truro. It is with the greatest of sadness that the family of Elva S.M. Simpson announce her passing on Thursday, July 20, 2023, with the same quiet grace and dignity that she lived her life, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Mom was born in Howley, Newfoundland to the late Clayton C. and Nina (Courtney) Loughlin; she was the middle child of seven children. She is survived by her children, Kathy Simpson-Giles, Great Village; Sean, Truro; Scott (Sarah), Glen Williams, Ontario. One of Mom's greatest joys was the day she added the "grand" to her title of mother. She will be dearly missed by Courtney Giles, Joshua (Nicole) Giles and Caitlin Giles (David Meredith), all of Nova Scotia and Veronica Simpson and Robbie Simpson of Ontario. Becoming a great-grandmother was the icing on the family cake for mom and she loved every moment that she spent with Christine, Michael, Lucas and Jady. Also left with fond memories are her siblings, Carl, Roland and Linda as well as sisters-in-law, Florence and Lorraine. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Donald Owen Simpson; brothers, Ches and Jim; sister, Mabel Pahl; brothers-in-law, Arthur Pahl and Reagh Simpson; sisters-in-law, Mary Rose and Anita Hagen. A celebration of her life was held Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at First United Church, 711 Prince Street, Truro, Reverend Shannon MacLean officiated. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

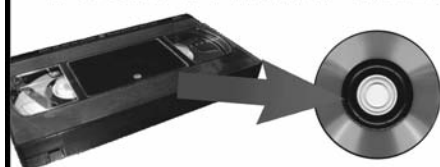
FISHER, Lorna Margaret - 83, Truro, passed away on Friday, July 21, 2023, in Naples, Florida with family by her side. Lorna was born in Debert and was the daughter of the late Lloyd and Bessie (Archibald) McCully. Lorna was raised in a large, close knit family and like the entire McCully clan, she enjoyed a dry sense of humour. Lorna leaves behind her two children, Deborah and Jeffrey; beloved sons-in-law, Patrick and Juan Carlos; brother, Ralph (Dorinda) McCully; sisters, Elaine (Doug) Hodges, Ardiith MacPherson; sister-in-law, Carrie McCully; many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, Lorna was predeceased by her husband, John; siblings, Kathleen Martin, Vernon McCully, Glenn McCully, Eva Staples, Dorothy Price, Chester McCully, Joe McCully Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro, where a celebration of Lorna's life will be held 2 p.m., Friday, September 8, 2023. Not being a fan of funerals herself, Lorna would prefer if we broke with tradition and did not wear somber black. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

RECTOR, Kevin Floyd - Age 67 of Camden, passed away suddenly at home on July 21, 2023, with his companion and longtime friend, Gail by his side. Kevin grew up in Bass River and was the son of the late Doreen (Stewart) and Floyd Rector. He spent much of his career working in lumber yards and retired from Sproule Lumber on January 17, 2021. Kevin's Saturday visits from nephew, Brian and his dog, Oscar were the highlight of his week. He will be greatly missed by his many close friends and Kathy's loving family. He is survived by his partner, Gail Taylor of Camden and his son, Wayne (Shanna) of Debert. Kevin also sadly leaves behind his siblings, Judi, Cathy, Donnie and Lori, and his grandchildren, Mackenzie, Morgan, Katelyn, Kyle and Olivia as well as his aunts, Betty (Curtis) and Muriel; his uncle, Duane and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Kevin was predeceased by his cherished wife, Kathy Boggs Rector; siblings, Tony and Doreen, as well as his niece, Sarah. Much appreciation goes to VON and Dr. Rowe for the wonderful care provided. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Kevin may be made to VON Truro. A visitation was held on Saturday, August 12th from 1pm until time of service at 2pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Rev. Glenn MacLean officiating. Following the service, the ashes of Kevin and Kathy will be laid to rest in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

McLELLAN, Destiny Lee Rayanne - 19, Lower Onslow, passed away suddenly while swimming with family and friends, on Monday, July 24, 2023. Born in New Glasgow, she was a daughter of Jason and Donna (Fisher) McLellan, Lower Onslow. Destiny was affiliated with Faith Baptist Church in Great Village. Along with her parents, Destiny is survived by her sister, Trinity McLellan, Lower Onslow; brother, Christopher McLellan, Lower Onslow; maternal grandparents, Gordon and Myrna (Cooke) Fisher, Bass River; paternal grandfather, Paul McLellan (Fran Carrigan), Truro Heights; several aunts, uncles, cousins and a wide circle of friends and church family. She was predeceased by her paternal grandmother, Joyce (Chester) McLellan. Funeral service was held Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Faith Baptist Church, 38 Station Road, Great Village, Pastor Josh Fillmore officiated. Interment was in Lower Onslow Clarke Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

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