

OBITUARIES

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MANLEY, Nicholas David, Lloydminster, SK, formerly of North River, NS. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the untimely passing of Nicholas David Manley, age 30, on February 17, 2025. Nick passed peacefully in his home in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, where he had recently moved to be closer to his mother, Lisa, and sister, Jessica. Nick was a graduate of Cobequid Educational Centre in 2013, where he made many lifelong friendships. He spent his happy childhood in North River, running through the neighbourhood with his friends—many of whom became like family to him. Something Nick will be remembered for was his love for laughter. Whether it was making other people laugh, or laughing at a joke himself, no one loved a funny moment more than Nick did. His contagious laugh will not be forgotten by those who loved him. Nick was also known for his kind-hearted and selfless nature towards all. His generosity, warmth, and genuine care for others knew no bounds. To know Nick was to know someone who would give his all for the people he loved. Left to forever love and miss Nick is his mother, Lisa Priest (Stephen Smith) of Lloydminster, SK; his sister, Jessica Manley of Fernie, BC, and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will forever hold his memory close. Nick was predeceased by his grandfather, Reginald Manley (Annabelle) of Truro, and his father, David Manley, of North River, with whom he is now reunited. His final resting place will be alongside his father, David, in Noel Cemetery. A memorial service to celebrate Nick's life was held Sunday, August 10th at 2pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS, with Eileen Corah officiating. Reception to follow. Interment in Noel Cemetery — all are welcome.

GOURLEY, Grace Louisa Smith — Age 95, Truro, passed away peacefully on August 2, 2025, in Wynn Park Villa. She was a daughter of the late James and Jean (Logan) Robinson. When Grace was young, she travelled from British Columbia to Nova Scotia on the back of a motorbike. Grace is survived by her grandson; sister, Colleen; niece, Brenda and great niece, Allison as well as many great nieces and nephews. Also left to remember Grace are her dear friends who she considered family, Helen, Harry, Tim & Irene, Sheila, Rob & Jen, Rachel, Hannah and Abby. She was predeceased by her son, Gary and sister, Margaret “Billie.” Grace worked for Lands and Forest, now known as the Department of Natural Resources, for many years and grew great friendships with her co-workers. Later in life, she moved to Wynn Park Villa where she met lovely people who became her best friends and where she was dearly loved. She also enjoyed spending her time knitting. A celebration of Grace's life was held August 21st at 2pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Pastor Ben Isenor officiating. Reception to follow. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com

GELDART, Elva Maxine - It is with both sadness and deep gratitude for a life well lived that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Elva Maxine Geldart, of Masstown (formerly of Debert), who left us on August 2, 2025, surrounded by love and so many memories. Born August 24, 1936, in Poplar Grove, PEI, to the late George and Ada (Murphy) Milligan, Elva was the fifth of ten children (the fourth of eight girls). At the age of 15, Elva moved to Debert, NS, to help her older sister operate her restaurant. It was there, in Debert, that Elva met Howard. The couple married in 1954 and truly lived life to the fullest during their 55 years together. When Howard's work took him away for periods of time, Elva raised their three children while simultaneously operating the local telephone office, from their home. When she was able to hire a student to work the switchboard, Elva spent summers, raising the kids, in a campground close to Howard's job site, so the family could be together. Once the telephone office moved out of their home, Elva went on to work for Scott Truck, before spending the majority of her career at Wilson Fuels, in Truro. Elva loved to travel and enjoyed many cruises, as well as trips to Germany, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Greece and Dubai. Elva had such a zest for life and truly had so much fun — she was always dressing-up, to go out, or dressing-up, to be silly. Together, she and Howard had a huge group of friends and family that they camped and laughed with. They even enjoyed a trip across Canada, towing their fifth-wheel camper, to Whitehorse. Elva enjoyed being active — in winter, she loved to ski, spending the season at the family cottage in Wentworth, and enjoyed numerous ski trips with her family and friends to Quebec, New Brunswick and Maine. In summer, she was an avid golfer and loved the beach. Elva cherished her family and friendships and lived life with a contagious joy. Her sense of fun was matched only by her stubbornness. She had a quick wit and told you just what she thought. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. Elva is survived by her children, Shelley (Gordon) Hannam and Scott (Janet) Geldart, both of Debert; daughter-in-law, Gayle Geldart, of Ellershouse; grandchildren, Robin (Robyn Crowe) Hannam, Alisha (Josh) Johnson, Hana (Dryden) Buote, Emma (Trevor) Higgins and Lukas (Stephanie) Geldart; great-grandchildren, Avery, Audrey, Lainey, Casey, Addison, Fraser, Harper and baby Buote due in September; sisters, Rena Hawkins, Jenny Simmons, Goldie Coughlin; sisters-in-law, Pearl and Heather Milligan, Marg Geldart and Marilyn MacLean. In addition to her parents, Elva was predeceased by husband, Howard; son, Robert “Bob”; brothers, Carl and Kenny Milligan; sisters, Jean Boylan, Georgie Cox, Glenda Webb and Wendy Cooling. In Elva's memory, donations may be made to Canadian Blood Services (either monetary or by donating blood) or to Colchester East Hants Hospice Society. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held Tuesday, August 5th from 6-8 p.m., with a memorial service on Wednesday, August 6th at 11a.m., both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. Webcasting will begin at 10:58am (ADT). Family interment will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

ASHE, Frederick Earl — Age 68, Hilden, passed away unexpectedly on August 9, 2025, in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Yarmouth, he was the son of the late Fred and Evelyn (Hazelton) Ashe. Fred is survived by his wife, Marg (Shaw); children, Melinda (William Gourley), Stewiacke and Devin (Merrianne), Truro; grandchildren, Owen, Willow, Lincoln, Liam and Charlotte; siblings, Sandra (Curlis Haley) and Glenda Chipman, both of Yarmouth, Judson (Tammy Goodwin), Dartmouth, and Colleen (Wendell) Brown of LaBelle; sister-in-law, Betty (Stephen) Johnson, Upper Stewiacke. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Emily Shaw and father-in-law, Richard Shaw and brothers-in-law, Logan Shaw, Allen Shaw and Robert Chipman. The family would like to thank the Hilden Fire Brigade, the EHS Paramedics and the doctors and nurses of CEHHC. Donations in his memory may be made to a charity of choice. As per Fred's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences are available at www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

NICHOLSON, Murray Lloyd — Age 79, Stewiacke. Murray passed away peacefully in the arms of his loving wife, Judith, on August 11, 2025, at the age of 79 years. Born in North Sydney, he was a son of the late Angus and Blanche (Morris) Nicholson. In his early years, Murray worked with the Bank of Nova Scotia. In the late 70s, he left to join his brother and sister-in-law with a Truro business. They ran the Glengarry Motel, which eventually become the Best Western Glengarry and Convention Centre for 40+ years; a very successful endeavor. He sat on the board for the Atlantic Opportunities Organization (ACOA) as well as the Northern Opportunities for Business Limited. Murray loved talking and mentoring others in business. He enjoyed his many adventures boating and travelling far and wide with friends, eventually slowing down to the waters of the Bras d'Or Lake and Shortts Lake. In his later years, he loved charades and milkshakes with the lake kids, teaching them the Boy Scout motto. He loved having a good time and telling jokes. Tea with Barry and joking with the guys, Henry, Kenny, Tom and Paul through email become Murray's daily routine during his retirement. Surviving loved ones include his devoted wife of 56 years, Judith (Martin); son, Lorne; daughter, Joy (Mark Stevens); sister, Jeanne (Mark Milner); grandchildren, Nate and Willow; sisters-in-law, Judy and Janet (Kenny). Family loved ones include nieces, Melanie, Lauren, Natalie, Noella and Susan and nephews, Murray, Shawn, Mark, Aaron, Stephen, Mathew and Michael. Murray loved his cousins, Joan, Lois, Nancy, Brian, Vern, David and Wayne and special friends, Tom and Cheryl Engram, Barry and Heather Hill, Henry and Karen Johnson, Rose and the Glengarry Family. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Lorne. The family would like to wholeheartedly thank the many friends and family members who were there to see Murray through his final days. Thank you to the QEII for their care and compassion. In lieu of flowers, donations in Murray's memory may be made to the Diabetes Canada. Cremation has taken place. A private family service will be held at a later date. 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

HAY, William “Bill” James - *Truro Business Leader and Philanthropist Passes Away*. Hay, William “Bill”, age 79, a respected entrepreneur and community champion from Truro, Nova Scotia, passed away surrounded by family at home on August 11, 2025, leaving behind a remarkable legacy in business and philanthropy. Bill was born on July 21, 1946, in Truro, Nova Scotia to the late Donald S. “Bun” Hay and Marguerite “Betty” (Turnbull) Hay. At the heart of Bill's life was his family. He is survived by his loving and caring wife, Sue (Rau) Hay, together they raised three children, Don (Anne Marie) Hay, Julie (Jake) Hay, and John (Kim) Hay; grandchildren Susie, Elizabeth and James Hay, Sloane and Winter Seibert and Alice Hay. A proud and devoted father and grandfather, Bill treasured time with his growing family and found joy in passing along his values of integrity, kindness, and hard work. Bill also had a second family, the Rau's, who adopted Bill as their own after marrying Sue and with whom he shared a special closeness akin to being his own siblings enjoying many wonderful times over the years. Bill attended the University of King's College in Halifax, NS and Ryerson Polytechnic in Toronto, Ontario. Bill, with his business partner Bob Winters, bought the House of Hay company from Bill's father operating KFC stores across Atlantic Canada and into the United States. Bill was the visionary behind Grinners Food Systems, a company best known for growing iconic brands like Greco Pizza, Captain Submarine and Frank & Gino's. From the purchase as a 10-unit chain, Bill grew the system beginning in the 1980s to over 100 locations today of its popular restaurant brands. With his long-time business partner Mike Whittaker, he played a pioneering role in shaping the quick-service food industry across Atlantic Canada with innovative marketing familiar with us all such as the popular 310-3030 jingle every Atlantic Canadian knows by heart, Grecoville and Greco's iconic square pizza “Who's Eating your Corners?” Another pillar of Bill's business was Bonte Foods Ltd. which has made a significant impact on the foods that Atlantic Canadians eat every day. Their products can be found in C-Stores, grocery stores and food marts in every corner of Atlantic Canada as well through their network of over 100 restaurant locations and other restaurants who purchase food products through Bonte Foods and Chris Brothers. Bill sold Bonte Foods and Chris Brothers in 2020. Through his leadership, Bill created thousands of jobs, helped local franchisees thrive, and elevated the region's food and hos-

pitality standards. But Bill's true legacy extends far beyond boardrooms and balance sheets. A passionate supporter of his hometown, Bill was deeply committed to giving back. He contributed to countless community initiatives—from supporting local food banks to sponsoring youth sports and investing in health care and education programs. Known for his generosity and humility, Bill preferred to work behind the scenes, quietly helping families, schools, and nonprofits whenever there was a need. Bill Hay will be remembered not only as a builder of businesses but as a builder of community. His contributions will be felt for generations, and his spirit of service will continue to inspire all who knew him. Bill was as a strong believer in volunteerism and served on a number of boards over the years including the Central Nova Tourism Association (Chair), Nova Scotia Tourism Partnership, the Bay of Fundy Tourism Partnership, Central Nova Industry Education Council, Colchester Regional Development Agency known as CORDA (Chair), KFC National Advertising Board, Tourism Association of NS (TIANS), Perennia and the Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation (Chair). Bill was recognized over the years for his business achievements and his community contributions including the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Rotary Club of Truro, Business Person of the Year from the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce, North American Pizza Person of the Year award in 1991 by Pizza Today magazine, the TIANS Alastair and Frances Campbell Tourism Lifetime Achievement Award, Nominee - Lifetime Achievement Award from the Truro Chamber of Commerce and Truro and Colchester Business of the Year Award in 2022 for Mastodon Ridge. Bill's legacy project was Mastodon Ridge in Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, a popular tourism destination highlighting his love of Nova Scotia and his passion to grow tourism in his home province. Mastodon Ridge started to come to life in January 1995 with the unveiling of a life size mastodon replica which Bill had commissioned in 1994. He came up with the idea after mastodon bones were discovered in a quarry in nearby Milford, in 1991. Enhancements and investments continued to take place over the years at the Ridge and it truly was Bill's pride and joy. Bill always had a great sense of humour and love which made him a friend to all. Bill embraced life always living it to the fullest and never wasting a moment. He enjoyed travel, summers in Smith's Cove with friends and family, golf games with family, playing euchre, crib and chess, Manhattans, a good cigar and spoiling his grandkids of whom he was so very proud. Bill loved a good party, and he was typically the last one standing. Thanks to the nurses and doctors who helped him in the last year, in particular Dr. Robert Graham, the Palliative Care team, VON, Lynn Miller, the medical teams at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre and the Victoria General Hospital. Special thanks to Bill's caregivers who always gave him the utmost loving care and became a part of the family: Patsy Tanner, Robyn Canfield, Jas Sandu, Jackie Mingo, Kim Crowe and Sherry MacAulay of Today's Nurse and Earth Angels. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to the Colchester-East Hants Health Centre or the charity of your choice. A Visitation was held Friday, August 15th from 4-7pm. Funeral service was held Saturday, August 16th beginning at 1pm in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Private family interment to follow immediately after the service. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com

FITZGERALD, Rosemary - It is with a heavy heart that we announce the unexpected passing of our mother, Rosemary Fitzgerald (Burneau), 78 of Lower Truro - formally of Sydney, NS. Rosemary was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was predeceased by her loving husband Brian of over 50 years. Rosemary is survived by her four children; Roland (Robin), Cape Breton; Stephanie Fitzgerald (USA); Joseph Fitzgerald (Moncton); and Carolann (John), Lower Truro . She is also survived by her grandchildren, Stephen, Alexis, Kayden, Bradley, Michael, Jennifer, and Leona. As well as her two great grandsons, Declan and Tatum - which were the light of her life. Beloved by many, she will be terribly missed. Rest easy Mom, you're reunited with Dad. Love you always.

MACINTYRE (nee MacDonald), Sheila Hope was born on January 12, 1932, in Thompson, Nova Scotia to the late Grace Anna (nee Toole) and Gordon Fielding MacDonald. Sheila was predeceased by her husband, John Lori MacIntyre of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. She was a strong woman and a supportive mother to her four children, Kimberly MacIntyre (Mario Vella), Natalie Butt (Jay), Gordon MacIntyre (deceased), and Scott MacIntyre. She was much loved by her grandchildren, Sebastian Vella, Justin Butt (Christine Ashe), Brittany Guthrie (Greg), Jeffery MacIntyre, Brandon MacIntyre, Ethan MacIntyre, and great grandson, Skylar Butt. Sheila grew up in Nova Scotia with her three sisters, Juanita Banks-Elford (deceased), Wanda Fraser (John Davis), and Gail MacDonald-Yates (Leonard Yates). Later she moved to Ontario where she had a long career in the automotive sector. Sheila loved her family, politics, hymns, dancing, and game shows. She loved to bake, and everyone looked forward to treats like her delicious lemon loaf and date squares. As well, she truly loved Nova Scotia to where she eventually returned. Later in life, she enjoyed happy times at the VON day program and appreciated the companionship of the caring and supportive Marie Lewis. Sheila had a beautiful, quiet spirit and a special sense of humour even in her final days. She died on August 17, 2025, in the comfort of her home in Nova Scotia surrounded by loving family. She will rest in Mahon Cemetery, Great Village not far from Londonderry Station where she lived for much of her youth. Donations in her name may be made to the Londonderry Station Community Church or the Mahon Cemetery in Great Village. No visitation or service by request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS.