

GUY

It is with sadness, we the family of Archibald James Guy "Archie" announce that he has gone home to be with his Saviour and Lord on May 25th, 2025, at the Inverary Manor, Inverness. Archie was born in Sydney Mines on February 23rd, 1940, to parents James Calder and Eliza Wilemina (Hatcher) Guy. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Gordon Matheson. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend Carol (Cole) Guy; his sister Azalia Matheson; his children Bonnie (Bruce) Nunn, Jimmy (Shauna) Guy; step-children Dawn (Alan) Kieth, Christene (Adrien) Jordan, Darlene (Wayne) Burke, and Tom Barry. Archie is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Archie loved life in Margaree. He enjoyed the outdoors, spending time hunting and fishing. He was dedicated to his faith and his church and enjoyed going to bible studies and spending time with his church family. We, the family, would like to thank the staff at Inverary Manor for your compassion, care, and kindness provided to Archie during his time at the Manor. Thank you for extending the compassion and kindness to us also as we sat by his side. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Archie may be made to the Inverary Manor. Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on June 3rd in the Margaree Valley Baptist Church with Pastor Hugh Morrison officiating. A reception followed the service. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

LeBLANC

Wayne Michael LeBlanc passed away suddenly and far too soon on May 25th, 2025. After 62 years of long, drawn-out conversations, it seems he decided it was finally time to give the rest of his family a turn to speak. Born and raised in Margaree Harbour, Wayne spent much of his childhood hunting, trapping, fishing, or finding any excuse that he could to be outside. Despite any advantage his height might have given him playing sports, he preferred to spend his time drawing, reading, or carving "artwork" into his desk at school, much to his teachers' dismay. As the eldest son, Wayne grew up putting family first, and he would give the shirt off his back if a stranger needed it. However, a stranger never stayed a stranger for long, with his openness to strike up a conversation with anyone, anywhere, about topics far beyond courteous small talk. Add 30 minutes minimum if this conversation took place at a wharf. Wayne began dating Odette in 1985 after a chat at the "six-pack shack," at what his children still assume was a quiet get-together at a quaint cottage in the woods. During their 40 years together, they enjoyed travelling, camping every summer, boat rides, yearly drives to see the Christmas lights with Tim Hortons in hand, and raised three loving children who do the same to this day. "Don't do as I do" was fitting as the most-shared advice to his children, judging by the unfiltered stories that made their rounds in conversations over the years. Despite these warnings, Wayne's lifelong curiosity to better understand the world, adventurous spirit, and out-of-the-box ideas for approaching problems live on through his kids. They promise to keep looking critically at things and asking "but why?". Beyond his family, Wayne loved being out on a boat, hunting trips in the fall, excessively loud music (enough to warrant the hearing aids he never used), scuba diving, camp parties, losing himself for 48 hours in a good book, and stew made from animals that may or may not have been found on the side of the road. He despised wasting any ounce of food (see previous sentence), targeted ads on his computer, bureaucracy, the concept of passwords, of all foods... yogurt?, and would lose his head if it wasn't attached (rumour has it, his good sunglasses are still missing). Wayne will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Odette; children, Sierra, Tiffany, and Michael; siblings, Diane, Paula (Blaise), Kevin (Heather), Owen (Lucille), Cathy (Kevin), Gary (Tanya), and Steven (Margaret); and by all others who had the privilege of knowing him. He was predeceased by his parents, Carmella and Michael LeBlanc. As Wayne would have hated anybody making a fuss about him, cremation has taken place and a private celebration of life will take place in Antigonish at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimers Society of Nova Scotia, 112-2719 Gladstone Street, Halifax, NS, B3K 4W6. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of C.L. Curry Funeral Home, 135 College Street, Antigonish. Online condolences: www.clcurry.com.

SWORDS

Alice Swords, age 91, Cheticamp, passed away on Sunday, April 27th, 2025 in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Alice was a daughter to the late Alfred and the late Annie (Phillips) Ingraham. Mom grew up in Belle Côte. She later moved to Halifax, where she worked at Government

House. She met Dad, who was in the Navy, and they married shortly after. They later moved to Ontario, where she worked as a Health Care Aid for 15 years. She moved back to Cape Breton at the age of 80, and her and dad spent their days playing Phase 10, going to the Casino, and playing bingo. Our family would like to thank all the wonderful nurses at the Sacred Heart Hospital, and Dr. Michel Chiasson, for being so caring and compassionate with Mom. Alice is survived by her daughters, Geraldine Mans (John), and Dianna Chalmers (Robert); sister, Della Jefferson; grandchildren, Jennifer, Bradley, Nicole, and Christopher; great grandchildren, Travis, Hunter, Hailey, Hudson, and Hayden. Besides her parents, Alice was predeceased by her husband, Gerald Swords; great grandchild, Hope; brothers, Reuben, James, Bevis, Alexander, and Fuller; and sisters, Laura, Ella, Margaret, and Doris. A graveside service and burial will be held on Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Whale Cove Cemetery, Margaree Harbour with Rev. Alicia Cox officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DOUCET

Jeannette Thérèse Doucet, age 62, of Cheticamp, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 15th, 2025 in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. She was the daughter of the late Alphonse Simon and the late Annette (Muisse) Bourgeois. Jeannette was of very quiet nature. She worked at the Foyer Père Fiset before retiring after 17 years of service, and then last worked at the Cheticamp Co-op. She also worked as a waitress for many years in several local restaurants. Her two grandchildren, Brielle and Tyrel, were her pride and joy. Jeannette is survived by her husband, Kevin Doucet; her daughter, Annette Doucet; brother, Alex (Joanne) Bourgeois; grandchildren, Brielle and Tyrel Munian; mother-in-law, Marie Stella Doucet; sister-in-law, Darlene Doucet; and her nieces, Ashley and Skylar. Besides her parents, Jeannette was predeceased by her father-in-law, Raymond Doucet; and brother-in-law, Wendell Doucet. Funeral service was held on May 21st, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine with Deacon Gerald LeBlanc officiating. Burial in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or La Coopérative de Transport de Chéticamp (l'Acabie). Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

GUNNING

In loving memory of Anne (Mary) Gunning (née MacLellan), 1930 – 2025: Anne (Mary) Gunning (née MacLellan) passed away peacefully on Friday, May 9th, 2025, at St. Joseph's at Fleming in Peterborough, Ontario, in her 95th year. She will be deeply missed by her son, Christopher James, and daughter-in-law, Laura (née von Haeseler), along with her cherished grandchildren: Liam James, Moira Elizabeth, and Neilan Peter. Anne is also fondly remembered by numerous nieces and nephews across Canada and the United Kingdom, particularly in her beloved home province of Nova Scotia. Anne was predeceased by her devoted husband, Peter James Gunning, with whom she shared 53 loving years of marriage. She was also predeceased by her siblings: Catherine, Alec, Josephine, Sarah-Agnes, John, Donald, and Lillian. Born in New Waterford, Cape Breton in 1930, Anne spent her early years in Inverness, growing up in the close-knit community of Deepdale. After graduating from the New Waterford School of Nursing in 1955, she relocated to Toronto in 1956 to begin a career in medical imaging. She went on to serve as a dedicated radiation technologist specializing in mammography at Women's College Hospital, where she worked for 46 years until her retirement in 2003. Anne took great pride in her work, which contributed to significant advancements in early breast cancer detection at a time when mammography was transforming cancer research and women's healthcare. Her professional legacy continues to impact lives today. Although her career and much of her life were centered in Toronto, Anne's heart always remained in Cape Breton. Her happiest moments were spent in Deepdale, sharing stories over tea with loved ones and embracing the warmth of her community. Above all, Anne found her greatest joy in being a mother and grandmother. She considered raising her son and watching her grandchildren grow to be her life's most meaningful accomplishment. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff at St. Joseph's at Fleming for the care and kindness they provided during Anne's final days. A celebration of Anne's life and her burial will take place at a later date in Inverness, Cape Breton. In lieu of flowers, donations in Anne's memory may be made to Women's

College Hospital: <https://womenscollegehospitalfoundation.com/>.

MacLELLAN

We regret to announce the death of Donald Joseph MacLellan of Centennial Road, Judique on May 18th, 2025, who was a beloved father, brother and friend. Donald was born in Judique in 1944, to the late Alec Dan and Marie MacLellan, the eighth of twelve children. He was predeceased by his wife, Marie; and siblings, Peter, Isobel, Elizabeth, Willie and Irene. He is survived by his sons, Donald (Donna), Darryl (Kate); granddaughter, Crystal; siblings, Lawrence MacLellan, Theresa (Cameron d.) MacDonald, John (Danena) MacLellan, Agatha (Maurice d.) McQuaid, Mary Margaret (Robert) MacDonald, Isobel (Smokey) MacNeil; sister-in-law, Gloria MacLellan and numerous nieces and nephews. Donald was a quiet, unassuming soul and a hard, honest worker who loved his boys. He was a lobster fisherman's helper, a lumberman, a trapper, a fisherman, and a hunter. He was a devout and longtime member of St. Andrew's Parish, Judique. Donald was active in his younger days, enjoying bowling, walking with his friends on the local trails, and enjoying visits with his friends and family. Family meant a lot to him as he was very "clannish." He will be sorely missed. Visitation was held in the Judique Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, May 25th, 2025, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass took place in St. Andrew's Church, Judique on Monday, May 26th, at 11:00 a.m. with Father MacMillan officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Andrew's Parish Door Fund, Judique or Judique Volunteer Fire Department. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MATHESON

It is with heavy hearts that we, the family, announce the death of Frank Matheson at his home on May 23rd, 2025 in his 101st year. Frank was born on the family farm on July 9th, 1924 in Aberdeen to Katie Flora (MacRitchie) and Dan Frank Matheson. Frank was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Frank met and married Anne, the love of his life, on September 1st, 1949. Frank had a life filled with a loving family, good friends, and hard work. He had many different and varied jobs over his lifetime. Beginning at age 17, working for the telephone company for \$5 a day. He worked at the steel plant in Sydney for two years making nails. He was drawn back to Aberdeen in the early '50s, bought a truck, and began a 20 year career hauling pulp, gravel, coal, and a few loads of dynamite during the construction of the highway over Kelly's Mountain. In later years, he worked at Little Narrows Gypsum until his retirement in 1989, after which he, and the love of his life, travelled across Canada by car visiting relatives all the way to BC. Over the years, he owned 55 vehicles and loved to buy and sell each and every one of them. Frank was a member of the Little Narrows Presbyterian Church and a long-time supporter of the Progressive Conservative party. Frank leaves behind his children, Allan (Phyllis) Matheson of Aberdeen, Karen (Malcolm) MacKinnon of Cole Harbour, Judy (Milford) Austen of Antigonish, Connie (Duart) MacAulay of Aberdeen, and Denise (Jeff) Beaton of Mabou Harbour; and long time friend, like family, Bruce (Dorothy) MacLellan. His 16 grandchildren, Allison Matheson, Shane (Carleen) Matheson, Jody (Josh) Arenburg, Isaac (Lindsay) Matheson, Wade (Breann) Matheson, Lana (Chandler) Halliburton, Kyla (Taylor) MacKinnon-MacGillivray, Devin (Zoe) Austen, Cory (Lindi) Austen, Bradley Austen (Jess), Breagh MacAulay (Alyson), Hilary MacAulay (Logan), Sawyer Beaton, Albin Beaton, Mason Beaton and Maeve Beaton; and his 24 great-grandchildren, Ainsley (Slaven), Laird (Anna) and Mairead (Matt) Nichols, Mya Matheson, David, Murray, Anne Margaret, and Mabel Arenburg, Rory and Harvey Matheson, Lachlan and Lilah Matheson, Randy and Shay Halliburton, Zaya and Nya MacKinnon-MacGillivray, Layla, Manton, Cora and James Austen, Violetta and Sierra Austen, Piper and Ellie Austen. Sister-in-law, Verna MacMillan and many nieces and nephews. Frankie was predeceased by his parents, his loving wife of 70 years, Anne MacMillan of East Lake Ainslie (d.2019); his son, James Peter Matheson (d.2005); his siblings and their spouses, MayBelle Matheson, Christine (Norman) Cameron, Jonena (Douglas) MacLeod, Harriet (Andrew) Morrison, Jamie (Donald) Ross, Leonard Matheson, Mary (Wilfred) Asaph, his in-laws, Allan and Albin MacMillan; and his brother-in-law, Peter MacMillan. We would like to thank his medical care team Dr. Susie Egar, Dr. Ritter, Paulette, Dr. Claire Hamilton, the home care support nurses, and our own special team of helpers, Donna, Jolie, Arlene, Carolyn, Ruth, Sharon and Michelle. Visitation was held from 2:00-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 25th, in the Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 26th, in Little Narrows

Presbyterian Church with Margie MacIntyre LM officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Little Narrows Cemetery Fund or Palliative Care of your choice. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

AVERY

With profound sadness, we mourn the passing of our sister, Christena Cecilia Avery, at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital on Saturday, April 26th. Christena was born in Halifax on November 26th, 1955. She remained in Halifax and worked at the Halifax Infirmary before retiring in 2010 to her lovely Cape Breton, where Belle Cote called her home. Chris began her career at the Halifax Infirmary on Floor 3A Surgery, then to ENT, and next to the Palliative Care Unit, where she spent most of her career. When she retired, the compassion she offered all her patients continued into her new stage of life when she dedicated her retirement years to the devoted and selfless care for our mother, until our mother's death on February 18th, 2025. Christena found happiness in the sheer beauty Cape Breton offered. Her pride was unmatched, knowing she was an Aunt to three nieces and six nephews. Christena's memory will remain as we watch the vivid, rosy sunsets she loved and photographed. We will sense her calmness as the billowing waves crash against the shore and spray the rocks on the beach. We will hear her laugh when we see bubbles dancing in the wind as children blow and play between them. And we will feel her spirit when blue butterflies flutter wildly among the fields and flowers. She was predeceased by her parents, Conn and Marion Avery. Christena is survived by her brother Melvin (Sadie), sister Valarie (Ron) Higgins, brother Bert (Suzanne), sister Janine (Julian) Ponee; nephews Matthew (Michelle) Higgins, Ryan (Mandy) Higgins, Isaac Avery, Nathan Avery, Joshua Ponee, Jordan Ponee; nieces Dana Avery (Laurence Jollez), Tracy Avery (Derek Hurley), Kate Horne; grand-nephew Cameron Higgins and grand-niece Payton Horne. Many cousins also survive Christena. Cremation has taken place; funeral arrangements to follow later. Donations in Christena's name can be made to charities of the donor's choice. Sincere, heartfelt thanks are extended to the medical teams at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital and the Victoria General Hospital. Christena's life thrived on love of family, faith, and community. Online condolences may be sent to www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com. "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." – Matthew 25:23

CAMPBELL

Paul Quentin Campbell came into this world on February 19th, 1956 in Boston, Mass. His mother, Catherine "Peggy" MacDonald was from Blackstone, Inverness County, and his father, Horace Quentin Campbell, was from Sunnybrae, N.S. He left this world on May 8th, 2025. Paul was an accomplished businessman who graduated from Suffolk University, in Boston, Mass., with an MBA. Paul traveled extensively throughout his career. He initially settled in Newburyport, Mass., where he enjoyed the views of the Merrimack River, but his dream was always to relocate to Cape Breton. When the opportunity arose, he and his wife Lynda moved to Mabou, N.S. His passion for renovation took hold and he breathed new life into buildings that long needed a little love. Paul was all about family, above all else. He loved his Cape Breton roots and he was proud to be called a "Saddler." He was kind and generous. His most enjoyable days were those spent entertaining friends and family. Nothing like a good lobster or crab feed to make him content. Paul was loved by all who knew him. He will be deeply missed. He is survived by his loving wife, Lynda Campbell: nee Morris; and his siblings, Joan, Sandra, Mary, Donnie, and Jerry. He was predeceased by his siblings, Liz, Cathy, Kenny, and his parents. Paul had so many in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends, whose company he always welcomed. His memory will live on along the shores of the Village of Mabou. Just the way he wanted it. A private family mass and celebration of life will happen at a later date. He has been cremated. Burial will happen later with family present. Memorial donations may be made to Inverness Consolidated Hospital or to St. Martha's Regional Hospital, Antigonish. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

COADY

George MacKinnon Coady, August 7t, 1944 ~ May 15th, 2025: It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of George MacKinnon Coady, age 80 years, at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp, NS, on May 15th, 2025. George was predeceased by his parents Judson and Ellen Coady, parents-in-law Ross and Rachel MacDonald, and brother-in-law Warren

MacDonald. Left to mourn is his loving wife of 56 years Rosalyn (MacDonald). He will also be lovingly remembered by his sister Joan Marple (Norman), New Glasgow, NS; niece Rev. Meredith Marple (Rev. Peter Smith) and their daughter Hope Margaret; sister Eloise MacIsaac (Paul) Port Hood, NS; nephews Judson and Dallas (Wendy); sisters-in-law Donna Aucoin (Claudie), Cheticamp, NS, Holly Andrews (Wayne), St. John's, NL, Jean MacDonald, Margaree Valley, NS; brother-in-law Gordon MacDonald (Tracy), Chilliwack, BC and their families; and a circle of extended family and friends. George graduated from Margaree Forks High School and continued his education at Nova Scotia Teachers College in Truro, NS. Upon completion, he was offered a lucrative teaching position in Halifax which he declined because his heart belonged back home in Margaree Centre with his family. He loved working with his father in the woods and on the farm. George taught for 15 years in Margaree Centre and then another 15 years at Margaree Forks High School. George began selling insurance for Antigonish Farmers' Mutual while still teaching. He was in his element, meeting new clients and taking care of their insurance needs. George enjoyed his 38-year position with Farmers' well into his seventies. In his down time, he joined friends and family snowmobiling and riding the Highland roads and trails he called home. A sincere thank you to the staff at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre for your unwavering support and care. Thank you Pastor Hugh Morrison for your compassion and prayers. A very heartfelt thank you to George's nephew, Matthew Bourgeois. Donations in George's memory may be made to Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp, NS, or a charity of one's choice. Visitations will be held at the Senior Citizens Hall, Margaree Valley on Wednesday, May 21st from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral service will be conducted on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Margaree Valley Baptist Church. Online Condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacPHEE

It is with great sadness that the family of Brian MacPhee, 77, of Mabou Harbour, announce his passing, which occurred on May 14th, 2025, at the Halifax Infirmary. Brian was a valued member of the Mabou Volunteer Fire Department for over 20 years, during which time he received The Fire Services Exemplary Medal in recognition of 20 years of loyal and exemplary service to public security in Canada. He loved nothing more than a competitive game of crib or auction, and so, he attended the card plays faithfully, and for many years he was in charge of them for both the fire department and the seniors. He was Santa to the children of the Harbour and beyond, bringing joy and happiness to so many. He was always ready with a quick grin and a "Giddyup yourself" when greeted by the many people who knew and loved him in our community. Brian is survived by his brothers and sisters: Margaret (Joe), Sandy (Sharon), Cathy (Lorne), Christene, Dale, Pat (George), Danny (Patrice), and his sister-in-law, Lucille. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and -nephews, whom he loved dearly and who will always be his "little roosters," despite his jokes about giving them a knuckle sandwich and throwing them in the pond. He was predeceased by his parents, Danny and Marie MacPhee; his brothers Gus, Jimmy, Alphonse, and Donald; and his sister-in-law, Cathy. Cremation has taken place. Family and friends are invited to attend the wake, which will take place on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Mabou. Funeral service to take place on Friday, May 23rd, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Mabou. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Mabou Volunteer Fire Department and/or the parish cemetery. With hearts full of love and gratitude, we entrust Brian to the eternal care of our Heavenly Father. Though he will be deeply missed, we find comfort in knowing that he has gone home to God and those who have gone before him. May eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. "Death is nothing else but going home to God." – St. Teresa of Calcutta

ROBERTS

With broken hearts, we announce that our beloved mother, Margaret "Babs" Roberts (nee MacDonnell), passed on Tuesday April 8th, 2025, at the age of 89. Babs was a gentle soul and an exemplary human being. She embodied the best qualities; unconditional love, strength of spirit, and an unending generosity that could be seen in her care for her family and friends. She touched so many lives in Gaspé and Inverness, with her handmade crochet gifts that were more than just keepsakes, but rather, they were loving pieces made from her heart. The world is a little less bright without her in it. She will be deeply

missed. Though our hearts are heavy with loss, we find comfort in knowing that Mom is now at peace and has taken her seat in the living room reunited with Norma, Nelda, Bud, Buppy, Grampa (Archie), and Gramma (Margaret); watching all the horror movies she wants and where her coffee cup is never empty. Margaret "Babs" will be lovingly remembered by her children, Bertha (Ellis), Zenia (Stefane), and Susanna. Her precious grandchildren, Melissa (Nick), Cody (Marquita) and Maria Christina; great grandchildren, Logan, Adeline, Anna and Claire. She also leaves behind her brothers, Ronald "Buppy" (Lizzy), Laughie (Ardyth), Alex "Hubba" (Mary Catherine), Alfred "Bud," and Billy (Josephine); sisters, Mary Florence "Sissy" (James), Shirley, Josie (Bobby), Donelda "Nelda" (John), Kathleen (Frankie), Norma (Kenneth) and Susie (Lawley). You will always be loved and never forgotten. Rest in peace, Mom. A Memorial gathering to celebrate Margaret's life will be announced at a later date. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

Van den HOOGEN

We regret to announce the passing of Herman Peter van den Hoogen, which occurred all too soon on May 11th, 2025 at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. He was born on September 27th, 1939 in Schaijk, the Netherlands to William and Anna (van de Zande) van den Hoogen. They immigrated to Canada in 1956 to a dairy farm in Mabou, Nova Scotia. He met his wife, Toni, in 1964 at a friend's wedding. They were married on June 24, 1967. Herman, along with his brother Joe, ran a dairy farm together for 35 years before retiring. Dad (Opa to his grandchildren) loved to tinker and fix things, from tractors to sewing machines. The saying was "If Herman doesn't have it, then you don't need it." He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Toni (Antonia Rovers); his children Robert (Suzanne), Antigonish; Helen Long (Wade), Ottawa; Jamie (Carol), Mabou; Francis (Gwen), Port Williams; and Jennifer MacLennan (John), Whycocomagh. He is also survived by his 13 grandchildren, Joshua (Geneviève), Josée (Anthony), Alexis (Matthew), April, Mallory, Emily (Jackson), Marshall (Meghan), Monica (Cheolho), Spencer, Morgan, Lillianna, Damien and Logan, and his two great-grandchildren, Raela and Leo. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Inverness Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Central Inverness Palliative Care, or the charity of your choice. We are very grateful for the excellent care we received from all the staff at Inverness Hospital. The funeral was held on Saturday, May 17th, 2025, in St. Mary's Church, Mabou with Father Andrew Gillies officiating. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

CAMUS

Anna Marie (Smith) Camus, age 88, Cheticamp: It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Anna Marie (Smith) Camus on May 1st, 2025. Born on December 5th, 1937, in Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, Anna was a loving sister, aunt, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was known for her charismatic personality. She will be deeply missed by her sons, Chris, Brad, and Glen; her daughter, Danielle; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. A graveside service and burial was held at St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp, on Friday, May 9th, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LARADE

Joseph George "Georgie" Larade, age 82, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 4th, 2025, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Georgie was a son to the late William and the late Nellé (Haché) Larade. Georgie moved back to Cheticamp 15 years ago to marry the love of his life, Laurette. He was a big bingo fan and loved playing cards. He enjoyed gardening and he decorated outside for every holiday. He had a sweet tooth for Laurette's baking. He will be missed by his family and friends, and especially his wife, Laurette. Besides his wife, Georgie is survived by his son, Stanley (Danika) Larade; step-daughters, Lucie Roach, Lucille Deveau, Charlene Deveau, and Ann Deveau; brothers, Simon Pierre (Linda) Larade, Louis Joseph (Jeanne) Larade, and Patrick (Pauline) Larade; sister-in-law, Rose Larade; grandchildren, Noah Larade and Nathan Larade; great-grandchildren, Nico Larade, Kayce Larade, Nolan Larade, and Ethan Gallant. Georgie was predeceased by his son, Ricky Larade; and brothers, Pierre Cyril Larade, Leo Larade, and Willie Joe Larade. By family request, there will be no funeral. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to:

www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MERLIN

It is with great sadness that the family of Michael Edward Merlin announces his sudden death on May 5th, 2025, at 61 years of age. Michael leaves behind his mother, Mary Merlin; sister, Jane (Carl) Kaiser; brother, Daniel MacLennan; sister-in-law, Melissa MacLennan; and his daughter. Michael is also survived by his nieces, Amanda Kaiser, Charlie MacLennan; nephews, Charles (Crystal) Kaiser, Curtis (Jewel) Kaiser, and Tannor MacLennan. Michael had four great-nieces and -nephews, Olivia Kennedy, A J Kaiser, Joseph Kaiser, and Delilah Kaiser. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins who were always good to him. Michael liked fishing and swimming at the beautiful Inverness beach. He was well known for fixing things and was always up to a challenge. He was a kind soul who was willing to help anyone out. He loved a good laugh, telling jokes, and always had a story to tell. He was proud of his Scottish/Irish heritage and the Raven off the Rock Clan. Visitation will take place on Wednesday May 14th, 2025, in St. Margaret's of Scotland Church, Broad Cove, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., and a funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be at a later date. Family and friends are welcome to join the family for a light lunch at the Inverness Legion after the funeral. Memorial donations in his memory would be appreciated to the Inverness Food Bank. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. Fly high to the angels, Michael; you will be missed.

ROACH

Amelia Roach, age 89, of Cheticamp, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 5th, 2025, at the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp, with her family by her side. She was a daughter of the late Pitre and the late Helene (Aucoin) Poirier. She was a devoted mom, grandmother to Glen, and dear friend to many. She enjoyed fiddle tunes, country music, dancing, a good game of cards, watching Montreal hockey games, home parties, and "la mi-careme." In other words, Mom was happy being surrounded by lots of people. She worked in various cleaning jobs and at Aucoin's Bakery for many years. She is survived by her daughters, Corinne Doucette (Eric), Paula Larade (Rene), and Della Roach, all of Cheticamp; brother, David Poirier (Hilda), Cheticamp; and grandson, Glen Larade, Halifax. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Paul Roach; brothers, Hubert, Xavier, Alex Joe, Arthur, Anselm Alphonse, Wilfred, and Semi John; sisters, Elizabeth, Marie Flora, Annie Belle, Helene Rose, Marie Eunice, Olive, Marie Edna, and Marie. Cremation has taken place. Funeral mass was celebrated on Monday, May 12th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine with Father Daniel Muskaray officiating. Burial will follow in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Memorial donations may be made to Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

SMITH

Russell (Keith) Smith, August 28, 1936 – May 1, 2025: It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Russell (Keith) Smith on May 1st, 2025 at Dartmouth General Hospital. Keith was 88. A proud Cape Bretoner, Keith was born in Inverness, NS on August 28th, 1936, to parents Robert and Isabel Smith and spent his formative years in the close-knit communities of Mabou and Hillsborough-Glendyer. Growing up on the family dairy farm instilled in Keith a strong work ethic, and defined his enduring qualities of perseverance, dedication to community, grace, and a tender regard for all life. In his late teens, his sense of independence led Keith to explore life beyond Cape Breton in Ontario and later return to Sydney, NS. It was in Sydney that Keith met Sharon, the love of his life, and together they had a wonderful marriage of 62 years. Returning to his roots, Keith along with Sharon settled in Smithville, where they purchased their homestead, grew their family, and created a thriving cattle farm. Keith furthermore continued his lifelong favourite occupations of dozer and snowplow operator with the Department of Highways. In 1977, with Sharon's full support, Keith's entrepreneurial spirit and quiet determination shone through when he established Smithville Forestry and Sawmill Ltd.; providing employment and a local source of lumber and forestry services to the surrounding communities until his retirement. A pillar of his community, Keith, throughout his life, donated time, skills, and resources to many local projects and events. His faith was also central to his life, as shown by his long-life involvement

with the Hillsborough United Church. Keith genuinely enjoyed his second home at the family property in Dundee, NS. He took great pleasure and pride involving himself in renovations and improvements to make "the Cottage" a welcoming spot for gatherings and celebrations, where family and friends enjoyed each other's company and the majesty of many Cape Breton sunsets on the Bras d'Or Lakes. In 2019, Keith and Sharon embarked on a new chapter, enjoying their retirement in Bible Hill, NS, and more recently in Eastern Passage, NS, to be closer to the love and support of family. Keith will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Sharon, his children Viola (Bernard) and David (Joanne), cherished grandchildren James and Alicia (Kyle), and adored great grandchildren Silas and Nora, along with his many extended family members, friends, and community members whom he cared for and respected throughout his years. Keith was pre-deceased by his parents Robert and Isabel, his sister Eleanor, and brother Robert (Bob). The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to the Dartmouth General Hospital Palliative Care Unit for their exceptional care and compassion. Visitation was held in honour of Keith at Snow's Funeral Home, in Halifax, on Wednesday, May 7th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. A celebration of his life and his interment will be held on Sunday, June 8th, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., at the Hillsborough Hall and Elmwood Cemetery. The family kindly request that those wishing to honour Keith's memory consider a donation to the Dartmouth General Hospital Palliative Care Unit or the Elmwood Cemetery, Hillsborough, NS.

TYNSKI

Raymond Joseph Tynski, November 27th, 1935 – April 29th, 2025: We, the family of Raymond Joseph Tynski, regret to announce his passing on Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, in Hospice Cape Breton. Born November 27th, 1935, in Sydney, he was a son of the late Stanley and Helen (Wojick) Tynski. Ray started his career with Eastern Light and Power. It was during this time that Ray went on to further his education at St. FX, obtaining his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees. Ray accepted a teaching position, first in Point Edward and later at the Adult Vocational Training Centre, where he worked until retirement. Ray was an avid hunter and fly fisherman, honing his skills in East Lake Ainslie. This is where he and Anne enjoyed 45 years together at the "bungalow." Ray loved to entertain friends and family there, gathering around a roaring fire, being serenaded with family sing songs, often to the music of the Rankins and Kris Kristofferson, until the wee hours. "...because there ain't no place I'd rather be, sitting round the fire with my family, where you'll always find a song, and you're welcome to sing along, up on a hill in East Lake Ainslie." Raymond is survived by his wife, Anne (MacKeen); daughters, Joanne Tynski (Bruce Barber), Saint John, NB, and Kathi Tynski (Blair Kibyuk), Sydney; sons, Raymond (Cathy), Yarmouth, and Stephen (Sharlene), West Mabou; sisters, Rosaline Tynski, Antigonish, and Raylene (Bobby) MacAskill, Sydney; brothers, Bobby (Donna) and Eddy (Doreen), both of Sydney; 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. "Dziau" loved them all dearly. In addition to his parents, Raymond was predeceased by his sisters, Helen "Sis" Gouthro, Florie Currie, Frances "Cookie" Nearing, and one sister in infancy and brothers, Stanley "Stash," Michael "Mike," and one brother in infancy. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Sydney Memorial Chapel. A celebration of life will be held at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17th, with a lunch immediately following. Memorials may be made to the Hospice Palliative Care Society of Cape Breton County. Words of comfort can be sent to the family at www.sydney Memorial Chapel.com (<http://www.sydney Memorial Chapel.com/>).

YIPP

It is with heavy hearts that we regret to announce the sudden passing of George Allan Yipp. For anyone that was lucky enough to know George, knew the size of his heart. He wore his heart of gold on his sleeve very proudly. Family was always first for George, and he was just a call away for anyone who ever needed him, family or friend. George leaves behind his loving daughter, Taryn (Cail), and his sweet granddaughter, Maven. George would often tell everyone how complete his life was when Maven entered this world. George was the most proud of Taryn, his pride and joy. George was always up for a good discussion on worldly events, as he was always educated on history, the news, or world events, and held a firm stance on anything he believed in. He didn't mind a good debate on his own values and beliefs, but he would be the first to shake your hand following. Everyone knew George as "Uncle George," because

he was that type of man to everyone who crossed his path. George leaves behind his mother, Patricia Gillis; sister, Pam Hartford (John); and his brothers, Warren and Jon Yipp. George was the biggest family man, who always went out of his way for his nieces and nephews, Mitchell, Nya, Wendel, Hailey, Leelyn, John, and Coady. George didn't stop sharing his love there, as he was so affectionate, loving and caring towards the next generation of children, his grand-nieces and grand-nephews. A special mention to George's lifelong friend, Jimmy, who he made countless memories with over their many years, from their youth to days before his passing. He is predeceased by his father, Jon Yipp; brother, Lance, who was his best friend; and his niece, Accacia. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Visitation took place on Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove, from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. and funeral mass followed at 11:00 a.m., with burial in Stella Maris Parish Cemetery, Inverness. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MUNRO

Jean Willa (Matheson) Munro, 75: Jean passed away peacefully at the Victoria County Memorial Hospital in Baddeck with her family by her side. Jean was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend who will be greatly missed by many. Jean was born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She eventually moved to Whycocomagh and was married to her late husband, Calvin Munro, for 51 years. Jean faced many health issues over the years, including cancer and mobility challenges, just to name a couple. She dealt with all of these challenges with an inspiring amount of strength and courage. Her strength and will to live had no bounds. Jean was employed by the Royal Bank, both full- and part-time, for 30 years starting at the Dutch Village Road branch in Halifax and finishing at the Whycocomagh branch. Mom took pride in looking after her family and friends. She enjoyed looking after her home inside and out, with a keen eye for decorating and green thumb for gardening. Most would know Mom as a hard worker – just a part of her genetics. Jean is survived by her two sons, James (Andrew) of Halifax and Blair of Whycocomagh. She loved her family deeply and will always be remembered by her sons as the best mom in the world. Jean is also survived by her brother, Don Matheson; brother-in-laws, Gordie (Isabel), Jerry (Elsie); sister-in-laws, Nelly (Alex) and Cathy Matheson. Jean was predeceased by her loving parents, Cameron and Winnie Matheson, as well as her brother, Jim Matheson; brother-in-law, Graham Munro; in addition to her mother- and father-in-law, Gladys and George Munro. We would like to thank Dr. J. Tribo for her dedication to our mom over the years. We will be forever grateful. We'd also like to thank Dr. Ritter and Paulette Levin for their compassionate support during Mom's final days. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all the nurses and staff at the Victoria County Memorial Hospital for their incredible service shown to Mom and her family. There will be no visitation or funeral. Cremation has taken place under the care of Dennis Haverstocks Funeral Home. A family graveside service will take place at a later date. Donations in Jean's memory can be made to the Little Narrows Cemetery Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

CHIASSON

Jimmie Joseph Chiasson, April 13th, 1949 – April 13th, 2025: With many tears and broken hearts, we regret to announce Jim's untimely passing on his 76th birthday, surrounded by his loving family. Jim was born in Cheticamp, NS, to Wilfred L. and Annie Rose Chiasson of Cheticamp Island Light House. Jim worked many labour jobs in his youth until his passion as a professional truck driver took over. He racked up over three million accident-free miles over a 30-year career in the trucking industry, which began in 1972 with Richvale Cartage, Richvale, Ontario, hauling cement blocks, including delivering to the CN Tower construction site. He changed from regional driving to North American long haul working for Carolina Tire/MSA Tire in Bramalea, Ontario, travelling the U.S. and Canada, hauling off-road bandlug tires. Jim moved back to his hometown of Cheticamp in 1987 with his wife and sons. Jim trucked for Bourgeois Trucking, hauling fish to Boston, ME, for one season before hiring on at Highland Pulp, Margaree, NS. He then began working for Cyril MacDonald's Fuels out of Inverness, NS, as bulk plant manager and driver. Jim built and operated, along with his two sons and his wife, Cheticamp Coin Car Wash and Cheticamp Office Supplies. In 1996, with his family raised, he teamed up with his wife, Monica, and began driving team long haul in North America, first with Landstar Ligon, then Landstar Ranger out of Jacksonville Florida, running 200 thousand miles per year, plus. An accident at home with a back injury

ended his driving career in 2002. Ever adventurous, Jim built, along with Monica, Truro Heights Townhomes on Chiasson Way, which they owned and operated for 10 years before retiring back to Cheticamp. Jim loved country music, with his all-time favourite singer being the late, great George Jones. A hard worker and loving family man, he will be sadly missed by his wife, Monica (nee Spencer), of 53 years, his two sons, Jimmie (Lynn) and Gerald. Jim, known to his seven grandchildren as "Grumpy," leaves behind Brittany, Brooklyn, T.J. (Emma), Madison (Shane), Kayla, Kylie, and Faith; two step-grandchildren, Hailey (Carter) and Reiley; great-Grumpy to Deacon and Mylah. He is survived by his mother, Annie Rose Chiasson, and siblings, Kathy (Don) Bull, Sylvia Sheridan, Gerald (Yolande), Lionel (Sandra), Jeannine Cormier (Cyril); and sister-in-law, Adele. He was predeceased by his father, Wilfred L. Chiasson; brothers, Leonard and Charlie Joe; brothers-in-law, Don Pulkinghorn and Wally Sheridan. A very special thank you to the doctors and nursing staff at Sacred Heart Community Hospital for the kindness and care during Jim's final days...it will never will be forgotten. May you rest in peace and keep on trucking, Jim. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society in lieu of flowers. Cremation has taken place and there will be no service per Jim's request. Written and submitted by Jimmie's loving wife, Monica.

JAMES

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we announce the passing of Henry N. (Harry) James of St. Thomas, Ontario, on April 19th, 2025. Born in Toronto on January 5th, 1946. Survived by his wife Edwina (Winnie) of 52 years. He was the son of Catharine Bull (2013), Gerald (Ted) (1982); son-in-law of Catherine (1982) and Leonard Wyrwas (1987); brother to Mike (2021) and Eva James (1995), Edith (2019) and Colin Helsby (2023), Mary Small (2022). Henry was also survived by his sister Elizabeth and Marcel Dassin, and in-laws Sharon and Eric Fraser, Jesslyn and James Mac Dougall, Leonard and Barbara Wyrwas, Raymond and Michelle Wyrwas, and April and Bernie MacNeil. He will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Harry enjoyed his career as a Physiotherapist Assistant with the DVA at Westminster Hospital and Parkwood Hospital in London. Cremation has taken place and a private interment of ashes will take place in Inverness, Nova Scotia on a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Shawn Jackson Funeral Home, 31 Elgin Street, St. Thomas, 519-631-0570. A celebration of life will take place at Stella Maris Church, Inverness, Nova Scotia. Details will be announced once confirmed. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to STEGH Palliative Care or Canadian Cancer Society. Personal condolences can be made at www.sjfh.ca. We would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and PSWs that worked with Harry at St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital.

MacEACHERN

We regret to announce the peaceful passing of Allan Joseph MacEachern in Inverary Manor, Inverness with his family by his side on April 15th, 2025. Al was born in Inverness on January 11th, 1932 to the late Jim Dan and Mamie MacEachern. He was predeceased by his wife, Jeanette; son, Mark; brothers, John and Norman; sisters, Mary Catherine (M.C.) and Kathleen (Lena). He leaves behind his children, Claire (Peter) Glenn (Vikki); and sister, Winnie; as well as grandchildren, Matthew, Amanda, Sarah, James, Liam, Carl, Sally, Emily, and Luke; great-grandchildren, Emma Sara and Sadie; as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins. His nickname "Pone" was given to him by his brother John, short for Al Capone. Al spent his working life operating machinery, working construction and with the Department of Transportation. He was a man of strength and honor, with a deep faith in God and love for his family. He was devoted to "his bride" throughout her long illness. But they were that way to each other all of their lives. Al said that from the moment he saw Jeanette, he knew she was the one for him. He spent the last number of years in Inverary Manor where he participated in all activities. He greeted everyone with "Hello, Beautiful." The family cannot begin to thank the entire staff for the care compassion and love he received there. Visitation, Funeral Mass and burial to be announced at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Inverness Food Bank or to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacINNIS

Donald Joseph "Joey Bush" MacInnis, October 1st, 1942 – April 18th, 2025: Joey passed away peacefully

in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his loving partner, Margaret Hunt, family members, and compassionate nurses. He will be greeted in Eternal Life by his devoted mother, Mary Belle MacInnis, who predeceased him. A plumber by trade, Joey lived most of his life in Inverness, enjoying his many friends and horse racing, which was his passion. He was always ready and willing to assist the horsemen, the fisherman, or, in fact, anyone in town who needed his help. In the last years, Joey suffered failing health and was forced to give up the outdoor activities that he loved; fishing the local rivers and brooks, hunting in his favorite spots, and skidooing. Visitation to be held in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove, on Friday, May 2nd, 2025, from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow in the Stella Maris Parish Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Inverness Food Bank, Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, or to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be made to: invernessfuneralhome.com. Eternal rest grant unto him Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

CHIASSON

James "Jim" Joseph Chiasson, April 13th, 1949 – April 13th, 2025: With many tears and broken hearts, we regret to announce Jim's untimely passing, surrounded by his loving family on his 76th birthday. Born in Cheticamp, NS, his parents were Wilfred L. and Annie Rose Chiasson of Cheticamp Island light house. Jim worked many jobs in his youth, until his passion as a professional truck driver took over, where he racked up over three million accident-free miles throughout a thirty-year career in the trucking industry. He began in 1972 with Richvale Cartage, Richvale, Ontario, hauling cement blocks, including delivering to the CN Tower construction site. He changed from regional driving to North American long haul, working for Carolina Tire/MSA Tire in Bramalea, Ontario, traveling throughout the US and Canada, hauling off-road band lug tires. Jim moved back to his hometown of Cheticamp in 1987 with his wife and sons. Jim trucked for Bourgeois Trucking, hauling fish to Boston for one season before being hired with Highland Pulp, Margaree, NS. He then began working for Cyril MacDonald's Fuels out of Inverness as bulk plant manager and driver. Jim built and operated, along with his wife and two sons, Cheticamp Coin Car Wash and Cheticamp Office Supplies. In 1996, his family having grown-up, he teamed up with his wife, Monica, and began driving team long hauls in North America, first with Landstar Ligon, then Landstar Ranger out of Jacksonville, Florida. He was running 200 thousand miles per year. An accident at work resulted in a back injury which ended his driving career in 2002. Ever adventurous, Jim built, along with Monica, Truro Heights Townhomes on Chiasson Way; which they owned and operated for ten years before returning back to Cheticamp. Jim loved country music, with his all-time favorite singer being the late great George Jones. A hard worker and a loving family man, he will be sadly missed by his wife, Monica (Spencer) of 53 years, and his two sons, Jimmie (Lynn) and Gerald. Jim, known to his seven grandchildren as "Grumpy," leaves behind Brittany, Brooklyn, T.J. (Emma), Madison (Shane), Kayla, Katie and Faith; two step grandchildren: Hailey (Carter) and Riley; "Great Grumpy" to Deacon and Mylah. He is also survived by his mother, Annie Rose Chiasson; siblings: Kathy (Don Bell), Sylvia Sheridan, Gerald (Yolande), Lionel (Sandra), Jeannine (Cyril); and sister-in-law, Adele. Jim was predeceased by his father, Wilfred L. Chiasson; brothers, Leonard and Charlie Joe; and brothers-in-law, Don Pulkinghorn and Wally Sheridan. A very special thank you to the doctors and nursing staff at Sacred Heart Community Hospital for their kindness and care during Jim's final days. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Cremation has taken place and there will be no service per Jim's request. You will never be forgotten. May You Rest in Peace. Keep on trucking, Jim!

DUNN

Philomena "Effie" Helen Dunn, June 28th, 1939 – March 25th, 2025: Philomena (Effie) Dunn, 85, of Margaree Forks passed away peacefully on March 25th, 2025, at the Inverness hospital, surrounded by her loving family. She showed incredible strength and resilience in her fight against cancer. Effie dedicated her life to caring for her family. Her heart was full of love and her spirit radiated joy. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Her nurturing spirit extended beyond her family, touching the lives of many who were fortunate enough to know her. She loved spending time with her family, catching up with friends, or sharing laughter over a meal. She had a passion for good food and loved dining out at her favorite restaurants with family and friends. Now, she has taken her place at the Lord's eternal banquet, where joy never fades and love never ends. She found strength and comfort in

her faith and enjoyed being part of her church community, St. Michael's Parish, where she shared her kindness and compassion with those around her. She is survived by her children, Darlene (Jason), Maureen (Troy), Carolyn, Darrell (Laura); grandchildren, Dylan and Julia; sister, Anne Marie (Gordon); and brother, Bernie (Lucie); and many dear friends and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Margaret, and her husband, Hughie. Though our hearts are heavy with loss, we find comfort in knowing that Effie is now at peace, reunited with her husband and watching over us with her ever-present love. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to L'Arche, Iron Mines, Cape Breton where her special girl, Carolyn, now resides. The funeral service was held at St. Michael's Church, East Margaree on Saturday, March 29th, at 12:00 p.m. with visitation from 11:00 a.m. until time of funeral. Rest in peace. You will always be loved and cherished.

HUNT

We regret to announce the death of Margaret Eileen Hunt, born July 15th, 1948, who passed peacefully on April 16th, at the Inverary Manor, Inverness, NS. Margaret was predeceased by her parents, Earl Hunt and Catherine (Cameron) Hunt, and her brother Cameron Hunt. She is survived by her brother, Gordon Hunt (Betsy), Campbell River, BC; her niece, Melissa Clews Hunt (Scott Clews Hunt), Hamilton, Ontario; her nephew, Brendan Hunt (Tara Holland), Squamish, BC; and her special grand-nephew and -niece, Carter and Alexandra Clews Hunt. Margaret's entrepreneurial spirit saw her engage in several small businesses along with work periods in Halifax, Port Hawkesbury, Northern Canada, and Mabou. Margaret was generous in spirit and had a great fondness for her cats. She loved to spend time putting around in her garden making sure her place looked neat and pleasing. The family would like to acknowledge the wonderful, compassionate, and respectful care Margaret received from the staff during her five and a half years at the Inverary Manor. At her request, cremation has taken place and there will be no service or wake, with burial at a later date. Donations may be made in her memory to the Children's Wish Foundation. "Now may the Lord of peace himself, give you peace at all times and in every way."

MacLELLAN

Ann (née Beaton) MacLellan: It is with heavy hearts that the family announces her passing on Friday, March 28th, 2025 at the age of 82 years. Ann shared her life with her loving husband Jack of 55 years, who she cherished to her very last breath. She was a devoted mother to Michelle (Robert) and Scott, actively participating in their extracurricular activities and always cheering them on in their accomplishments. Dear sister of Florence (Jamie), Joey (Diane) and in-laws Bobby (Erica) and Cathy (Ray). Predeceased by her brothers Bernard (Linda) and Albert. Special daughter-in-law Stephanie Seguin. Cherished grandmother of Kaytie, Emma, Brendan and Matthew. Equally missed by her nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Anyone who knew Ann recognized her authenticity, kindness, and generosity – she was always ready to offer advice, love, and friendship. Ann adored her grandchildren, who were truly the light of her life. Although Ann lived in Ontario, Cape Breton was the place she called home. She cherished summer trips there with her family, where she delighted in attending square dances. Ann never boasted about her talents, but those close to her knew she had a passion for dancing. She was an exceptional step dancer and even served as a backup dancer on the Don Messer Show. Ann passed on her love of dancing to both her granddaughters, who also pursued competitive dance. Ann was highly involved in her community, serving as the former president of the Chelmsford Lioness Club, where she earned the prestigious Chelmsford Lioness of the Year award. Additionally, she contributed her time to the Rayside Balfour Jr. Canadians and AAA Midgets Hockey Club committees. The family would like to thank all nursing staff, Dr. Merotto and Dr. Sheridan for their care and compassion towards Ann. As per the family's wishes, there will be no service or visitation. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Donations by cheque or online to the Parkinson's Canada or Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated. www.cooperativefuneralhome.ca.

MONTGOMERY

Katherine Montgomery (MacDonald): Katherine (Kitty) passed away peacefully on April 10th, 2025 at Alderwood Rest Home, Baddeck, at the age of 93. She was surrounded by family and friends which were her joy and comfort. Katherine was born on September 7th, 1931, at her home on the Meadow Road, to

Charles and Margaret (Morrison) MacDonald. Katherine will be sadly missed by her daughter Maxine (Grant) Ross of Petawawa, Ont; sister, Sadie (late Murdock) MacLean, Baddeck, NS; special niece, Margaret MacLeod, Baddeck, NS; and special nephew, David Miller, New Waterford, NS. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Norman Montgomery; sisters, Mae (Donald John) Montgomery, Jessie MacDonald, Christine (Donald) Nicholson; brothers, Kenny MacDonald, Johnny (Anna Mae) MacDonald, Roddie (Josephine) MacDonald; and special nephew, John (JC) MacDonald. Special thanks to Alderwood Rest Home, Baddeck and Foyer Pere Fiset Nursing Home, Cheticamp for the outstanding compassionate care Mom received. The caring staff at Alderwood made her final hours comfortable and allowed her to pass peacefully. Katherine was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, North River, and a lifelong member of MacLeod AMS. She was very active and enjoyed spending her days attending bingo, game shows, knitting club, church services, and music events. The highlight of her day was when family and friends came for a visit. Cremation has taken place. Funeral direction is under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-op, Margaree Valley, NS. A funeral service and interment will be at a later date. Donations to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, North River, or a charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged.

WAMBOLT

Gordon Marshall "Gordie," Sydney, October 1st, 1937 – April 12th, 2025: It is with great sadness that we, the Wambolt family, announce the passing of Gordon "Gordie" Marshall Wambolt on Saturday, April 12th, 2025, at MacGillivray Guest Home, Sydney. Born on October 1st, 1937, in Sydney, Gordie was the son of the late George and Mae (Beech) Wambolt. Gordie was employed at Eastern Bakeries in his earlier days and then pursued cabinet making and carpentry. He then went on to work at St. Theresa's Parish Hall until his retirement in 1996. In 1959, Gordie married Monica (MacPhee) and together they had four children and made a life in Sydney, later building a home and settling into retirement in Mull River. This would become a beautiful haven for all their family and friends, where wonderful memories were made over the years. Gordie is survived by his children, David Wambolt of Mull River, Sherry (Danny) Fogarty of Sydney, Todd (Brenda) Wambolt of Prince George, BC and Lisa (Benny) Wambolt of Sydney; "Grampie" to nine grandchildren, Lyndsay, Megan, Jessica, Rebecca, Gordon, Heidi, Geoffrey, Hollis and David; nine great-grandchildren, Taylor, Brynn, Eli, Willa, Kenna, Rowan, Colton, Sonny and Piper. He will be missed by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Besides his parents, Gordie was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Monica, a mere 12 days earlier; siblings, Powley "Chick", Grace, Janet, Velzora "Tiny", Marilyn "Buck", Thelma, Melvin, Ace, Frank "Dutch", George, Ernie, Earl, Ada and Erna. In his younger days, Gordie played baseball and enjoyed sports his entire life – playing floor hockey at the hall. He spent countless hours in the country, hunting for deer and spending good times with friends. An avid baseball fan, he liked watching the games or a good country western movie, birdwatching, playing cards with his music on and a cup of tea. He could often be heard humming or whistling a tune and was forever insistent on his "good singing ability." He enjoyed cultivation of growing things and as a point of humor to the rest of us – Gordie took great satisfaction in keeping a meticulously maintained lawn. With gratitude for all he has done for our family, we will celebrate his life and hold close the memories we've made together. Visitation and memorial service to celebrate the lives of Gordon and Monica Wambolt will be held at Pier Community Funeral Home, 1092 Victoria Road (entrance on Church Street), Whitney Pier, on Saturday, April 19th, 2025. A gathering of family and friends will take place from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. with the memorial service to follow at 4:00 p.m. in the All Faith Chapel with Rev. Sheldon Chant officiating. Reception will follow from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sydney Curling Club, 619 George Street, Sydney. Donations in memory of Gordie may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of NS. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care and direction of Pier Community Funeral Home. Online condolences can be forwarded to the family at www.pierfuneralhome.com.

MacDOUGALL

Just shy of his 93rd birthday, our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Harold Dan MacDougall, has had the Good Lord say: "Good Show Harold, Welcome Home." What a life! The touching comments made by so many since his April 8th passing, of his love and faith, kindness and decency, humility and integrity, does not surprise those who knew him, even if The Man himself would be asking all to change the subject! Such was the way of Harold Daniel MacDougall, who left his birthplace

of Inverness, Nova Scotia in 1951, landing in Windsor where he eventually met the love of his life, his "Angel" of 70 years, Dolores (Robillard) MacDougall. Theirs is a relationship countless family and friends describe as a shining example of true love and marriage. Simply put, beautiful. Together, they created an amazing life of love, including the family Harold cherished with all his heart. Their children Karen (Dick) Bondy, Gavin (Colleen) MacDougall, Allison (Sean) McGuire, and Arlene (Mark) Muldoon; grandchildren and great-grandchildren that were his and Dolores' pride and joy: Andrew (Gillian), Kellen Levac (Jean-Pierre) & Ryne (Kelsie) Bondy; Miranda (Callum Gunn), Cameron (Maria), Liam, & Braeden (Anna) MacDougall; Ty McGuire; Conall (Tamzin) and Aidan Muldoon; and great-grandkids Harrison and Lyla Bondy, and Quinton and Finley Levac (with Ryne and Kelsie's wee one on the way!). Harold regularly marveled at the life he was given by God and his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, often saying he was "the luckiest man on the face of the earth," which fueled his lifetime of generosity given to so many, in so many ways. A person of deep faith, Harold was a lifelong parishioner of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Windsor, where he developed countless friendships over the years. He was a dedicated employee of Chrysler Corporation for 43 years, garnering the respect of countless colleagues and peers. Harold loved every aspect of life and shared his friendship unconditionally. Strangers to Harold were strangers for but a minute, as his natural easygoing disposition and simple love of all people was infectious. Harold was a lifelong lover of history, movies and sports, particularly baseball, where he continually reminded us that the greatest Boston Red Sox was to be referred to as "Mr. Williams." A natural athlete in his youth, Harold cascaded his love of sport to his family and grandchildren, the latter whom he loved watching and following all their endeavours throughout the past forty years. Aside from his immediate family, Harold is survived by much-loved sisters Thelma (late Don) MacNeil and Killy (Malcolm) MacDougall, much-loved sister-in-law Shirley (late George) Robillard, and an extended group of nieces and nephews in Cape Breton, Boston, and Windsor, all of whom he loved and was super proud. Welcoming Harold into Heaven with open arms are his Mother and Father, Mary Sarah and John MacDougall, both of whom he adored and honoured in the way he lived his life. Likewise, "big heavenly hugs" are coming from siblings Trixie, William Dan, James, Margaret, John Archie, Francis, Suey, Margie, and Elizabeth, and his cherished in-laws George Robillard, Art and Barbara Robillard, and Delima MacDonald. The family express their heartfelt thanks to the Windsor Hospice Team (Mike, Tammy, Brianne and all the PSWs) who cared for Harold over the last month, allowing him to spend his final days in the comfort of his home. Donations in Harold's name to Windsor Hospice are encouraged, a fitting tribute to a man who gave throughout his entire life. True to his humble ways, Harold was adamant there would be no mournful "funeral home thing for me," but we know he is happy and proud of the Catholic Mass that will be held April 26th at Most Precious Blood Church (Windsor) at 11:00 a.m., followed by burial of his Ashes at Heavenly Rest Cemetery, and a joyous "Cèilidh" Celebration of Life at Signature Tribute Event Centre (3310 Dougall Ave, Windsor) that same afternoon from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. All who knew this great man are welcome to attend the mass and celebration of life. We love you forever, Harold/Dad/Papa! Thanks for being the greatest role model for which a group of people could ever ask. In our books, you are indeed, the GOAT!

GRATTON

The family of Sandra Louise Gratton announce that after many years of failing health, Sandy died at their Wolfville home on April 7th, with her soulmate and husband of 51 years, Lawrence, and her daughter, Ainsley, at her side. Leaving this life, her faith assured her that she is now in the presence of our Creator. Sandy was born in Kenora, Ontario and lived her early years in Fort Francis where she attended elementary and high school, graduating in 1970 as an Ontario Scholar. Studies in Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, and then at Acadia University rounded out her formal education. She was a gifted student, outstanding office manager, a talented pianist, a compassionate and gentle music teacher, an incredible amateur genealogist, and an artist of various mediums, including weaving, fabric and needle work and tatting, a traditional form of lace making. One of her enduring gifts to her family is as a loving partner and mother-extraordinaire! The family she leaves in this life includes her spouse, Lawrence MacIsaac, daughters Ainsley, daughter-in-law, Chantal, and her very special granddaughter Mackenzie, who she adores and who is the special "light" in her life. Sandy also leaves many members of her extended family and friends in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada, the UK and Australia, as well as her dear friend Kate,

in BC. Sandy's spirit remains with us all and will always be a permanent part of who we are as individuals and family. We thank God for her gift of life and this beautiful spirit that made us better people. Sandy was predeceased by her parents, William and Laura Gratton, her brother, Kenneth (Mary), as well as her two much loved 4-legged family members, Morag and Dakota, who met her at the rainbow bridge as she passed from this life to the next. There will be no visitation and no service. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. In memory of Sandy, go for a walk with your loved ones and enjoy God's gift of life. Memorial donations can also be made to Chrysalis House, PO Box 356, Kentville, NS B4N 3X1. Sandy's earthly remains were given over to the gentle care of White Family Funeral Home, Kentville, NS. "God is the beginning and end because in God there is no beginning or end; rather there is an eternal openness to newness of life. To let go into this God is to live into the future." – Ilio Delia (Taken from "The Prayer Bench").

FERGUSON

Sadly, our beloved Janice Ferguson passed away on April 9th, 2025 after battling dementia. Janice was born November 15th, 1942. She was a daughter of the late John Ferguson and Elizabeth Gillis; sister of the late Wesley Ferguson. As a young woman, she graduated from Holy Family High School in 1961 and graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing Glace Bay, NS, in 1964 with a diploma in nursing. Janice was a member of Stella Maris Parish, Inverness, and worked for the parish from 1964 -1965. She then began work at St. Mary's Hospital, Inverness, in 1965 until 1977. Her hospital employment continued when she and other medical staff were transferred to the newly constructed Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital where she was employed from 1977-1997. Janice was a dedicated and passionate member of the Inverness community. Within Stella Maris Parish, Inverness she was a dedicated member of the church, acting as a past lector and Eucharistic minister. Her selfless volunteer work also included being a member of I.C.M. Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. She also served as president and past president of the C.W.L. Janice was also a member of Inverness Gathering Princess Pageant and a member of Inverness Events Committee. She received a Plaque for Community Service in 2004, the same year she served as a member of Inverness Centennial Committee. In her retirement she became a family historian, which led to a fondness for genealogy, as well as a passion for photography. These activities led her to discover new passions. It was during this period that Janice gainfully employed herself in scrapbooking. Through this hobby, Janice collected photographs, historic accounts, and stories about Inverness and its people. In this role, she compiled an incredible history of the town. She had compiled scrapbooks dedicated to the town's earliest mining days, its war service, including a thick scrapbook dedicated to the women who had served actively in the two world wars. Through those endeavors, she rescued an unrivaled archive of Inverness town through its century and a quarter. Janice was an active member of the Inverness Miners' Museum and helped in the creation of the DVD and film of Ned MacDonald's book, *The Broken Ground*. For as long as she was able to, Janice attended town events with her camera and continued to document its history as it was happening, whether in schools, the Legion, or the fire hall. Many of these photographs, those that captured special moments in a person or family's life, she would send to them through the mail so they would possess a memento of that moment. Janice Ferguson was a person to whom a great deal of gratitude is owed for her selfless service to the town she loved. Janice will be sadly missed by her two children and their partners, Shannon McAnulty (Shane); and son, Ian MacDonnell (Ayaka). Also, by her brother, Matthew (Matty) Ferguson (Middy). Many nieces, nephews and their spouses will also mourn Janice's passing, John Ferguson (Meredith), Lisa Alford (Trevor), Carrie Ferguson (Chris), Chad Ferguson (Jesslyn), and David Ferguson. Janice also loved her many god children whom she considered extended family; Jon Yipp Jr., Jonathan Vance, Francis Maclellan Drodge, Chad Ferguson, Jonathan MacEachern, Carrie Ferguson, Cathy Ferguson Gavin, and Elsa Hodder. The family would like to offer special thanks to the Inverness Consolidated staff for their care while Janice was waiting for placement in the long-term care in the Inverary Manor, especially to Dr. Egar, to whom Mom gave glowing recommendations. Our thanks also to the Inverary Manor staff and palliative care who treated her with love and respect. And to those who cared for her during her stay at Foyer Pere Fiset in Cheticamp, as well as to Allan MacMaster for his assistance. People wanting to show their respect for Janice can make donations to Inverness Fire Hall or the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Funeral mass will be held in Stella Maris Church,

Inverness, in August to give the family away time to attend in finer weather. A celebration of life will be held in the Inverness Fire Hall following church services. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

BEATON-SCHIECK

Mary Teresa Beaton-Schieck, November 29th, 1935 – April 6th, 2025: Mary Teresa Schieck or Waterford, April 6th, 2025, age 89; loving mother of Michael (Francesca) Schieck; cherished grandmother of Alexander Schieck; dear daughter of the late Dan Angus and Catherine Beaton of Blackstone, Nova Scotia; beloved sister of Finley Beaton, Angus Beaton, Marie Martineau, Alexander Beaton, Marcella Phillips, Kevin Beaton, Margaret Hawley-MacDougall, Marian MacLellan, Malcolm Beaton, the late Ambrose Beaton, and the late Martin Beaton. Mrs. Schieck was an executive secretary at the Stroh Brewery Company and a fantastic cook. No one left her home hungry – her scoffs were legendary. Teresa was an avid reader and had a flair for expressing herself very effectively in both spoken and written language. She was a thoughtful and loving family member who showed her kindness and respect for both family and friends by never missing a birthday or anniversary. She always took an opportunity to express loving comments to her nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews on social media. She was proud of her Scottish roots and Cape Breton heritage and made many trips home to Cape Breton to be with her family. She always ended her phone calls with the expression, "Remember how much I love you." A memorial mass will be held on Friday, April 25th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at Saint Perpetua Catholic Church, 134 Airport Road, Waterford. The family will receive friends at church from 10:30 a.m. until the time of mass. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery.

BOURGEOIS

Velma Bourgeois, age 80, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 30th, 2025 in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. She was a daughter of the late Denis and the late Minnie (Lefort) Aucoin. Velma loved to spend time in the kitchen, baking and cooking. She was a longtime bingo fan and liked to hook rugs. Her best love was the love she had for her granddaughters, Stacey and Mélanie. They were her greatest joy. She was a stay at home mom and worked managing the family business, E. Bourgeois Trucking Ltd. She will be missed by her family and many close friends. We would like to thank the doctors and staff of the Sacred Heart Hospital and especially the staff of the Foyer Père Fiset. Velma is survived by her children, Claude (Shelley), and Jeanne; brother, Leonard (Zabeth); grandchildren, Stacey (Simon), Mélanie (Andrew), and Dylan; and great grandchildren, Nico and Rémi. Besides her parents, Velma was predeceased by her husband, Emile; son, André; brothers, Alfred, Clifford, Eddie, Johnny, Bernie, and Gordon; and sister, Therese. Visitation will take place on Monday, April 21st, 2025 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Cheticamp Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Father Bill Burke officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia or the Foyer Père Fiset-Recreation Department. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LeBLANC

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Shaun Harold LeBlanc, 61, on March 29th, 2025. He passed peacefully in his sleep following complications from cancer, in the presence of his son and after having been visited by many family members and loved ones. Born in Montreal to parents Gloria (née Matheson) and Harry LeBlanc, he would move to Cape Breton as a young child with his parents and siblings, Darrell, Brenda, and Steve. Shaun's life journey would eventually take him all across the country. He spent some years in Ontario and then returned to Nova Scotia in 1987, marrying Sheila Aucoin in 1989. With the help of family, he built a house in Belle Côte, before eventually becoming a father to sons, Nicholas and Dylan. His work life saw him experience the sea as a fisherman in Nova Scotia, and later take on the responsibility of managing construction companies in Toronto and Vancouver. Shaun found joy in playing sports. Many afternoons were spent playing baseball, followed by a BBQ with friends and family in Belle Côte. He also enjoyed playing hockey throughout much of his life. When he wasn't on the field or on the ice, he enjoyed a game of Texas hold 'em. Shaun had a love for dogs, especially his dear

companion, Sunshine, and various family dogs that he lived with for many years, such as Ollie and Shaggy. Shaun was known to those around him as a strong, loyal, and loving presence. He worked tirelessly to support those he loved, and he always offered assistance to those in need without a second thought. His love for his family was all-encompassing and unconditional. He is survived by his son, Nicholas LeBlanc; his parents, Gloria and Harry LeBlanc; his sister, Brenda Burton (John); and his brother, Steve LeBlanc (Linda). Shaun is now reunited with his son, Dylan; his brother, Darrell; and his niece, Sherri, who welcome him with love. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Dylan LeBlanc Memorial Fund by e-transfer to: Dylanleblancmemorial@gmail.com. Donations can also be made directly to the Royal Bank of Canada in Cheticamp, Nova Scotia. Viewing to take place Friday, April 11th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Belle Côte Community Center. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 12th at 2:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

CAMUS

Napoleon Camus, age 79, Foyer Père Fiset, Cheticamp passed away on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Napoleon was a son to the late Joseph and the late Maggie (Larade) Camus. Napoleon was an easy-going man. He would do anything for anyone. He was a fisherman for 47 years. He loved to walk, was a hockey fan, and he loved bingo. Napoleon is survived by his wife, Dorine (Poirier) Camus; son, Joe Camus; brother, Patrice Camus; grandchildren, Jason, Layla, Faith, and Jordon; and one great grandchild. Besides his parents, Napoleon was predeceased by his sisters, Germaine, Marina, Bernice, and Bella. A graveside service will be held in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

CAMUS

Delvina Camus made her final transition on the morning of March 23rd, 2025, at the age of 88. Born in Cheticamp, Delvina was known for her strong will and determination, and her radiant smile, which lit up any room she entered. She spent the majority of her life being a homemaker and raising her four children with her husband, Rudolph. Becoming a grandmother filled her with joy and delight. Delvina loved animals, and her biggest passion was feeding and building shelters for stray cats. There was always room in her home and her heart for one more pet. After her husband's death, Delvina joined the family at the Foyer Père Fiset, where she was cared for with loving hands until she succumbed to the effects of Alzheimer's disease. Delvina is survived by her sons, Wayne (Juanita), and Steve; daughter, Claudine; grandchildren, Travis, Brent, and Mandy; along with seven great-grandchildren. Besides her mother, Emélie Camus, Delvina was predeceased by her husband, Rudolph; daughter, Odette LeFort; and sister, Vicky. The family will hold a private graveside service at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacRITCHIE

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Douglas (Doug) MacRitchie, March 19th, 2025, at the Victoria County Memorial Hospital in Baddeck, Nova Scotia with his daughters by his side. Doug was born August 28th, 1944, the son of Laughlin and Beatrice MacRitchie of Alba, NS. He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Catherine (Cassie) and sons, JL and George. He is survived by his daughters; Estelle (Don) Currie and Darlene Laffin, his grandchildren; Mitchell (Cristina), Jordan, Devon, April and Keilidh, great-grandchildren; Aurora and Aluna, brother George (Mary) and many nieces and nephews. He was employed by DW Matheson for over 40 years as a Heavy Equipment Operator. Dad was very passionate about his work. The family would like to express a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Genge, Dr. Ritter, Paulette and Sharon, continuing care staff and all the wonderful nurses at the Victoria County Memorial Hospital and all the family and community that have been there for support during this difficult time. As per Doug's wishes, there will be a private family gathering to spread the ashes, at a later time. Donations maybe made to the Barra Food Bank.

NICHOLSON

Nellie Margaret (MacDonald) Nicholson, age 91, of Whycocomagh, Mountain Road, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 21st, 2025, at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Archibald and Bernice (Rector) MacDonald. Nellie began her working years at the Morris Chocolate Factory in Halifax, NS, before relocating to Sydney, NS, where she cared for an elderly couple. She later returned to Whycocomagh, where she worked at the Aberdeen Motel, Fair Isle Motel, and provided cleaning services for homes in the community. Her greatest joy in life was raising her two sons; Frankie (Anne Marie) Goswell, Whycocomagh, and Kevin (Ellen) Goswell, Stewartdale. Nellie was a devoted mother who always tried to ensure her sons had what they needed, proudly supporting them every step of the way. She also played a vital role in raising her grandchildren; Robin (Steven) Beaton, Hammonds Plains; Tyler (Rebecca) Goswell, Judique; Justin Goswell, Halifax; Stacey (Evan) Gillis, Dartmouth; and Jessica (Terrence) MacDougall, Beavertown; along with seven great-grandchildren. Nellie also held a special place in her heart for Blaise (Angela) MacDonald whom she considered another grandchild. Nellie was predeceased by her husband, Ernie Nicholson, as well as her brothers, Bonnie and Billy MacDonald, and her great-grandson, Isaac Goswell. Her warmth, kindness, and love will be greatly missed by all who knew her. The family would like to express heartfelt thanks to the nurses and doctors at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for their compassionate care of Nellie in her final months. She deeply appreciated the kindness and attention she received. Memorial donations in memory of Nellie may be made to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Whycocomagh. A graveside service will be held at a later date. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com.

POIRIER

Lorraine Poirier, age 85, of Cheticamp sadly passed away on Wednesday, March 26th, 2025, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. She was a daughter of the late Joseph and the late Marie Anne (Larade) Poirier. She was a wonderful mother who was always there when we needed her the most, offering support, wisdom, and an abundance of love. She loved life to the fullest. She enjoyed listening to music, especially fiddle and country. She loved to dance and was a wonderful rug hooker. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. She was a wonderful mother to her son, Steve Poirier; daughters, Brenda Poirier (late Charles MacPhail), Sarah Poirier, Linda Snyder (late Lionel Aucoin), Hilda (Wayne Lebrun), and Anna (David Scott Podanovitch); a wonderful sister to, brothers, Jean Phillip (Yvonne) Poirier, Calixte (Sylvia) Poirier, Ferdinand (Claudette) Poirier, and Ronnie (Wilfredine) Poirier; sisters, Marie Nanon Hall, and Sylvia Poirier; grandmother to Harvey Snyder, Sheldon Lebrun, Shawn Podanovitch, and Jennie Podanovitch; and great-grandmother to Daymon Lebrun and Willow Lebrun. Besides her parents, Lorraine was predeceased by her husband, Harvey Poirier and brothers, Lionel Poirier and Roméo (Méo) Poirier. A graveside service was held on Sunday, March 30th, 2025, in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

RUSSELL

In loving memory of Jesslyn Lorraine Russell, October 11th, 1942 – March 29th, 2025: With heavy hearts and lasting memories, we announce the peaceful passing of Jesslyn Lorraine Russell in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on March 29th, 2025, with family by her side, at the age of 82. Born in Inverness, Nova Scotia, on October 11th, 1942, Jesslyn was a woman of incredible strength, fierce love, and unforgettable sass. She was the kind of person who could lift your spirits with just a look – or a sharp one-liner – and who made everyone feel special with her trademark greeting: “Hi, baby.” Whether you were family, friend, or someone she just met, Jesslyn had a way of making you feel seen, loved, and instantly at home. A true creative at heart, Jesslyn found joy in the simple things. Her love for flowers and creativity shone through in everything she touched. She was a passionate gardener, talented painter, brilliant quilter, and a devoted card-maker, creating beauty through every handmade creation. Her handmade gifts were more than just keepsakes – they were little pieces of her heart. Family was everything to Jesslyn – her children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, and their children gave her

great joy. Her Cape Breton roots ran strong and proud. She always looked forward to having her family close, especially during the summer months, to enjoy a BBQ on her back deck, good Cape Breton music and the beautiful Inverness town and beach. Jesslyn was the heart and anchor of her family – the one everyone turned to for comfort, guidance, or an honest word delivered with love. Through every hardship and challenge life placed in her path, she faced it all with unwavering strength and quiet determination. Her resilience was nothing short of remarkable, and she embodied what it truly means to be a fighter – graceful, courageous, and unbreakable. Jesslyn is lovingly remembered by her children, Sherry (Cesare) Sbrocchi, Terry Russell, and Glenn (Karen) Russell. She now joins her beloved husband, Andy Russell; and daughter, Cindy Coccia, who predeceased her. She was a proud and adoring grandmother to Kristin Coccia (Shannon Chiasson), Jennifer Coccia (Brett Mullins), and Logan Russell. She shared a deeply special bond with her nephew, Don Macdonald, who was not her son by birth, but loved and stood by her always. Their connection was one of genuine love, trust, and a good cup of tea. Don held a special place in her heart as one of her own, and the family will always be grateful for his constant love and care. Jesslyn also held a special place in her heart for her dear cousin, Ardyth MacDonnell, and her lifelong friend Arthur Lemal. Their constant support and presence in her life brought her great comfort and strength. The family would like to sincerely thank them for the love and dedication they gave Jesslyn throughout her life. The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate and dedicated staff at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Intensive Care Unit and the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, as well as her Home Care workers. Your kindness, attentive care, and respect meant so much to her and will always be remembered. A graveside service will be held in Stella Maris Parish Cemetery on Saturday, April 5th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. All who loved Jesslyn are warmly invited to attend and pay their respects. Following the service, a celebration of Jesslyn's life will be held at Route 19 Brewing, where stories will be shared, tears and laughter exchanged, and her remarkable spirit remembered. In honor of Jesslyn, plant something beautiful, paint something from the heart, or send a handmade card to someone you love – these small gestures reflect the love she so freely gave. Her memory will live on in blooming gardens, heartfelt words, and every bold, sassy smile that reminds us of her. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CORMIER

Florence Regina Cormier, March 31st, 1951 – February 20th, 2025: It is with great sadness that we mark the sudden passing of Florence Regina Cormier on February 20th, 2025. She was born in Gracefield, Quebec, on March 31st, 1951. She was the daughter of Donat and Constance Boulard. As a young girl, Florence and her family moved to Port Colborne, Ontario. She met and married Gordon Cormier in 1991 and lived there until they moved to Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, in 2008. Florence was a transit operator for 23 years and following this became a financial advisor for 23 years. In 1993, both she and Gordon came to discover the joy of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and became members of the Brethren in Christ Church in Welland, Ontario. After moving to Cheticamp, they built a home and ran a bed and breakfast for nine years. Florence was always busy and had a tremendous gift of hospitality and always had an eye out for anyone who had a need. She was integrally involved in the formation of Christian Community Church of Cheticamp and was always looking for ways to help and to share her faith in Christ. Her caring heart and deep kindness will be missed by many. One of her greatest joys in these last days was being with her little grandson, Jaxson. She will be greatly missed by every family member, people in her church and the community. Florence is survived by her husband, Gordon Cormier; children, Jack (Galyna), Diane (Pete), Michael (Lisa), Melissa, and Shawn; grandchildren, Joshua, Kelsey, Alex, Katia, Chloe, Michael, Kaydence, Jaxson, Payge, Jemma, Samantha, Patrick, Brianna, Rodion, Timothy, and Daniel; great-grandchildren, Kane, Maxim, Ben, and Mackenzie; her brother, Yvon (Sue); and her dear friend and sister-in-law, Simone Bowden. While we mourn her passing from this life, we have every assurance that she is rejoicing in the presence of God with no pain or sorrow. God's promises are true, for it is written, "Absent from the body and present with the Lord." (2 Cor 5:8) A celebration of life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Christian Community Church of Cheticamp (cheticampchristianchurchgiving@gmail.com).

MacDONALD

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Aaron Lewis MacDonald of Port Hood, NS, on March 21st, 2025, at the age of 47. Born in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on July 5th, 1977, he was the youngest son of Charles and the late Mary Claire MacDonald (née McDaniel). He leaves to mourn Lewis MacDonald, his beloved son with Angela MacNeil, and Julien, his honorary son; sister, Katrina; brothers, Joe (Ken Nathanson) and Shane; as well as his godparents, Tommy and the late Adeline MacDonald; many aunts, uncles, niece, cousins, friends, and colleagues. A graduate of Port Hood Consolidated School and Nova Scotia Community College, he left with a diploma in small engine repair. He subsequently worked at Halifax Shipyards, then several years in Western Canada on various sites, attaining his pipefitter accreditation, before coming home to his love of fishing and helping his parents and family. He was a proud member of Pipefitters UA Local Union No. 488 and considered many of his colleagues to be his "brothers." A lifelong super-fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs, even when they failed once again to clinch the Stanley Cup, Aaron also loved the camaraderie of others, playing darts and pool, tinkering in his garage, riding his side-by-side, mowing lawns in summer, or plowing snow in winter. One always knew when Aaron entered a room. His booming voice and sarcastic laugh were trademarks, as was telling stories or teasing those he loved with a smirk and a wink. He could always be counted on to come to anyone needing assistance, and his heart and compassion knew no bounds. He held friendship and family paramount. His respect for the elderly and care for animals were testaments to his character. He will be greatly and forever missed. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Inverness Funeral Home. Visitation will be held in Port Hood and Area Resting Place on Thursday, March 27th, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be held in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood, on Friday, March 28th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., with burial in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations made be made to the SPCA, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, or to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CARMICHAEL

Tanya Carol Carmichael (Etheridge), aged 86, of Margaree Valley, NS, born-again Christian, beloved wife of Judson John Carmichael, left her body behind on March 12th, 2025. From room 205 of Inverness Memorial Consolidated Hospital she left, the leaving being her final direct action in her battle with vulvar cancer. (John 11, 25, 26) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life...he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Born June 4th, 1938, in Inverness Memorial Hospital to Marthe E. (Timmons) and Albert E. Etheridge, raised in Cranton Section. Tanya attended Cranton School, Frizzleton School, Margaree Forks District High, Mount Allison, and Normal College. She taught at Port Hood Island, Baddeck, Inverness, and North East Margaree before embracing the responsibility of full-time wife/mother/homemaker, a career in which she excelled. A missionary at heart, called by the Lord at age 15 – "Who will I send? And who will go for me?" – Tanya loved the Lord, loved to read her Bible, and loved to fellowship with fellow believers. Her nuclear family, her extended family, her church family, and her Christian missions were the object of her focus. Her children attended public schools, but-in truth-they were educated at home and in church. Selfless, tireless, and devoted to service, she was guided always by her own compass and her faith in God. Tanya is survived by her husband Judson John Carmichael; daughters Beth, Wendy (Ross Morrison) and Patricia (Joseph Ghattas); sons John (Jyl) and Jamie; sisters Kathleen (Walter Ingraham), Muriel (Doug Ross), and Sandra (Darrell Carmichael) also 17 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, extended family, and her church family. Funeral to be held Saturday, March 15th, at 2:00 p.m., at Margaree Valley Baptist Church. Reception to follow in Church Hall. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

DeBONT

"Those who knew me, know what was important to me, while those who did not know me are not likely to be interested." Raymond de Bont, age 90, of Mabou, passed away on March 12th, 2025. Cremation has taken place. Raymond was born on November 14th, 1934, in Arnhem, the Netherlands. He was the son of Anna (Stienstra) and Joseph de Bont. He immigrated to Canada in 1958. He was predeceased by his parents and his dear wife Theresa (Fifoot). He was the proud father of Maria (Gordie) MacLean and John Joseph (Lyndsay LeVangie) de Bont; and the proud and loving opa of Ellie, Dylan, Payton, and Cullen MacLean, and Auralee, Natiya, Lachlan, and Ashlyn de Bont. Visitation will take place in St. Mary's vestry, Mabou on Thursday, March 20th, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. The funeral mass will be in St. Mary's

Church, Mabou, on Friday, March 21st, at 3:00 p.m. The internment will follow the service. Father Dan MacDonald will be officiating. Donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or St. Mary's Parish Cemetery Fund, Mabou. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

GILLIS

Mary Jaye Gillis was born January 1st, 1980 in Windsor, ON, to loving parents Barbara and the late Angus Gillis (2014). She was an amazing sister to Bruce Gillis and Donna MacDougall (Shane). Jaye thought the most of her nephew Maxwell MacDougall, nieces Kennedy and Gracie MacDougall. Jaye was born into a world full of aunts, uncles, and cousins from across Canada and the United States, with deep ties to Nova Scotia and her favorite escape Cape Breton Island. Jaye's work in media allowed her to embrace her love for the east coast, as she worked in Halifax as a director of client services for Rose Wagner Media and most recently media director for Arrivals + Departure Agency. Jaye has many friends in both Windsor and Halifax that are feeling a deep sense of loss with her passing. Jaye brightened the room with her beautiful smile and loving ways. Her recent battle with cancer showed her courage and perseverance to the loved ones around her. Cremation services entrusted to Families First. Visitation was held on Friday, March 14th, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Families First South Windsor (3260 Dougall Avenue, Windsor, ON, 519-969-5841). Family and friends were invited directly to Corpus Christi Church (1400 Cabana Road West, Windsor, ON) for Mass at 10:00 a.m. on March 15th, 2025. Procession followed at Heavenly Rest for internment.

MacINNIS

It is with great sadness that we, the family of the late Reta MacInnis, announce her passing on March 15th, 2025. Reta was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, whose warmth and creativity touched the lives of many. Reta grew up in Northern Ontario but spent most of her life in Cape Breton, where she shared many cherished years with her loving husband, Burke. Together, they made their home in Whiteside, where they forged lasting friendships that would endure for decades. Eventually, they left Whiteside to reside on Burke's grandfather's farm in Colindale, a place where Reta found peace and joy in the beauty and tranquility of the countryside. Her home was truly her sanctuary, a place where her spirit flourished. Reta was a gifted and passionate artist, known for her exceptional talents in a variety of mediums. Her love for creation knew no bounds, from sewing and knitting to crocheting and needle point. One of her signature creations was her crocheted sheep. With the help of her husband, they designed and crafted thousands of pieces that found their way to all corners of the globe. Reta was also a skilled painter, creating beautiful works in both acrylics and oils that reflected her deep appreciation for the world around her. Reta was not only an artist but also a successful businesswoman. Her ownership of the Mabou Knit and Sew Shoppe allowed her to combine her passion for creation with her business acumen. It was here that she met countless individuals and formed lasting friendships. Reta will be met at the gates of Heaven by the love of her life, Burke, and her beloved grandson Mike, along with other family members who have gone before her. Reta, was the last surviving member of her family, predeceased by her mom and dad, Oswald and Ida Antoine of Espanola; her sisters Shirley, Isabell, Florence, and Helen; as well as her brothers Earl and Gordon. She leaves behind her sons John (Kimberly) MacInnis and Mike (Brenda) MacInnis, and daughters Peggy (Alex) MacNeil and Nicole (Kevin Campbell) Fawcett. Reta was extremely proud of her 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She also leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews. Reta's passing leaves a profound hole in the hearts of all who knew her, but her legacy of love, creativity, and kindness will continue to live on in the countless lives she touched. The family would like to extend their utmost gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful care she received from Inverness Home Care and Palliative Care support teams, as well as her wonderful neighbours and extended family that together, along with her strong faith, made it possible for her to remain in her home safe and comfortable until her passing. Mom always praised the great care she received! Donations in Reta's name can be made to the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to www.Invernessfuneralhome.com. Visitation at the Port Hood Resting Place will be held on Monday, March 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral will be held at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Port Hood on March 25th at 11:00 a.m. Father Sunny Sebastian

officiating.

WILSON

Terrance Joseph Wilson – November 22nd, 1953 – March 1st, 2025: With heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Terrance Joseph Wilson. Terry was welcomed into the MacDonald family of Little Judique Ponds when he was two years old. Terry attended Little Judique Ponds School and Judique Creignish School. He spent time in Sydney and Windsor, NS, before settling in the Halifax Dartmouth area. He however, always remembered his beloved Cape Breton. Terry surmounted many challenges. He lived the best possible life, following the values taught by his parents. Terry worked for Canadian Tire for many years. He was known for his resourcefulness, his love of the Montreal Canadians, Elvis Presley, and his much-loved cats. Terry is predeceased by his parents, John Colin MacDonald and Mildred (Doucette) MacDonald. He is survived by his sisters Colleen MacDonald MacLeod (Judique); Cathy Hirdaris (Halifax); and beloved best friend, Douglas Boutlier. Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, March 20th in St. Peters Church, Port Hood. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 10:50 a.m., followed by the funeral at 11:00 a.m. No flowers please. Donations in memory of Terry may be made to L'Arche Cape Breton. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

ROSS

Margaret Veronica Ross, age 81, Margaree Valley passed away on Thursday, February 27th, 2025, surrounded by her family, in the Harbor Lights Villa, Inverary Manor, Inverness. Margaret was a daughter to the late Alex R. and the late Ruth (Conrad) MacEachern. Mom came to Cape Breton from Cape George, Antigonish County to babysit for her sister, Eva. That's when she met the young fellow from down the hill, the love of her life for 59 years, Alex. They married in 1966 and raised a family of five children. For many years, Mom remained at home raising and taking care of her family. She did work outside the home as her children got older. She worked at Heart of Hart's in Margaree Valley and also, Dorion's Bakery. Mom made the best apple pies, a tradition she passed on to her daughters. Mom was always a phone call away. She was a devote Catholic who never missed mass. She was a strong woman. No words can express our gratitude for the excellent care that she received from Dr. Susie Egar, and for the exceptional care she received from the caring staff (who became a part of our family... we love you all) of the Harbor Lights Villa of the Inverary Manor – Thank you! Margaret is survived by her husband, Alex Ross; children, Georgina (Maurice) Deveau, Sandy (Micheline) Ross, Verna (Gordie) Burns, Albert (Tanya) Ross, and Earl (Melissa) Ross; brothers, Louie MacEachern, Tommy "Boshy" MacEachern, and Tony MacEachern; sister, Eva Murphy; grandchildren, Byran (Sarah), Kelsey (Alex), Kelton (Courtney), Dylan, Sawyer, Shelby (Blake), Gordon (Kyle), Samantha, Tyler, Sara, Dennis, and Hannah; great-grandchildren, Lucie Mae, Hudson, and Rowan. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her son in law, Ernest Poirier; brother, Albert MacEachern; and sisters, Catherine "Girлина" MacInnis, and Carmel Forbes. Funeral mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, North East Margaree, at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Harbor Lights Villa, Inverary Manor. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca. "They may forget... but never let them be forgotten!" We love you!

BASKER

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Colin Brian Basker, on February 28th, 2025. Collie was a loyal, loving man who touched the lives of everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Collie was the kind of person who could brighten even the darkest of days – whether through his infectious smile, a well-timed story from his Hoff days, or memories of running the streets with Hughie, Lloyd, Alec, and the boys. Collie was a hard worker, spending long days covered in drywall dust, never complaining, always providing for those he loved. He met our mom when we were young, and without hesitation, he took us in and raised us like his own. He was more than a partner – he was our father. He never asked for credit, but anyone who knew him could see the love he carried for his family in everything he did. Collie found joy in life's simple pleasures – heading out on bike rides, going on hikes, or capturing the beauty of the world through his camera lens. But his greatest happiness came from spending time with his granddaughter, Elodie, playing and laughing like a big kid, right alongside her. One of the greatest gifts

Collie gave us was his family – brothers, Steven (Linda), Norman (Ann), Chris (Lisa), Colin (Linda), and Lawrence (Cathy); sister, Anna – who, as the years went on, became our family too. Through thick and thin, we've grown tighter as a family. To our mom – Collie's best friend and soulmate for 29 years – her strength over this past year has been nothing short of inspiring. You've sacrificed so much to keep him comfortable, never once complaining, showing us what true love really looks like. Collie is predeceased by his parents, Colin and Theresa; stepmother, Mary; sister, Anna; son, Garrett; and daughter, Judith, lost in infancy. Survived by his wife of 29 years, Kathy; sons, Jeremy (Colleen), and Chris (Kelly); granddaughter, Elodie, as well as many nieces and nephews. This is a tragic time for all of us, but if there is one thing Collie would want, it's for us to keep going – to crack a smile through the pain, to take care of one another, and to always turn the Jays or the Leafs game up just a little louder so he can hear it. Donations in Collie's name can be given to the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or the Inverness Garden Club. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove. Reception to follow in Inverness Fire Hall. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

DEVEAU

Celeste Brigitte Deveau, November 7th, 1965 – February 28th, 2025: It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved wife and mother, Celeste Deveau, who passed away peacefully, at the age of 59, on February 28th at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre. A warrior through and through, she battled heart and pulmonary issues with incredible strength and resilience, never allowing them to define her spirit. Celeste was a woman whose greatest joy was seeing others happy. She poured her love into everything she did, especially through the kitchen, where she found her true calling in cooking. The warmth of her meals was only surpassed by the warmth of her heart and her love and devotion for her husband and children. A woman of boundless generosity, she lived for others and made the world a better place, simply by being in it. Predeceased by her older brother Bobby (Aucoin) and mother Lucy Jane (Aucoin). Celeste is survived by her husband, Real, and their three daughters; Brittany (Evan) Cormier, Kaylee (Emma) and Shelby. Celeste may have left this world, but she will forever be remembered for her kindness, her fierce love, and her legacy of bringing people together, one meal at a time. The family would like to send a special thank you to the whole staff at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, especially; Dr Amélie, Dr Kassy, Dr Marcel, Dr Michel and Dr Paul, as well as Moira and the whole Palliative Care Unit for the extraordinary care she has received over the past several years. Memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation. Funeral mass will be held on Friday, March 7th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, St Joseph du Moine with Father Bill Burke officiating. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DEVEAU

Marie Louise Deveau, aged 90 of Chéticamp died on February 27th, 2025 at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre. She was the daughter of the late John Harris and the late Clothilde Ivy. Marie Louise worked many years at Jean's Gift Shop and at the Cheticamp Fish Coop until her retirement. She was an avid bowler, loved to play bingo and also loved a good card game. Marie Louise was known for her beautiful hooked rugs. Marie Louise is survived by her husband Henrie Edward Deveau; son, Raymond Harris (Dina Cormier); daughter Glenna Mullins (Dave); and one granddaughter, Moira. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by brothers; Joseph, Tommy, Willie, Patrick, Joseph Charles; sisters; Marie Agnes, Marie Cecile, Dora Mae, Germaine, Lucie Anne. Visitation was on Monday, March 3rd, 2025 at Cheticamp Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Father Daniel Gustave officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Palliative Care or the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacLEAN

Annabel Joan Smith MacLean – My journey September 4th, 1935 – February 25th, 2025: It is with heavy hearts, great sadness and sorrow that the family announce Annabel's passing at the age of 89. Annabel

was born in Inverness Memorial Hospital on September 4th, 1935, to Hawley and Flora Smith of Hillsborough. She grew up on the family hillside farm, the little girl with the long wavy blonde hair. She learned the ways of the farm life with her older brother Murdoch and her younger brother Isaac; by her mother's side during the trying years of the late '30s and early '40s. Her father had to work away in the mines of Ontario to make ends meet, returning part time for part of the year to farming. The close-knit community as it was back then supported each other and families helped each other out. Annabel could often be seen running errands from farm to farm and village to village, with the family pickup truck at an early age of 13. She attended school at the one room school house in Hillsborough up to grade nine. She then boarded a train, for a new journey to continue her high school studies in Annapolis Royal. There she stayed with family friends returning home for summers. Upon completing high school she then attended secondary education at the Mabou convent where she graduated with business courses. Annabel then found work at the Royal Bank of Canada in Inverness. She and her best friend, Joyce MacQuarrie, boarded in the town of Inverness and there she made life long friends in this community. It was in the community of Inverness that Annabel met her future husband Wentworth MacLean, the love of her life, and so began a lifetime of loving and caring. Wentworth had to work away in the woods of Quebec in the winter of 1955 and then later a tire factory in Toronto in 1956. In the summer of 1957 they were engaged at home, in Hillsborough. Annabel eventually joined Wentworth in Toronto in 1958 where she worked at CIBC. They were married in August of 1959 in Hillsborough, they welcomed a son, Dale the following year in 1960 in Toronto. Remaining in Toronto until 1963 when they moved home due to Wentworth's father, Hugh being injured in an accident. Wentworth came home to tend to his father's family farm in Strathlorne. Annabel soon found work at an agriculture office in Mabou for a short time, then was offered a job at Royal Bank of Canada in Inverness. Once again, a second son followed in 1966 and Annabel then took a job with the Memorial Hospital's administrative office for approximately two years. It was a different process and she missed the people, the one-on-one discussions and the problem solving so she returned to the Royal Bank and remained until her retirement in 1995. She met so many people from all over the community and the country and visitors from everywhere as well. She just loved people and their stories. The church had always been a central part of her life along with family and relatives, all were very important to her and close ties with her faith and family guiding her throughout life. Not one for practical jokes or pranks, nevertheless enjoyed a good yarn or tale when family and relatives got together in Centreville, Mabou, or Lake Ainslie, there were always stories about pastimes, people and events told with colourful expression to which Annabel enjoyed immensely. Annabel was a tireless homemaker; cooking, baking and knitting were paramount. There would be a flurry of activity in the kitchen preceding a church gathering or service, hospital function, seasonal celebration or just restocking things in the pantry. Many assorted cookies, squares, loaves, muffins, cupcakes, and of course her waffles and biscuits. A number of casseroles were on the menu as well as her deep dish lasagna, two or three at a time, taking part of two days to build as well as everyday meals. Annabel was a member of the Hillsborough United Church for many years, then became a member of St John's United Church where she was a member for over 50 years. She attended church in all five churches within the Saint John Pastoral Church throughout her life. She followed in the footsteps of her mother in law Florence MacLean and assumed the role of Treasurer for Saint John's United Church. For over 37 years, all done with paper and pen and pencil and typewriter; hours of figuring, double and triple checking until everything was right. Annabel sat on various committees within the church, attending meetings with the presbytery, she also was a member of the church GIL women's group, Annabel took great pleasure in attending these meetings and enjoying time spent with her friends. In 1992, Annabel received a special achievement award, from the Royal Bank of Canada in recognition of demonstrating an exceptional amount of "caring"; she humbly accepted with gratitude. Two other words could easily have been added, giving and loving; always one to be thinking of others. She was often visiting the hospital checking in on friends, family, relatives or people she met through work, offering them support love and concern for their well-being and recovery. Annabel took great care of her parents; Hawley and Florence throughout their illness and passing as well as her in-laws Hugh and Florence and other family and relatives receive the same devotion and care. Annabel and Wentworth liked to travel by car, mainly to visit family and friends in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, and Boston; usually a couple of weekends and weeks each year. Summer and fall they thoroughly enjoyed the travel experience with no pressure on distance or time. Annabel leaves behind her

loving husband of 65 years Wentworth, sons; Dale, Darren (Noreen), brother Isaac, nieces and nephew; Heather (Sherad), Faith (Nuno), Paul, Julia, Lisa (Rick), Nancy (Richard), Ann Marie, brother-in-law Jim McAskill, grandson Cody (Sonia); seven great-grandchildren; 20 great-grand nieces and nephews; step-grandsons Leon and Jason (Caroline); and three step-great-grandsons. Annabel was predeceased by her parents Hawley and Flora (Campbell) Smith, brother Murdoch, sister-in-law Mary (MacLean) Smith, and nephew Myron Smith. She was also predeceased by her in-laws Hugh and Florence Fleiger MacLean, brother and sister-in-law David and Juanita MacLean; nephew Gregory MacLean; and sister-in-law Ruth (MacLean) MacAskill. The last few years were challenging for Annabel not being able to do her lifelong tasks; cooking, baking, visiting, or taking part in regular church services. These were all part of her being, she accepted these challenges as best she could always hoping for better days. The family would like to take this time to express our gratitude and great appreciation for all the tremendous and wonderful care that was provided to Annabel over the last number of years. Home care for their support during some of the most difficult times, her many doctors and nurses and staff at ICMH who took such compassionate care of Annabel right to the end. A very special thank you, to Mary Anderson who Annabel held a special place for. Many thanks also, to the kind donations of food, treats, cards of condolences, phone calls from all over; your thoughts and prayers will not be forgotten. Cremation has taken place, due to Annabel's church being closed for repair and that relatives and friends from away who wish to attend; a visitation and funeral will take place at a further date and time this summer. Further announcement will be forthcoming in the Oran and other media sources. Memorial donations can be made to St. John's United Church, Strathlorne. Annabel also leaves behind her fur babies; Sammy who stretched out on her lap to watch TV; Lila who waited every night for her to come to bed and stay with her; puppy Casey was just always happy to see Annabel and share a social tea cookie and a sleep over once in a while. XO

SMITH

Catherine Smith, 85, of Natick, MA, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 8th, 2025. Born in River Centre, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia on March 14th, 1939, she was the beloved daughter of Dougald and Margaret (MacLean) MacKinnon. Catherine, a beloved member of our community, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love, compassion, and unwavering faith. Born and raised on a family farm in a tight-knit rural community, Catherine developed a deep appreciation for Scottish music and square dancing; which reflected her vibrant spirit and joyful nature. At the age of 18, Catherine immigrated to the United States, embarking on a new chapter in her life. It was here that she met the love of her life, P.A., thanks to an introduction from her brother John. They married in 1961 and chose to settle in Natick, where they devoted themselves to raising a loving family. As a devoted mother, Catherine was a cornerstone of her family, nurturing and supporting her children with kindness and grace. She actively participated in her religious community, teaching CCD for several years and delighting her students with her homemade chocolate chip cookies. After dedicating herself to her family, Catherine found her true calling as a CNA at Bethany Healthcare in Framingham, where she served for 25 years. Her work was marked by compassion and pride, as she developed lasting friendships with both patients and coworkers, embodying the spirit of empathy in every interaction. Catherine was deeply connected to her siblings and family, with frequent gatherings filled with laughter, card games, and phone calls that were a cherished part of her daily life. Summer vacations back home to Cape Breton with her family were a treasured tradition, that brought her immense joy. As a grandmother, Catherine was her grandchildren's biggest cheerleader, celebrating their successes and providing a steadfast presence in their lives and faith. Her outgoing nature and generosity of spirit touched everyone she met, and she was known for her kindness and warmth. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Dana Farber in Boston and Good Shepherd in Newton for their incredible care during Catherine's courageous journey battling cancer. A special thank you goes out to the nurses and staff at Good Shepherd Hospice for the compassionate support provided during her final moments.

Catherine's legacy of love, faith, and kindness will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be deeply missed but lovingly remembered by her family and friends. Catherine is predeceased by her beloved husband, Peter Smith (d. 2022), daughter Wendy Anne (d. 1982) her parents and brothers; John Duncan, D.A. MacKinnon, and John MacKinnon. She was the loving mother of Kevin Smith and his wife Patti, of Bartlett, IL; Michelle Holbrook and her husband Jay of Cary, NC; and Linda Higgins and her

husband Michael, of Medway, MA; doting grandmother of eight grandchildren; Alexis, Caitlin, MacLean, Catherine, Camden, Ceilidh, Catherine, and Ian; great-grandmother of Jack; cherished sister of Neil MacKinnon, Jimmy MacKinnon, Sandy MacKinnon, Dan MacKinnon, Mary MacFarlane, Jessie MacKinnon, and Jeanette Campbell. Catherine was also a loving aunt to several nieces and nephews. A visiting hour was held at the John Everett & Sons Funeral Home, 4 Park Street, Natick Common, on Friday, February 14th, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. A funeral Mass followed at St. Linus Church, 119 Hartford Street, Natick, at 10:00 a.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Interment was to follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Natick. Donations in Catherine's memory may be made to: Saint Peter's Parish, 283 Main Street, Port Hood, NS, B0E 2W0.

AVERY

With sadness, the family announces the passing of our mother, Margaret Marion Avery on February 18th, 2025. Mom died peacefully at the Foyer Pere Fiset in Cheticamp, Cape Breton. Marion was born in Belle Cote on April 29th, 1922, to the late Edward (Ned) and Tena (MacLellan) Leblanc. Marion lived a long, contented, faith-filled life focused on family and community. Often referred to as the "Queen of Belle Cote", she was happiest among her family and friends in Belle Cote and enjoyed nothing better than "skunking" an opponent in cribbage – even at her young age of 102. Her wit, her contagious smile, and her keen memory charmed all who met her.

Besides her parents, Marion was predeceased by her husband Conn (Joseph), her brother Lloyd, her two sisters Joan and Anne. She is survived by her five children: Melvin (Sadie), Valarie (Ron) Higgins, Christena, Bert (Suzanne), and Janine (Julian) Ponee; her grandchildren Dana Avery, Tracy Avery, Matthew Higgins, Ryan Higgins, Kate Horne, Isaac Avery, Nathan Avery, Joshua Ponee, Jordan Ponee; and her great-grandchildren Cameron Higgins and Payton Horne as well as many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. The funeral service and interment will be held at a later date. In memory of Marion, donations can be made to the Foyer Pere Fiset or charity of the donor's choice. Special and heartfelt thanks are offered to the staff at the Foyer and to all the dear friends who visited her and brought joy and comfort to her. The family gives a special thank-you to our sister Christena for the years of loving care she provided for Mom. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

CARVER

It is with great sadness and broken hearts, that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Doris Carver, at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on Thursday, February 20th, 2025, with her daughters by her side. Mom grew up in Skye Glen, with her parents, Jimmy and Anna Gillis. Mom then came from Skye Glen to Port Hood Academy as a high school student and completed her studies in 1958, after which she went on to graduate from the Nova Scotia Teachers College in 1959. After teaching one year in Skye Glen, she returned to the Port Hood Academy as a teacher in 1960 and spent the next 34 years there at Port Hood Consolidated School. Through weekend and summer courses, she completed the requirements for her B.A. and B.Ed. at St. Francis Xavier University in 1976. In 1994, she retired following a fulfilling 35-year teaching career. Mom married Roy Carver in 1959, and they became proud parents to two daughters, Lorna and Lisa. Mom, usually with Dad by her side, dedicated much of her time in the community over the years in numerous organizations such as, the Port Hood Island View 4-H Club, the Port Hood & Judique Figure Skating Club and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Port Hood Fire Department. Mom was also very passionate about her volunteer work with her church, St. Stephen's-Jubilee United Church and the UCW, with over 60 years of service. Mom was the most prominent face of the Royal Canadian Legion in our community. She was an Associate Legion member and was the leader of organizing the Poppy Campaign since 1985. She is survived by her daughters; Lorna (Donald) Poirier, Judique; Lisa (Troy Hartlen) Carver, Shad Bay; grandchildren; Charlene (Kevin) MacInnis, Calgary; Brad (Jen) Poirier, Dartmouth; great grandchildren, Cali and Easton MacInnis and Lauchlin Poirier; and aunt, Mary Smith, Whycocomagh. She is predeceased by her loving husband, Roy; her parents, Jimmy and Anna Gillis; aunt, Flora Gillis; uncle, Murdoch Gillis; sister, Jean Murray; and son in law, Christopher Armit. Mom cherished her time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren, always looking forward to each summer when "the kids" would come home from Calgary and Dartmouth. In her later years, Mom became an avid fan of watching curling on TV and never missed a Toronto Maple Leafs game. We will miss Mom's

unwavering support for her family and most of all we will miss her presence. The family would like to express a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Susie Egar, Dr. Ritter, the Palliative Care team and all the staff and nurses at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. A special thank you, to all the Continuing Care staff that made many visits to Mom at home the last few years. She always looked forward to their visits to brighten her day. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 2nd, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Port Hood & Area Resting Place, Port Hood. Funeral will be held on Monday, March 3rd, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's-Jubilee United Church, Port Hood. Private burial at a later date. Donations in memory may be made to St. Stephen's – Jubilee United Church or to the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Palliative Care Program. Family flowers only. Online condolences may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com. "If there ever comes a day where we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever."

CONNELL

Ella Catherine Connell (née MacLeod) passed away February 15th, 2025, in Perth, Ontario, at 98. Her family grieves her loss with heavy hearts and honours her memory with great respect and love. Ella (known as Ily to family and close friends) was born in Whycocomagh, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, on September 29, 1926, the oldest of four daughters, to the late Dr. Murdoch Gordon MacLeod and Ima MacLeod (née MacLean). Ella was predeceased by her husband and best friend of 65 years, James Peter Connell, (retired deputy minister – Government of Canada), her first-born son, James Gordon Connell and his wife Sue Connell, and her dear sister Marilyn MacLeod. Ella attended elementary and secondary school in a one-room schoolhouse in Whycocomagh, an adamant left-hander, who loved learning and challenging her curiosity. Through her parents and early schooling, Ella discovered her love of reading, a gift that sustained her throughout her life. Ella left Whycocomagh to study at Acadia University at the young age of 15, where she graduated with a BA in Economics, in 1946. Her plan after graduating from Acadia was to study Library Science at McGill University; however, not long after graduation, her father passed away suddenly while returning home from a house call. Ella supported her mother and helped care for her younger sisters as they all righted their lives. It was at Acadia where her future husband, Peter, first saw Ily from a distance. They met 'by chance' a few years later, in Whycocomagh, when Peter accepted a job at the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada. They fell in love, married, and left for Ontario to begin their life together. As Peter's career progressed, spanning private industry and public service, Ily managed their growing family, through moves from Toronto, to Belleville, to Montreal, to Picton and Montreal again. In the mid 1960s, Ily and Peter moved their family to Ottawa where Peter had accepted a senior role with the 'new Public Service'. Throughout, Ily adeptly navigated the lives of their eight children, through a maze of schooling and life choices, while actively involving herself on committees and boards to support their success. In the early 1970s, while Peter was Deputy Secretary at the Treasury Board, Ily and Peter took on a new challenge, purchasing a 150-acre property in Oxford Station, where they established a working farm breeding Simmental cattle. Perhaps, not the best economic decision of their life together, The Farm was a labour of love and commitment that became a beacon to their adult children and growing number of grandchildren. Ily was at the centre of it all. She kept everything and everyone moving forward, (including their herd of Simmental cattle, which grew to roughly 120 head). She maintained steadfast optimism, with remarkable and deeply rooted strength and resilience. During Peter's years as a deputy minister with various federal government departments, Ily had opportunity to travel throughout the world. Later, in retirement, they continued their travels to visit children in various parts of the world, and back home to Whycocomagh, to visit her mother and beloved sisters, always returning to The Farm, (down-sized to a 10-acre Bed and Breakfast hobby farm near Spencerville). In Ella's later years, after she and Peter moved to Perth, and after Peter's passing in 2012, she enjoyed the company of her cocker spaniel Luci and looked forward to regular visits with her children and their families. Gatherings always included great food, conversation and good wine. In between visits, she took full advantage of her iPad, using email and FaceTime to stay connected with those she loved so much. She took pleasure in encouraging the educational pursuits of her grandchildren and followed their interests with unequivocal pride. Ella maintained her intellectual awareness and curiosity until the very end. Throughout her life, Ella sought ways to be of service and quietly contributed to those in need. She had a wonderful appreciation of life; never taking it, or herself, too seriously. She

was gracious to everyone and had the unique ability to laugh at herself, or a situation, in a way that raised others up. She was active in local libraries and was a member of the UCW for many years. Ella was respected in the Perth community and was a participant and supporter of the Perth Enrichment Program for Seniors (PEP). She valued and benefited from the Books at Home Service offered by the Perth Union Library. She was determined to live independently in her home and did so until shortly after her 98th birthday, with the help of Ontario Health atHome and the support and friendship provided by Karen Sargeant. Ella is survived by seven of her eight children, Dave (Denise), Bruce (Emma), Doug (Lu-Anne), Jeff, Liz (Paul), Barb (Greg), and KC (Ron); 16 loving grandchildren, Stephanie, Andrea, Natalie, Erin, Sunday, Ben, Sarah, Matthew, Chad, Lauren, Sam, Mack, Amelia, Reilly, Olivia and Emily; 13 (soon to be 14) great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and her dear sisters, Pat MacRitchie (née MacLeod) and Frannie MacLeod. Ella's last days were lifted by family love and caring presence, regular telephone conversations with her sisters, and the support of the local medical community. She will be remembered for her quiet and profound moral fortitude, selfless compassion, wit, and intelligence. To her family, she will forever be a pillar of strength and love. Rest peacefully, dear Mum. As was Ella's wish, cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral service. A springtime Celebration of Life is planned. In Ella's memory, please consider donations to the Perth & District Union Public Library, the Perth Enrichment Program for Seniors, Doctors Without Borders or St Andrew Presbyterian Church, Whycocomagh, NS.

JONES

Annie (MacKay) Jones; March 12th, 1930 – February 12th, 2025. Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea. Annie (MacKay) Jones died in Ottawa on February 12th, 2025 at the age of 94. She "put out to sea," in the wee hours of the morning, with the light of the Full Snow Moon guiding her way. Throughout her long life, Annie touched everyone she met with her forthright but compassionate manner and her trademark acerbic wit. She leaves a legacy of love and laughter in her wake and will be deeply missed. Annie was born on March 12th, 1930 in Inverness, Cape Breton, to the late Peter John and Ruth (Higgins) MacKay, where she grew up surrounded by a loving extended family. The little town of Inverness was always "home" and dearly beloved by her. She trained as a nurse in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia and went west after graduating in 1952 to work at Toronto General Hospital. She went on to become a nursing sister in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) where she met and married her husband Glenn, an RCAF fighter aircraft navigator. Annie and Glenn raised their family in postings across Canada, while Annie continued to work as a civilian nurse. They eventually settled in Peterborough, Ontario where Annie continued nursing, soothing a great many ills over the years with her compassion and gift for making people laugh. Annie served on the Board of Peterborough Civic Hospital, was a keen volunteer for her beloved little church (Fairview United) and helped to create talking books for the CNIB. Predeceased by her husband Glenn Jones. Annie is survived by her daughter Lynn Jones and husband Ole Hendrickson, son Scott Jones, a Major in the RCAF, and grandchildren Grace and Claire who were the light of her life. She was predeceased by her brothers; Dan G., Lybison, Jackie, Alex and Nelson, her sisters; Mary, Isabel, and Evelyn and her sister-in-law Lorrie (Jones) Wickes and brother-in-law Chuck Wickes. She leaves behind her dear sister-in-law Emma MacKay, her "best niece ever" Ruth Skinner, and many other beloved nieces and nephews and dear friends. Annie loved poetry, politics, music and sports (Leafs and Jays). She had many poems and snippets of poems committed to memory including, the excerpt from Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" (above), and Emily Dickinson's "If I can stop one heart from breaking," which she inscribed on the flyleaf of her bible. Annie's last eight years were spent at Oakpark Retirement Home in Ottawa. She shared many good laughs with staff and taught many to say the phrase "Sin agad a nis" (it is done) on completion of a task, just as Annie's Gaelic-speaking grandmother, Mary Ann (Cameron) MacKay, used to do when Annie cared for her as a teenager. We extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Ruth Farey and all the staff who loved and cared for Annie as family. We are deeply grateful for the wonderful care and attention she received. A Celebration of Life will be held in September 2025, at Whale Cove cemetery in Cape Breton. Condolences/Tributes/Donations; Hulse, Playfair & McGarry: www.hpmcgarry.ca; 613-233-1143.

LAPOINTE

Remembering Luc Jacques Lapointe; March, 1952 – February, 2025. Raise a glass, grab a plate of

smoked meat, and join us in remembering Luc Jacques Lapointe – fisherman, carpenter, Lego master and family man. Born in Montreal, Luc traded city life for the salt air of Port Hood Island, where he found his true calling – lobster fishing, tight-knit community, and friendships that last a lifetime, especially with his extended families; the Islanders, Camerons, and the Shore Road neighbours. No one who fished alongside him could forget the camaraderie or The Hake Brothers in full chorus. Luc's earliest and fondest memories were of camping on Port Hood Island with his parents, Thérèse and Marc, and siblings, Marc, Judith, and Anne. It was here that his lifelong connection to the island began and he built a life defined by hard work, simplicity, and a deep connection to the sea. It wasn't long after settling into island life that his charm reeled in his biggest catch – Susan. She became his partner in all things – dancing, fishing, and navigating life's highs and lows. They built a life together in Cape Breton, including fishing on the boat, where they found joy in each other's company and the beauty of the sea. Luc was known for his sharp wit, a love for debate, and playful banter. He thrived on spirited conversations, always eager to challenge others on topics both big and small – from horse jumping in the Olympics to obscure Bible verses. Whether he was challenging, teasing, or making you laugh, he never left a conversation dull. His vast knowledge spanned history, literature, science, current events, and even music. Above all, Luc valued learning, knowledge, and fairness. He believed in questioning everything and never accepting things at face value, always challenging those around him to think critically and reflect deeply. His humour, teasing, and clever provocations sparked laughter, reflection, and unforgettable moments, leaving everyone who knew him with a lasting impression. While the sea called him daily, Luc also found joy in life's quieter moments. One of his greatest pleasures was opening a brand-new Lego kit, meticulously assembling it, and sharing that passion with his children and grandchildren. His grandkids held a special place in his heart – he loved nothing more than taking them into his workshop, teaching them hands-on skills, and passing on his knowledge (often with a charming disregard for safety goggles). These moments, filled with creativity and learning, became treasured memories that his family will hold close forever. Luc embraced all the richness of life, savouring hearty meals like a perfectly cooked roast beef dinner. One of his favorite traditions was presenting pickled pork tongues to new family members, especially to test the mettle of any new boyfriend or girlfriend entering the home. This playful challenge became a rite of passage, reflecting Luc's mischievous spirit and love for culinary adventures. A lifelong Tintin fan, Luc channeled Captain Haddock's energy, Mille millions de mille sabords!. His fiery spirit, stubbornness, and deep love for his family were his defining traits. His greatest pride and joy was his family. He is survived by his wife, Susan; his children, Geneviève (Andrew), Matthieu (Bronwyn), and Hughes (Kirsten); and his cherished grandchildren, Zoe, Henri, Asa, Atlas, Isobel, Esme, Sage, and Magnolia. His legacy lives on in his wisdom, teaching us the value of hard work, having a passion, the love of the sea, and every perfectly assembled Lego masterpiece. Though he's set sail on his final voyage, Luc's spirit lingers in the waves, the salty breeze, and the stories that will be told for years to come. Out of respect for Luc's wishes, there will be no service but this summer, friends and family will be invited to gather on Port Hood Island to celebrate his remarkable life, sharing memories and honouring the warmth, wisdom, and wit he brought to their lives.

MacDONALD

Alexander Joseph MacDonald (Joe 90), February 6th, 1950 – February 18th, 2025: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Alexander Joseph MacDonald, famously known to many as, Joe 90, on February 18th, 2025, at the age of 75. Joe was born on February 6th, 1950, and spent his life serving his community in extraordinary ways. His dedication to others began in 1972 when he became a paramedic, a career he was deeply passionate about. He was awarded the Exemplary Service Award from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, for his 47 years of service, which included a Long-Standing Service Award after 45 years of service. He retired from his role as a paramedic in 2019, but his commitment to helping others did not end there. Joe also served as a volunteer firefighter for 47 years, retiring in 2023, after being awarded Exemplary Service Award and a Long-Standing Service Award for 45 years of dedication. During his time as a firefighter, he served five years as the Fire Chief. His dedication to both the paramedic and fire services is a testament to his love for his community and his desire to help in any way he could. In addition to his emergency service work, Joe was also a member of the CB Club for many years, serving as president and other executive positions. He was also a dedicated

blood donor, receiving multiple accolades for his consistent commitment to the cause. Joe loved the beach and his motorcycle, but most of all, he cherished his walks with Brady, Tessa, Rossi, and his beloved dogs – Brea (predeceased), Ainslie, and Allie – all of whom brought him great joy. His friendly nature and willingness to stop and chat with anyone often led to a funny story or two, especially about his encounters with tourists. Joe was a quiet, humble man who enjoyed sharing a laugh and always had time for a good conversation or perhaps a game of crib. His love for the Toronto Maple Leafs was as unwavering as was his love for his family and friends. Joe shared 51 wonderful years with his wife, Reine Anne. He adored his children; son, Randy MacDonald (Leigh-Ann); and daughter, Taryn MacDonald (Dan), and was proud of the family they built together. Joe had a special bond with his son-in-law, Dan, sharing a deep connection of mutual interests and a great love for laughter. Joe is also survived by his brother, Charlie Dan (Christy), whom he not only looked up to, but would have done anything for; his sister, Karen Hirtle, who always knew she could count on him; and his younger brother, Larry (Kim), who he loved dearly. He was predeceased by his mother, Margaret; and father, Alex Angus. He leaves behind nieces and nephews who were like his own children – Charlene (Frankie), Jennifer, William (Erica), Matthew (Emily), Brea (Tony), Katie, and Mitchel (Vekisha). Joe was a great father, a devoted husband, a natural leader, and a mentor to many. Most of all, he was a true friend to all who knew him. His legacy of kindness, service, and love for his family and community will never be forgotten. Visitation will be held in Inverness Funeral Home on Thursday, February 27th, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Funeral Mass to take place in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove, on Friday, February 28th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Burial to be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. “Rest in peace, Joe. You will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know you.”

MUISE

Bernie MuiSE, age 74, Cheticamp: It is with deep sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Bernie, surrounded by family, on February 14th, 2025 at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. He was born on May 25th, 1950 to the late Denis and the late Marie Louise (Boudreau) MuiSE. Besides his parents, Bernie was predeceased by his brother Roger. Bernie is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Sylvia (Roach) MuiSE; sons, Kirk MuiSE, Keith (Kelsey) MuiSE, and Glen (Myra) MuiSE; his most beloved grandchildren, Mario, Janelle, Dominic, and Luc; sister, Claudette Gaudet, Thelma (Patrice) Poirier, Diane Poirier, and Paulette (Andrew) Deveau; brothers, Simon Pierre (Ethel) MuiSE, and Gérald MuiSE; many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews, and godchild, Guy Gaudet. Bernie was a proud member of the Boilermakers' Union, Local 73, for 53 years. Thirty-five years ago, an industrial accident left him seriously injured and unable to return to work. Bernie loved to travel to Montreal, St. John's, Moncton, and Halifax, to visit with family. He also enjoyed outings to the restaurant with family. He will be remembered for his love of cars, especially antique cars. He owned one that we nicknamed the “Bat Mobile.” Having recently moved into an apartment, he was quite happy to have a carwash nearby. He was a loyal customer of the “Chronicle Herald,” family and friends would deliver a copy two to three times per week, whenever travelling outside the community. Bernie greatly appreciated family and friends' visits during his three month stay at the hospital. A sincere thank you to Dr. Amélie Maillet for accompanying us every step of the way in his final journey. We will forever be grateful for her kind demeanor, patience, and sense of empathy. A memorial service for Bernie will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation or to a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

van den HEUVEL

Hermanus “Herman” Antonius Maria van den Heuvel: It is with heavy hearts, the family of Herman van den Heuvel announce his passing on Saturday, February 1st, 2025. Surrounded by loved ones, he took his final breath peacefully. Herman was born on May 28th, 1949, in Wanroij, Holland, to Martin and Anna (van Haare) van den Heuvel. He was the fourth of eight children. At just 20 months old, his family immigrated to Canada, where he grew up on the family farm in Antigonish County, learning the value of hard work from an early age. Life on the farm shaped Herman's relentless work ethic. He took pride in

every task, from milking cows and chopping firewood to hauling hay by hand. Machinery was scarce, so much of the labour was done manually – a challenge he embraced. His upbringing instilled in him a belief that effort and dedication were the foundation of a meaningful life. He often said, “If you're going to do it, do it right,” a motto he carried through every aspect of his work and service to others. In 1967, Herman earned his diploma in Auto Mechanics and began his career at a farm machinery dealership in Antigonish. Over the years, he worked as a mechanic, truck driver, and equipment operator, excelling in every role. In 1972, he married Anne Musial, and three years later, they purchased a dairy farm in Skye Glen, Cape Breton, where they raised five sons. Balancing farm life with raising a large family required dedication, yet Herman still found time to give back to his community. Whether coaching hockey or volunteering with 4-H, helping out a neighbour or fellow farmer, he led by example, demonstrating that hard work and integrity were the keys to success. Even after selling the dairy farm in 1990, Herman continued his legacy of excellence, working for Zutphen Contractors up until just several months ago. He was a machinery operator and lead foreman, and took immense pride in every project, ensuring that the job wasn't just done – but done right. His commitment to quality and strong work ethic left a lasting impact on those who worked alongside him. Herman's deep sense of family was at the heart of everything he did, inspiring his love for travel and time spent with loved ones. He took numerous trips with his wife, Anne, and other family members, including visits to Holland, where he reconnected with relatives and immersed himself in his native culture, enjoying the chance to fluently speak Dutch with his cousins. His travels also took him across Canada, where he cherished time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Whether it was family gatherings, card nights, impromptu barn visits, or hockey games, Herman made time for his friends and family. He especially valued the moments spent with his brothers, sisters, and their families, creating memories filled with laughter. His presence was a source of joy, and the time he shared with others will be fondly remembered for years to come. His laughter and quick wit were often heard, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he encountered. Above all, Herman was a very loving and devoted husband, brother, father, grandfather/Opa and great grandfather. He was always there for his family with unwavering love and support. He instilled in his children the importance of honesty, perseverance, and taking pride in anything that one sets their mind to, teaching them through his examples the importance of these qualities in shaping a fulfilling and meaningful life. Herman is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Anne of Skye Glen, NS; his children Chris (Karen) of Port Hood, NS, Rob (Cindy) of Coldstream, BC, Brian (Cheri) of Antigonish, NS, Jeff (Laili) of Texas, and Jonathan (Jennifer) of Saint John, NB; eleven grandchildren: Jordan, Riley (Michael), Kira (Brian), Anja, Elias, Molly, Breanna (Christopher), Austin, Ayla, Linden and Lauren; six great-grandchildren: Amelia, Layna, Lucy, Thijs, Penelope, Calder; and five siblings: Rickey (William) Grover of Goshen, John van den Heuvel of Ohio, Toni “Tuddy” MacLean of Ohio, Mina (Lawrence) Long of Lock Katrine, and Peter (Elizabeth) van den Heuvel of Pomquet; sister-in-law Heather van den Heuvel of Upper South River. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Martin and Anna, his sister Tena, brother Cornelius, brothers-in-law AJ MacLean and Tommy Landry, and nephew Joseph. A sincere note of thanks to the physicians, nurses, and staff at the Inverness Memorial Hospital who cared for Herman intermittently these last few months. To the ICU staff in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro – your kindness, professionalism, and care will never be forgotten. Visitation will take place at Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel in Whycocomagh on Friday, February 28th, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, March 1st, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish in Brook Village, NS. Burial to follow service in parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, St. John the Baptist Cemetery fund or the charity of your choice. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7.

MUNRO

George Ross Munro, age 103, died peacefully on Thursday, January 23rd, 2025, in Camp Hill Veterans Hospital, Halifax. He was born in Margaree Harbour, Cape Breton, on October 11th, 1921. He was the son of the late Malcolm Scott and Gladys Maude (Fry) Munro. During his early youth years, he grew up in the west end of Halifax and attended Chebucto Junior and Bloomfield High Schools. In 1942, he enlisted and served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as Flying Officer in Bomber Command and Transport groups in Europe and Southeast Asia (India and Burma). After the war he returned to Halifax in 1946 and joined Maritime Tel. & Tel. as a Central Office equipment technician and later as supervisor for CO switching

sites throughout Nova Scotia. In 1946, he met his future wife Lavinia who worked as a telephone operator. They were married August 17th, 1947 and were together for 72 years living in the Halifax and Bedford areas. In the 1950s, he was given leave from MT&T and spent several years as an Air Force Reserve member on the Pinetree Line Radar bases in Senebago (QC), Parent (QC), Beaverbank (NS), and St. Margarets (NB). He worked 32 years with MT&T and retired June 1978. Throughout his life, he always enjoyed his times in Belle Cote and Northeast Margaree roaming the fields and up the brooks fishing. He will be sadly missed by his son Ross (Henrietta) and daughter Nancy (Wayne). He is survived by his grandchildren; Chris, Callie, Allison, and Rachel, his great grand-children; Chelsey, Dominic, Elliot, Lucas, and Sophie. He was predeceased by his wife Lavinia, and great grand-daughter Savanna. Cremation has taken place under the care of T.K. Barnard Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life visitation for both George and Lavinia Munro will be held at the TK Barnard Funeral Home in Lower Sackville on Friday, February 14th from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery on Saturday, February 15th at 11:00 a.m. Donations in memory can be made to IWK Children's Hospital and Salvation Hospital. The family wants to thank the medical staff and volunteers of Camp Hill Veterans Hospital for their care and support. Online condolences can be made at www.tkbarnardfuneralhome.ca

CAMPBELL

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Sarah Mae (Rankin) Campbell, 90, of Inverness, announce her death on January 31st, 2025 in Inverary Manor, Inverness. She died peacefully, surrounded by her children and extended family. Sarah Mae was a daughter of the late John Colin Rankin and Margaret (Mac Lean, Rankin) Walker, and a member of Stella Maris Parish, Inverness. Sarah worked different jobs throughout her life and volunteered for a few community based activities including; the Inverness food bank, Brownies and Stella Maris Parish under Father Duncan MacIsaac. She loved being social and smiled at everyone she encountered leaving them feeling happy and special. The family would like to thank the staff at the Inverary Manor for making Sarah Mae's last years so very special and for their wonderful care of our mother, sister, grandmother and aunt, she loved you all. Sarah Mae is survived by the prides of her life, Donna (Vaughan) Evans, St Rose; Vincent (Cecilia) Campbell, Mabou; four beautiful grandchildren, Lucas and Logan Evans, Kaden and Maria Campbell. She is also survived by her sister, Mary (Rankin) Dobbin, Port Hood; brothers, Gerard (Stella) Walker, Port Hood; Jimmy (Arlene) Walker, Mira River; in-laws, Jimmy Campbell (Porters Lake); Lloyd (RoseAnne) Campbell, (Inverness); Barbara Campbell, (Sackville); Lauchina Campbell, (Sackville); Angus L. Campbell, (Inverness); Gussie (Valerie) Campbell, (Sackville); Alex Sutherland, (Port Hood); and many nieces and nephews whom she loved like her own. Special mention to her goddaughter, Coleen (Dobbin) MacIsaac and niece, Sheila (Dobbin) Cannon, who always made sure she was well taken care of. She was predeceased by her husband of 40 years, Edward (Eddy) Campbell; sister, Jessie Rankin; sister in infancy, Mary Ann Rankin; her stepfather, Thomas Walker and brothers-in-law, Chuck Dobbin, Ainslie Mac Master, Dan C. Campbell, Jack Campbell, and Archie Campbell; sisters-in-laws, Jessie Campbell, Catherine (Girly) Mac Master, Mary Sutherland and Darlene Campbell. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, February 5th from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.. Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, February 6th, at 11:00 a.m. in Stella Maris Parish Church, Inverness with Fr. Daniel officiating. Burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or Inverness Food Bank. On-line Condolences may be made to www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

COX

Our life will forever change with the passing of our dear mother, Johanna "Annie" Hermina Cox (Heukshorst), on January 17th, 2025. The beloved matriarch of the Cox family passed away on January 17, 2025, at the Inverness Consolidated Hospital, with family by her side. She was born on February 25th, 1939, in Lichtenvoorde, Netherlands to Johanna (Broshuis and Fredericus Heukshorst). Annie was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Leonardus (Leo) Cox. Born and schooled in Holland in home-economics, she excelled in all skills and became a clothing designer/seamstress. She could fix or create anything, truly an engineer of all things, in and out of the home. In 1955, when Annie was 16, the Heukshorst family immigrated to Canada, settling on Mabou Ridge. Annie went straight to work when they arrived in Mabou. Over the next eight years she worked at St. Joseph's Convent and the Skye Motel,

all while teaching herself a new language, English. Later when married, she worked at Mary Hills Home and Our Lady's of Seven Sorrows Shrine. Her romance with future husband Leo Cox began in the checkout line of the Baddeck Co-op, when a handsome young meat cutter took over the cashier job when he spied Annie in the checkout line. After packing Annie's groceries, he asked permission to come and visit her. The Dutch couple were married in 1963 and began their journey together in Baddeck where nine months later, they became the proud parents of their first son Fred. From 1964 to 1972 they lived in Truro where their sons Jack and William were born. They moved to Mabou in 1972, where they had their youngest son, Rene. Annie's greatest joy and achievement was her large, close-knit family. She had a strong faith in Christ, and this informed everything she did in life. An active member in her community, Annie left a lasting impact on all who knew her. She taught many young people to crochet and knit in 4-H, volunteered for years sewing at the Inverness Manor, tailored clothes and served her church through the choir, decorating committee and Eucharistic Ministry. There are countless weddings and special occasions where Annie will be remembered as having a hand in making the dresses or anything that was needed. Despite battling rheumatoid arthritis for 45 years, she never complained. Instead, she enjoyed working daily in her flower beds, always showering those who visited with love, grace, a bowl of soup and a cup of tea. Annie is predeceased by her husband Leo and her parents Johanna (Broshuis) and Fredericus Heukshorst. She is survived by her sons Fred (Denise), Dartmouth; Jack (Stephanie), Scotsburn; William (Dianne), Mabou; Rene (Barbara), Fall River; and her grandchildren, Starling, Autumn, Leo, Gillis, Glen, Amanda Lowe, Rebecca (Ben) Strehler, Hayley, Nathan, Lydia, Anneka, Olivia and great-grandsons Kade and Blake Strehler. Annie was the eldest of eleven children: Anthony (Catherine) Heukshorst, Lantz; the late Hank (Netta) Heukshorst, River John; the late John (Mary) Heukshorst, Truro; Hermina (Ted) van Zutphen, Port Hood; Leo (Lisa) Heukshorst, Mabou; Maria (late John) van Vulpen, Amherst; Josephine Johnston, New Glasgow; Louise (Murray) Smith, Bedford; Rosa (late William) van den Hoogen, Antigonish; Regina (Arie) Schop, Baddeck. Annie is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and their children on both sides of the Heukshorst and Cox families. Annie was always close to Leo's family; the late William and Marie Cox; the late Jack (Mabel) Cox, Baddeck; JoAnne (Frank) McKenna, Ontario; the late Mia (Bob) MacDonald, North Sydney; Lenie (Roger) MacAulay, Lower Sackville; Gasha (late Lee) Connolly, Truro; the late Mienje and George Campbell, Sydney; Hendrica Cox, Ontario; Peter (Debbie) Cox, BC; and Melisha (Joey) Davis, Lower Sackville. Special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Inverness Consolidated Hospital and all the family and friends who have visited, care for and supported Annie during her hospital stay the past six months. Visitation was held January 26th and funeral was on Monday, January 27th in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mabou. Burial of her ashes will be at a later date. Online condolences: sunsetfuneralco-op.com. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Inverness Hospital Foundation www.icmhfoundation.com, St. Mary's Church Building Fund, Mabou BOE 1X0, L'Arche Cape Breton: www.larchcapebreton.org or charity of choice. Rest in peace dear Mom/Oma.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" 2 Timothy 4:7.

FINLAY

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Alan Jonathan Finlay on January 28th, 2025; but with joy in our hearts to know he is with his Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven. Alan was born on January 29th, 1953 in Edinburgh, Scotland to Hugh Noble Finlay and Isabella Finlay (nee Bridgewater), both deceased. He is survived by his beloved wife, Wai Ping See (Esther) Finlay, their two lovely children, Daniel Finlay and Laura Finlay (Michael Stastny) and his grand-dog Coral. He also leaves behind two brothers, Ian Finlay (Kath) and Keith Finlay (Sue); his sister, Elizabeth Marlow (Keith) and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. After graduating from the University of London with an honours degree in 1974, Alan began his career as a geophysicist traveling the world searching for oil and gas. He met Esther in London, and after a brief romance they were married in 1980, with their two children following soon afterwards. Alan filled his days with family, traveling, reading, watching movies, sailing, hiking, and cycling hundreds of miles for charities. In 2014 the Lord found him and Alan became a Christian, dedicating his life to serving the Lord in any way he could. Shortly before Alan retired from the exploration business, Alan and Esther stayed at the Inn at Glendyer in Mabou and fell in love with the place. They took over the business in 2014 and ran the bed and breakfast for ten years. While working as

the inn's chef, Alan developed a passion for jam making and baking, modifying his Mum's Scottish recipes and sharing the results with guests, his church family, and the community. Alan has always said that after becoming a Christian, the next best thing that happened to him was Cape Breton. The friendly people, the beautiful scenery and the Scottish culture in Mabou made it as good as being home in Bonnie Scotland. We are forever grateful to the Cape Breton community for embracing Alan and Esther, and for being part of the best years of his life. We would like to thank all his dear church family at Christian Community Church in Cheticamp, the Inverness Community Church, and the Margaree Valley Baptist Church for their love, support and prayers through the years. We would also like to thank the staff at the Inverness Hospital who took such wonderful care of Alan during his final days, as well as those who came to visit and uplifted and encouraged him during that time. You are all precious to him and we love you so much. God bless you, each and every one. The world shines a little less bright without Alan's kindness, passionate heart, and generous spirit, but we are all better for having known his love. We will miss you always. Celebration of life will be at St. Matthew's Church in Inverness at 2:00 p.m. on February 7th. Visitation is from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and refreshments will follow after the celebration of life. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Alan may be made to Inverness Hospital or Central Inverness Palliative Care. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

GILLIS

Our hearts beat with profound loss as we announce the passing of Helen Patricia Gillis on February 1st, 2025 in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Helen died as she lived, in peace and gentleness and full of grace. She was born at home in Upper Margaree on January 4th, 1939, a daughter of the late Angus Allan and Margaret (Gillis) Gillis. Helen grew up in Upper Margaree, attended school there and high school at Margaree Forks. Helen graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Glace Bay in the class of 1959. She was a compassionate, empathetic and comforting nurse in all situations, who loved caring for others. She always believed that her nurses cap was a proud badge of her profession. In the April 1997 issue of MacLean's Magazine, Helen was one of the Halifax nurses featured in a cover article "The Nurses." She was interviewed and pictured with a patient at the Veteran's Memorial Building of the QEII. Her 38 year nursing career included positions in Inverness, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax; retiring from the QEII in 1997 and moved back home. No place was dearer to her than her beloved Margaree. Helen was a member of St. Joseph's parish, South West Margaree. As a firm believer in the power of good St. Anne, she made frequent pilgrimages to the Shrine of Saint-Anne-de-Beaupre, Quebec. She also went on group pilgrimages to Medugorje. Her faith guided her throughout life until the end. Helen's love of travel began at a young age and took her to exotic locations all over the world. Her trips were made by car, bus, on the rails, above the clouds and over the waves. Helen grew up hearing Cape Breton fiddle music, which she loved; because of her reluctance to step into the spotlight, few knew that she was an accomplished piano player. In her youth, she and her sisters scrambled upstairs to bed in the midst of a ceilidh and fell asleep as fiddle tunes and step dancing vibrated the rafters in the old homestead. No doubt there was a symphony of fiddlers and a receiving line of angels greeting her in the realms beyond. Helen's memory is cherished by her surviving family; sisters, Marie Grady (Leland) New Glasgow; Alison Gillis, Upper Margaree; Hughena Boyden (Brian) Halifax; Allana Mac Farlane (the late Ron) Sydney; numerous nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. Besides her parents, she was sadly predeceased by her sister, Catherine; and brother-in-law, Ron MacFarlane. Helen was a generous donor to many charities. Should you wish to donate in her memory, please consider St. Joseph's Cemetery Fund, South West Margaree, Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital or to a charity of choice. The family would like to express our deepest gratitude to Helen's care team at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for their compassionate care during her lengthy stay. The staff of the palliative care unit went above and beyond to keep Helen and her family informed and comfortable. Due to poor weather and travel conditions, the visitation, funeral mass, burial of ashes and reception will take place in May 2025, (date and times to be announced). Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. Let the gentle current of the Margaree River flow with memories of Helen forever.

GILLIS

Gordon Stephen Gillis: with broken hearts, we announce the sudden death of Gordie Gillis who passed away suddenly at home on February 1st at the age of 59. Gordie was the son of (Red) John and Catherine (CB) Gillis of Hawthorne Road, Port Hood. Gordie leaves behind his partner Doreen, his children Vanessa (Blaze), Colton, Dawson (Amber), Riley, and Sierra. Gordie was a Poppa to four grandchildren, Jerzee, Jazmyn, Jaylah, Tiana; whom he loved with all his heart. Gordie worked at Port Hawkesbury Paper Mill for 44 years. He started working there as a Stevedore as a teenager. In his spare time you would find him with his family, dogs, or in the woods of Hawthorne. Gordie will be missed dearly by his loving family and many friends. There will be a celebration of life at Glencoe Station Hall on Saturday, February 8th, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A private funeral and burial for family and friends will take place at a later date.

MacMILLAN

In loving memory of our dear brother, the siblings of John Robert (Bobby) MacMillan sadly announce his peaceful passing on Sunday, January 26th, 2025, in his seniors apartment in Port Hood. Born in St. Mary's Hospital in Inverness on August 3rd, 1955, to parents John Alex and Christena (MacIsaac) MacMillan, Bobby was the fifth in what would become a family of ten children. Bobby started school at the age of five in a little one room schoolhouse in Glencoe Mills, saying that, as the only student in grade primary, he attracted all the attention. A short time later, Bobby and the entire MacMillan clan relocated from their Dunakyn home to the village of Mabou where he completed his formal education at Mabou Consolidated School. Although he wasn't the scholarly type, Bobby chose at the age of nineteen to go into business for himself by buying the General Store in Mabou, where he was working at the time, from then owner, Hawley Cameron. Bobby believed in hard work and helping his neighbour in every way possible. His business, MacMillan's Market, brought him joy, especially in meeting different people from all over the world. Bobby treated everyone who walked through the store doors with respect, a friendly salutation, a ready laugh and an amusing story. Bobby ran MacMillan's Market for twenty-five years during which time he purchased a newer and bigger Mabou building for his business. He always looked forward to his little Christmas ceilidhs in the store with a few fiddlers and piano players dropping in to share a good tune and enjoy a little gileag too. Bobby's store always provided a great stopping place and pleasant camaraderie for the young at heart, and the proprietor was most content when everyone, especially the children who all knew him would come in for their treats. After the store closed, Bobby held other jobs, including delivering The Chronicle Herald newspaper, and as a mail driver with Canada Post. His love for being among people brought out the best in him and sharing witty stories about the 'old' people always put a smile on his face. Bobby always held family very close to his heart, initially sharing his generous and cheerful disposition with his parents, six brothers and three sisters and later offering his understated brand of affection for eighteen nieces and nephews and thirteen grand-nieces and grand-nephews, each of whom he wholeheartedly adored.

Bobby was a person of humble faith who believed the power of prayer helped him in numerous situations throughout his lifetime. Bobby is survived by his siblings, Mary Florence, Inverness; Donald, Mabou; Joanne Fraser, (Laurne, deceased) Strathlorne; Stephen (Diane) Miramichi, NB; Margo Batherson (Pat) Port Hood; David (Melody) Mabou; Andrew (Michelle) Mabou. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers Allan and Gregory, sister-in-law Geraldine MacMillan and brother-in-law Laurne Fraser. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 30th, 2025, in St. Mary's Church Vestry, Mabou. Funeral Mass was held on Friday, January 31st, 2025, in St. Mary's Church. Memorial donations can be made to Canadian Diabetes Association or Nova Scotia Mental Health & Addictions. Interment to be held at a later date. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com. May your free spirit fly with the angels.

MATTHEWS

Kenneth Matthews, age 77, of Truro passed away in East Cumberland Lodge on January 24th, 2025. Born in Inverness, Cape Breton, he was the son of Melvin and Annie (Lannigan) Matthews. As a licensed mechanic he worked in mines in Ontario, as well as various places in Nova Scotia. He also worked as a truck driver. He enjoyed playing crib, fishing, hunting, playing guitar, splitting and piling wood, and working in the yard. Though a quiet man, Ken enjoyed coffee and conversation with friends. Ken is survived by his long time partner, Grace Hansen, East Cumberland Lodge, Pugwash; his sister Eleanor

Thomas, North Sydney; brothers Gordon, River Denys; Donald, Calgary, Alberta; son Andrew (Christine), Mattawa, Ontario; and grandchildren Kalin and Odin. He was predeceased by his parents and brother Thomas. The family would like to express heartfelt thanks for the kindness and care provided by the staff of Colchester East Hants Health Center, Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital, and East Cumberland Lodge. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation or service at Ken's request. Donations can be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com.

AUCOIN

Alexander Joseph Aucoin (1933-2025): A.J. passed away on Saturday, January 18th, 2025 at the age of 92, after a brief illness at the Inverary Manor. He was predeceased by his parents, Alexander and Delvina (Aucoin) Aucoin, his brother Arthur, sisters Evelyn Hickman and Noeline Kircher. A.J. is survived by several nieces and nephews. After a brief stint in the airforce, A.J.'s main job was as a "raker man" for a paving company out west. He then moved back home and worked at the Tree Nursery. He was a poet first and foremost, writing sonnets and publishing poems in The Inverness Oran. Some will remember him as the guy with a newspaper or race program and a pen in his pocket and a coffee, or a beer, in his hand. Some have even witnessed his musical talent (playing the harmonica). Surprisingly, he never liked to be the centre of attention except for when he was a willing participant in the Inverness Gathering parades where everyone would look forward to (Dare to Be Different) his creations. It was only fitting that he was asked to be Parade Marshal when he turned 90. A.J. started painting at the age of 66, collecting various items to create his unique style of frames for his art. He enjoyed going to his art classes with his art friends every week. Sunsets were his specialty and if you take a look around town you will see his art hung here and there and even around the world. A.J. especially enjoyed his weekly outings with his buddy Francis (aka Poncho), a drive through town and a stop at the Legion. He always had a story or a joke to tell (usually the same one over and over – "Did I tell you..." Respecting his wishes, cremation has taken place and no funeral service will be held. Many thanks to the staff and friends he made at The Inverary Manor for his exceptional care.

MacARTHUR

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Herbert Lloyd MacArthur on January 18th, 2025, at the age of 56. Lloyd was born on April 24th, 1968, to his mother, Estelle and father, the late Herbert MacArthur. He is survived by his daughter, Jackie (Meg); siblings, Jimmy (Angela), Bernice (Wayne), Gregory (Diane), and Estelle (Brent). Lloyd was predeceased by his son, Brad, and sisters, Michelle and Angela. Lloyd grew up in Inverness and lived here for the majority of his life. In his early days, he took advantage of small-town freedom by exploring our beaches, the woods and running the streets with the rest of the neighborhood crew. Growing up on the water, Lloyd fished lobster and crab with his father and brothers. Later he shared his love of fishing with his son – while proudly displaying his favorite team's logo, the Montreal Canadiens, on his first boat. Lloyd's life's greatest achievement will always be his children. He was so proud of them, and of his nieces and nephews also. Lloyd will be remembered for never shying away from having a laugh, a cup of coffee, a good card game, and a scoff from a local spot, and of course, his mother's Sunday dinners. The family would like to invite you for visitation in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, on Wednesday, January 29th, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. with Funeral Mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Daniel Tshimbalanga officiating. Burial will follow at the parish cemetery. Any donations can be made to the Inverness Food Bank. On-line condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacDONALD

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Marion Marguerite (Ditta Campbell) MacDonald of Harbour View, Inverness County, NS on January 25th, 2025. She passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home where she has been residing for the past four years. She was 100 years old. She leaves us to join her beloved husband, Duncan T. MacDonald who passed away in 2000. She is also predeceased by her daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Donald MacKenzie, her parents Annie Laurie (Gillis) and James Campbell, her brothers Hugh John (Louise) and Erwin Campbell and her

sister Catherine Campbell. She is survived by her children, Elaine (James) Loftus, Toronto, Carol (Bill) MacDonald, Judique, Edward (Barbara) MacDonald, Port Hood and Leonard and Lyndon MacDonald, Toronto as well as her siblings, Rose (Alexander-d) MacDonald, Niagara Falls, ON. Omer (Maud) Campbell, Harbour View, Daniel and James Campbell, Brookline, MA. Her grandchildren, Stephen MacDonald, Oakville, ON. Christopher (Petra) MacDonald, St. Margaret's Bay, NS, Risa (Brian) Cameron, Hatchet Lake, NS, and Shannon (Andrew) Walmsley, Toronto, and her great grandchildren, Cameron, Drew, Thomas, Kate, Madeline, Claire and Hudson. Marion was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend; a modern woman with many wonderful attributes. Her kindness, wit, indelible memory and gift for telling a story, stories passed down to her from her father-in-law; steeped in the history, people and events of her small community. She was grounded in her faith, devoted to her rosary and dedicated to her family. As a testament to the love and warmth she brought into our lives, her memory will reside in our hearts and thoughts forever. Thank you to the caregivers, nurses and everyone at the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home who were so attentive and caring to Marion. Also thank you to our close family friend, Edwin Hawley for his weekly visits which meant so much to her and to Margie Cameron for her help and companionship over the years. Visitation will be on Thursday, January 30th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Port Hood Resting Place. Funeral Mass will be at St. Peter's Parish Port Hood on January 31st, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Donations may be made to the Port Hood Resting Place or a charity of your choice.

MacKENZIE

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Hugh John MacKenzie in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on January 20th, 2025 at the age of 86. He was born in Port Hood April 16th, 1938 to the late Johnny and Catherine (MacDonald) MacKenzie. Hugh was a pipefitter by trade and worked away on several jobs. He may have been considered a jack of many trades as he was a truck driver and did mechanical and auto-body work over the years. He was always there to help anybody who needed a helping hand. He enjoyed spending time at the Inverness Raceway where he trained and drove horses over the years. He loved spending time outdoors and going for drives with his wife Sylvia. He will always be remembered as a hardworking and caring man who loved spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife and soul mate, Sylvia MacKenzie; for the past 56 years, along with his daughter, Darlene (Hughie), Inverness; and son, John (Tammy), Port Hawkesbury. Along with his three grandchildren Katie, Kolby and Diamond. He is survived by his sisters, Theresa and Mary (Cookie) and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, John Alex, Charlie, Donnie, AJ, Neil, Alex and an infant brother, Steven Alexander; sisters, Jessie Ann, Margaret, and Mary. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025 in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove from 10:00-10:45 a.m. with Funeral Mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Father Dan Tshimbalanga officiating, burial to be held at a later date in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations in Hugh's memory may be made to Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

GILLIS

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you of John Angus Gillis's passing. Born July 29th, 1952, and slipping away from us on January 9th, 2025. John is survived by his wife, Aurea (Romard) Margaree Forks. He was the proud father of Mark (Ramona) Gillis, Fort Simpson, NT, Deidre, Margaree Forks, Christopher (Geneliza) Gillis, Guelph ON, Shawn (Deb), Fort Simpson, NT; proud grampie to Rylan (Jerri), Ariel and Colton of Fort Simpson NT, Ian and Gordon of Guelph, ON, and John of Fort Simpson NT; great-grandchildren, Mia, Holden, Mack, Bryton all of Fort Simpson NT. John was predeceased by his parents, Jerome and Jessie (MacEachern) Gillis; siblings, Mary (Donald R) Gillis, Murial (Tony dec'd) Gillis, Cecelia (Joe) MacEachern, Bernie Gillis, Robert (Diane) Gillis, Marjorie (Donald dec'd) Gillis, Danny (Kelly) Gillis, Sandy Gillis, Gordon (Will) Gillis, Catherine Gillis, Stephen (Deana) Gillis. John was a member of St. Michael's Church, Margaree. John (Spud) was retired from Port Hawkesbury Paper. He was involved in many community activities. Margaree Fire Department, Grand Knight with KOC Council #9936 serving as chair. Participant of Tai Chi and upon his retirement, took a special interest in furthering his Gaelic Language. He was an avid walker, often accompanied by his dog Leo. His world revolved around his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. John always had time for people – always willing to share a story, sometimes with mischief and usually some tidbit of advice. He was always willing

to volunteer for church and community, his latest being a driver for Meals on Wheels. Arrangements entrusted to the Inverness Funeral Home. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 16th, 2025, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the East Margaree Hall, Margaree. Funeral mass was held on Friday, January 17th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Michael's Church, Margaree. Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Burial at a later date. Family flowers only. Donations to charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

HARPER

Delia Marie Harper, age 79, of Inverness, passed away on Thursday, January 16th, 2025, in Halifax at home with her daughter Charlene and family. Born in Inverness on August 16th, 1945, she was a daughter of the late Peter and Annie Mae Smith (MacPhail). She was a member of Stella Maris Parish Church, Inverness. Delia owned and operated C&D Canteen, known as "Clemmie's" which operated out of their home on MacIsaac Street, Inverness for 15 years. She was a founding member of the Ladies Fireman's Auxiliary in the '80s. She lived the majority of her life in Inverness until she took sick in March 2024 from which she spent the rest of her days with her daughter Charlene and family in Halifax. Delia is survived by her children, Mark (Elaine), Peter, both of Inverness, Kurt (Carrie), Truro, Roger (Danielle), Port Hawkesbury, Charlene (Robert), Halifax; sister, Nellie Timmons, Inverness; brothers, Alex (Ann) Spears, Charlie Smith (Jane Ann); 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephew. Besides her parents, Delia was predeceased by her husband, Clemmie. Visitation will be held in Inverness Funeral Home on Monday, January 27th, 2025, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Funeral mass to take place in Stella Maris Church, Inverness on January 28th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. There will be a reception to follow in the Inverness Fire Hall. A special thanks to the Palliative Care Team in Halifax and especially Mom's palliative care nurse, Thea Meeson. Memorial donations in memory of Delia can be made to the QEII Foundation Palliative Medicine (or any palliative care of your choice) or to the Cancer Society of Nova Scotia. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

LeBLANC

It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Darrell James LeBlanc, age 63, on January 16th, 2025. Darrell passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family, at the Aberdeen Hospital in New Glasgow. Born in Montreal on March 26, 1961, he was the beloved son of Harry and Gloria LeBlanc, and the eldest of four siblings. Darrell spent his early years in Montreal before moving to Belle Cote, Cape Breton. It was in Cape Breton that he met the love of his life, a story he cherished and shared often with the nurses during his time in the hospital. He frequently spoke of how his wife, Priscilla, was his better half and how grateful he was to have her by his side. At 19, Darrell moved to New Glasgow, where he began a fulfilling 32-year career at Michelin Tire in Granton as an electrician. His time at Michelin was marked by not only his dedication to his work but also by the strong friendships he built along the way. Darrell was also an active community member, generously contributing his time for 15 years to the Nova Scotia Female Minor Hockey Council. After retiring from Michelin, Darrell worked out west at the Kearn Oil Sands Project as a PLC technician before launching his own company, KSN Automation Inc, named after his children. A proud Cape Bretoner through and through, Darrell always made time to return home. In his spare time, he could be found playing his guitar, writing a new song, building his next project, in the garage with his father, debating politics, or spending time with his granddaughter who he called 'Grampy's girl.' Darrell's bond with Ellie was truly special, and they shared a love that will live on in their hearts forever. Darrell's true loves in life were his family, music and his guitar and depending on the day, the order could vary. Above all, Darrell was a devoted husband, father, brother, and son, but the title he was most proud of was that of "Grampy." He is survived by his loving wife Priscilla (Aucoin); children Kevin LeBlanc, Steven LeBlanc, and Nicole LeBlanc; grandchildren, Eliana LeBlanc and Jackson LeBlanc; siblings, Shaun LeBlanc, Steve (Linda) LeBlanc, Brenda (John) Burton; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his nephew, Dylan LeBlanc and his niece, Sherri LeBlanc. He cherished his family and friends and treasured every moment spent with them. The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the Palliative Care Unit at the Aberdeen Hospital, whose compassion, care, and kindness brought comfort to Darrell and his loved ones during his final days. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to The

Center of Music on Summit. A funeral mass will be held Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Stellarton, with Father Peter MacDonald presiding with a reception to follow at the Sister Catherine Steel Centre. A service will be held in Cape Breton at a later date. Darrell will be remembered for his generosity and kindness. He always made time to talk to others and would give the shirt of his back to help anyone in need. His legacy of love, laughter, and music will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

NADASDI

It is with profound sadness that the family of Helen Marie Nadasdi announces her peaceful passing, on Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, in Inverness, NS, at the age of 75. A cherished sister, niece, cousin, aunt, and great-aunt. Helen will always be remembered for her kindness and sincerity, her whole-hearted love for her family and many friends, and her genuine interest and concern for everyone's well-being. Helen was born April 11th, 1949, in Glace Bay, NS, smack in the middle of her nine brothers and sisters. She commanded nothing but doting attention from her older siblings, and a respectful fear from the younger ones, as Helen let nothing stand in the way of what she wanted, or what she felt was right. Helen attended St. Anne's Elementary School and spent her early adult years in assisted care homes in Cape Breton. She proudly boasted of the medals she had won in track and field competitions during those years. Helen later became a full-time resident at McDonald Hall in Inverness, where she 'found her groove'. She worked at the local bakery for many years – who could forget her famous oatcakes? Helen was also an enthusiastic volunteer at the hospital gift shop, perhaps one of their best customers as well, as she was especially fond of their handmade baby blankets, which she would insist on buying for every single baby born in her wide circle of family and friends. Helen retired in 2021 and moved to the Inverary Manor. There, she befriended residents and staff alike, and of course their families too. She enjoyed being the residents' advocate for her wing at the Manor and excelled in her role as a helper to greet visitors to the Manor. Helen truly loved people. Helen leaves behind many who truly loved her right back, including her sisters and brothers, Irene McInnis, Irma Bester (Wolfgang), Rose Pyke (Rod Hue), Jim Nadasdi (Willie), Dianne McMullin (Jim), Charlie Nadasdi (Natalie), Mary Gale, and Rita Nadasdi; as well as her aunts and uncles; her many cousins, nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and nephews, all of whom she held dear. Helen was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Bill and Helen Nadasdi (nee Yorke); her brother Dave; brothers-in-law, Mike McInnis and Marvin Pyke; and half-sister Geraldine Farrell. A memorial service for Helen will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacKAY

Surrounded by her family, Mavis Maxine MacKay of Woodstock, New Brunswick, passed away on December 29th, 2024. Mavis was born on December 5th, 1939, in Dow Settlement, NB, a daughter of the late Sterling and Clare (Hossack) Cummings. She is survived by her children: Keith MacKay, twins Lois and Lori MacKay, and son Kelly MacKay. Mavis is also survived by her grandchildren: Carl and John; Rhyann and Darcey; Erica, Kyle, Dean, Lisa, and Maria; great-grandchildren, Jack, Ellen, Frankie, Jace, Lena, Noah, and Emersyn; sister-in-law, Annie Jones; along with many nieces and nephews. Mavis was predeceased by her parents; her husband Alex MacKay; her two sons Kevin and Carmen MacKay; her brother Keith Cummings (late Lois); sister Muriel Grant (late Fulton); and youngest brother Paul Cummings. Mavis grew up in Dow Settlement, New Brunswick, before beginning her nursing career, which led her to Inverness, Nova Scotia. It was there that she raised her family alongside her husband, Alex. Later in life, she returned to Dow Settlement, NB, into the old farm homestead and finished raising her family while working in Woodstock. Mavis spent her entire life caring for everyone in her unassuming and compassionate manner, giving selflessly to all. After Mavis's retirement, she filled many days visiting family in Nova Scotia, where she was lovingly known as Grammie, ensuring there was a next generation of crib players and waffle cookie lovers to carry on her traditions. She loved a good ceilidh, enjoyed knitting for various causes, and simply spending time with family and friends. Due to dementia, she lived her last few years at the Carleton Manor where she enjoyed a healthy and happy environment, often surrounded by the familiar faces of her peers with whom she previously worked. The world was a better

place with her in it, and she will be deeply missed. We will love you forever, Mom. There will be no funeral service at this time.

MacPHEE

On January 1st, 2025, the death of Malcolm (Mack) MacPhee occurred peacefully at home. Mack was predeceased by his son Kenneth; daughter Kim; his parents John Archie and Maggie Belle (nee Cameron); his sisters: Agatha MacKinnon, Mary Margaret Jones, Frances McDaniel; brothers John Neil (Pauline Cormier), Tommy (Elenor Chiasson). He is survived by his wife of 60 years Joyce (Timmons); sons Barry, Greg; daughter Erin. He is also survived by his sister Pat (West Roxbury, MA, Danny O'Neill); his grandchildren: Chloe, Kaomi, Rebecca, and Callum; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his own children, Poppa welcomed many foster children into his home, including: Donald, Johnny, Karly, Ashton, Nia, Daniel, Johnny, and his sweet Natalie. Poppa was a plumber by trade, but worked many jobs during his lifetime. These included: Freeman's, American Motors, American Standard, restaurateur, Atomic Energy of Canada, and the Nova Scotia Department of Highways. Poppa was always welcoming. He enjoyed a good cup of tea, a good chat, and a good laugh. Most of all he loved being with his family. Poppa loved music, and although he couldn't play a musical instrument, he could play a mean stereo. He enjoyed a wide range of music, especially the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem. So long Poppa, we will miss your love, your smile, your laugh, your wit, your support, your encouragement, your "How's the weather there?" questions, your stability, your turkey dressing, your unwavering commitment to making the world a better place; but most of all, we will miss your presence. So long Mack, Dad, Poppa. We love you. Bon Voyage. Funeral service will take place at St. Matthew's United Church on Friday, January 17th, 2025. Funeral service will start at 2:00 p.m. with a visitation beforehand starting at 1:00 p.m.

MacRITCHIE

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Catherine (Cassie) MacRitchie, Sunday, January 5th, 2025, at the Victoria County Memorial Hospital, Baddeck, NS, with her loving family by her side. Cassie was born April 17th, 1946, to the late James (Jimmy Howie) and Margaret (MacNeil) MacDonald. She was the last surviving member of her family. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Douglas; daughters Estelle (Don) Currie and Darlene Laffin; grandchildren: Mitchell (Cristina), Jordan, Devon, April, and Keilidh; great-grandchildren Aurora and Aluna; sister-in-law, Aggie; and brother-in-law George (Mary). Besides her parents, she was predeceased by two sons J.L. and George; siblings: Kay, Annie Mae, Stanley, Alex, Angus, Theresa, Katie, and Clemmie. The family would like to express a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Genge, Dr. Ritter, Paulette, and Sharon, continuing care staff, and all the nurses and staff at Victoria County Memorial Hospital. Funeral was held Saturday, January 11th, 2025, at the St. Columba Parish in Iona. Family flowers only. Donations in memory may be made to Victoria County School Hospice Palliative Care. Cremation has taken place. A private burial will be at a later date. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-operative.com.

BEATON

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jessie Beaton, aged 81, of Mabou, Nova Scotia, on December 31st, 2024, in Parkstone Enhanced Care in Halifax with her family by her side. Jessie was born in Glencoe and was known for her unconditional love for her children and grandchildren. She cherished her family deeply and always ensured her home was welcoming, immaculate, and filled with the aroma of home-baked food. Jessie leaves behind her beloved children, Derrick, Corry, and Rachelle; her cherished grandchildren, Sarah and Ryan Beaton, Mathew, Lindsay, and Ainslee Connolly, Jessica, Molly, and Ian MacDonald; her dear daughter-in-law, Bernice Beaton; her sons-in-law, Edward Connolly and Hughie MacDonald. Jessie leaves behind her close sister, Annie Mae MacDonald, (the late Donnie MacDonald) who she was in constant contact with and adored. Jessie was blessed with many brothers-and sisters-in law, including Marion MacLeod (John Malcolm), Sandy and Anne Beaton, Alex Angus and Elizabeth Ann MacDonald, Gwennie Beaton (the late Francis Beaton), Joey Beaton, Danny and Mary Graham, Kinnon and Betty Beaton, Carl Beaton, and Joan MacDonald (the late Angus Tulloch MacDonald). Jessie also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Jessie was predeceased by

her parents, Alex Angus and Katie Ann (Campbell) MacDonald; her son Duane in infancy; brothers, Donald, John Dan (Marion) and Francis; sisters, Mary Cassie MacDonell (Collie), and Mary Ann; brothers-in law, Francis Beaton (Gwennie) and Angus Tulloch MacDonald (Joan); special cousin, Isabelle Campbell; sister-in law Liz Beaton (Sandy). Mom was a devoted Catholic with a smile for everyone she knew. She could often be found walking her favourite trails in Mabou, baking, tidying up the house, or out in her yard as she loved to be busy and active all the time. She also loved to hear or share a good “clean” joke, always followed by a cheerful laugh! Mom moved from Glencoe to Mabou to attend and graduate from high school. It is here she met Dad, and they started on a life-long journey together, which brought them to Burlington, Ontario, and then back to Mabou where they raised our family. Mom worked at Mary’s Hill Home and the small options home next door as a personal care worker. The friendships and personal bonds that she made with the staff and residents at both homes lasted a lifetime, and she always spoke fondly of her time employed there. Mom’s role as care giver would change in her later years as she would require care herself. She and her family have a special place in their hearts for the loving and caring staff at Parkland / Parkstone Clayton Park, where she spent the last four years of her life fighting a tough battle with dementia. As she liked to be busy, and helpful, she could often be found making beds, folding clothes, and keeping the floor clean in any way she could while there! Mom was predeceased by her husband Angus R. Beaton, who she truly adored, admired, and loved unconditionally. They were happily married for 51 years and treated each other with love and respect and were great role models for their children. They could often be found travelling the roads for a square dance where you would be sure to find them enjoying fiddle tunes with their close friends and siblings, and nieces and nephews who were often performing. Jessie’s family will be forever grateful to the community of Mabou, and the support that was given to her during the years that followed Angus’s passing. We are especially grateful to our relatives, and all her neighbours, especially Mike and Helena MacDougall, who went above and beyond in their support of Mom during her last years in Mabou. Jessie was a kind and generous woman with a warm smile and beautiful heart. Her warmth, love, and dedication to her family will be deeply missed by all who knew her. May she rest in peace. Visitation was held in St. Mary’s Church Vestry in Mabou on Tuesday, January 7th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 8th, at St. Mary’s Parish Church, Mabou, with Rev. Andrew Gillies officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Jessie’s memory to the Alzheimer’s Society of Canada. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CHISHOLM

Bernard “Bernie” Chisholm passed away in Inverness Consolidated Hospital, Inverness on Monday, December 30th, 2024. Bernie was born in Port Hood to the late John A. and Marcella (Mac Donald) Chisholm on June 11th, 1941, in Inverness Hospital. Bernie was a reserved and serious man, but he was known for his kind and gentle heart, and his big laugh. He loved to laugh. Everyone in the Port Hood community knew who Bernard Chisholm was, known to locals as a widespread socialite and student of Gaelic culture and history. He was keenly interested in genealogy. An avid storyteller, he knew everyone in the broader Inverness Country simply by asking who they were related to, and he could tell you stories about their ancestors at the drop of a hat. Bernard was deeply committed to his family and friends. He would do almost anything for anyone at the drop of a hat. He would make time for any of his grandchildren simply by being there at every hockey game, ballet recital, school concert, drama production, music recital, graduation ceremony. If his grandchildren were there, then so was he. This was a grandfather who never missed out on his grandchildren’s lives, and they were blessed to have had his love and support unconditionally. Bernie (blue) worked at Stora for most of his working career as a millwright. He enjoyed working with many fine fellows at Stora where a joke could be taken the extra mile. Bernie retired from Stora in 2003 to his new position of grandfather with all its responsibilities. He is survived by his two sons, James Cormier-Chisholm (Laurie), Annapolis Valley, NS; Marcel Chisholm (Corinne) Port Hood, NS; and his sister, Anne (Dave) Peralta, Mineville, NS. Bernie continues to live on through his four grandchildren, Emily, Ryan, Connor, and Callum Chisholm (Marcel and Corinne Chisholm), his many nieces and nephews. Bernie was predeceased by his wife, Frances (Mac Donnell) Chisholm; and his two sons, Kenneth Chisholm and Alan Chisholm; brothers and sisters, Duncan, Alex

and John, Sr. Coline, and Mary Phil. We will miss Bernard Chisholm dearly, his humour and his dedicated commitment to the Gaelic community, as well as broader history of the surrounding area. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Port Hood, on Saturday January 11th, 2025, with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Burial to be held at a later date. The CWL will provide tea at the hall after the service. Memorial donations may be made to Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Foundation. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacINNIS

Florence "Flossie" MacInnis, Little Narrows, Victoria County, NS: Florence "Flossie" MacInnis passed away peacefully at the Alderwood Rest Home in Baddeck at the age of 91 on Friday, December 20th, 2024. Flossie was born on November 5th, 1933, at home on the MacMillan family farm in East Lake Ainslie. She followed in the footsteps of her mother, Mary (MacMillan) MacAulay by becoming a teacher. She attended Normal College in Truro in 1951-52. She began her teaching in Estmere and continued on to Valley Mills and then taught in Little Narrows for many years. She finished out her outstanding career in Baddeck accumulating 37 years of teaching service. In that time, she was such a positive influence on her students, who she cherished dearly. In 1957, she married the love of her life, John "Jackie" MacInnis. Together, they built their lives in Little Narrows. Their years together were filled with love for their children and grandchildren and their shared passion for horses, fishing on the Bras d'Or, camping at Pinehills with their beloved camping family, travelling and square dances with friends. Flossie always gave herself to her family and friends, to her community and her church. She offered support in many ways to anyone in need whether it be a meal, transportation to an appointment or simply an ear to listen. It brought her joy to bring kindness and happiness to others. She was a member of the Little Narrows Presbyterian Church, the Ladies Aid Society and a long-time member of the Order of Eastern Star. Flossie surrounded herself with an amazing circle of close friends. She was often the one to suggest a road trip to a concert, birthday party or ceilidh and would gather the ladies, picking up each one to ensure they could all go together. Flossie is survived by her son, Barry (Theresa), Edmonton and her daughter, Wanda (Ian MacLean) and her incredibly cherished grandchildren, Amanda (Lori), Mitchell, Mya, and Mason. She also leaves behind her sister, Janet Matheson, Fredericton; her sister-in-law, Jean MacAulay, Sydney River; many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was pre-deceased by her birthfather, Henry Johnston, and loving parents, Mary and Philip MacAulay; her loving husband of 43 years, Jackie MacInnis; her brother, Don MacAulay and granddaughter, Abby MacLean. Flossie's family would like to express our deepest gratitude to Mom's many caregivers over the years of her battle with Alzheimer's and most recently her extended family of caregivers at Alderwood Rest Home that meant so much to us all in her final years. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 9th, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, 12 Main Street, Whycocomagh. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 10th, 2025, in Little Narrows Presbyterian Church, with reception to follow. Burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Flossie's memory to the Little Narrows Presbyterian Church or the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia. Flossie will be dearly missed by her family and friends, but we will cherish our lifetime of memories that will forever remain in our hearts and strive to be devoted to kindness to others the way she lived her life daily. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

MacKINNON

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Richard Wayne MacKinnon on December 23rd, 2024, at the age of 70. Wayne was born January 20th, 1954, the oldest son of late Mary Jesse and Murdoch Neil MacKinnon of Kenloch, Inverness, NS. Wayne was best known as a man of simplicity, who appreciated the small things in life. Wayne spent his early years living out west and Ontario before moving back home to Kenloch. Once moving back, he didn't travel far from home. He was happiest when outdoors exploring nature, and could always be found working around his property, planting gardens, cutting and splitting wood, and blueberry picking. On his down time, he enjoyed reading, drawing, painting, and spending time with his cat Mushie Mush. If he wasn't seen doing these things, you'd likely see him riding his four-wheeler or hitching a ride into town, where he would run errands and would often spend time with friends at the local coffee shop. Wayne was an interesting man who was hardworking and honest. He had a quick wit and a gift for storytelling. A man with a large stature

and loud voice that filled every room he entered. Wayne loved to talk and laugh with everyone and appreciated all the kind gestures shown towards him. Wayne took pride in volunteering on the Shean Trail and helping others around him when in need. From filling food orders and delivering it to families struggling, to donating to Mill Road Social Enterprises, the local food bank, various mental health organizations, the IWK, and the World Wildlife Foundation. He did all these great things many didn't know and didn't expect anything in return. In the midst of all of his activities, he found time to be a loving and proud father to his two daughters, Brittany and Vanessa, whom he thought the world of and loved dearly. Wayne is predeceased by his parents, Mary Jesse and Murdoch Neil MacKinnon; along with brother, Elgin MacKinnon and twin brother, John Wendell in infancy. He is survived by his daughters, Brittany Ring (Matthew), Halifax; Vanessa MacKinnon, Inverness; his sister, Wanda MacKinnon, Kenloch; and brother, Wendell MacKinnon (Danita), Halifax. Cremation has taken place. A grave side service will be held Saturday, January 11th, 2025, in St. John's United Cemetery, Strathlorne, NS, at 3:00 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Mill Road Social Enterprises, Inverness or to the Inverness Food Bank. We invite everyone who knew Wayne to attend. To view and share photos, condolences, and stories of Wayne, please visit www.invernessfuneralhome.com. "Life is beautiful in its simplicity."

MacLELLAN

Mary Doreen MacLellan passed away peacefully on the morning of December 16th, 2024, at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. She lived all of her 81 years at the family home on Farquhar Road, South West Margaree. Doreen was the third born in a family of 12 to the late John A. and Anne Louise (MacNeil) MacLellan. She is survived by siblings, Rannie (Marion) of Long Point, Anne (Rod MacDonald) Shad Bay, Alice (Randy St. Onge) Halifax, Lawrence (Jesslyn) of SW Margaree, Kaye of Shad Bay, Rose of SW Margaree, Joan of Dartmouth, and Raymond (Colleen) St. John, NB; sisters-in-law Bernice, Rita, and Jocelyne. She is predeceased by brothers, George, Johnnie, and Hughie MacLellan; and brother-in-law Dave McIntyre. Doreen was our angel on earth, guiding us through the years with her endless kindness and big heart. She loved company and looked forward to every visit from family or friends. Whether you travelled from another province or country, or lived minutes away, you could see the genuine happiness in her eyes when she saw you. Her many nieces and nephews were her pride and joy. You could always count on a birthday, Christmas, Valentine's, Halloween, or Easter card from Doreen, and they were never late. Most recently, Aunt Doreen looked forward to her regular outings to see her grandnephews, always arriving with a bag full of treats. She wouldn't turn down a stop at the Goat for a lemon dream bar either. Dinny was often lucky playing radio bingo and she couldn't resist a round or two in the "cake walk" at the Fall Fair. She loved music and could often be found tapping her foot and clapping her hands at the Broad Cove Concert or the square dances in SW Margaree. Her quiet nature was surpassed by the love and kindness you felt in her presence. She will be missed by all that knew her. Funeral mass was held Friday, December 20th, at St. Joseph's Church, South West Margaree. The funeral was under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree, NS. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Joseph's Hall committee. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacPHEE

Sister Catherine MacPhee (S.S. Anna of Rome), 109, the oldest member of the Congregation of Notre Dame, died at the CND Health Care Centre on January 4th, 2025. She was in her 90th year of religious life. Catherine was born in Colindale, Port Hood, NS, on March 21st, 1915, the daughter of the late Angus and Mary Ann (MacIsaac) MacPhee. She entered the Congregation of Notre Dame in 1933 and made First Vows in 1935. We are grateful for Catherine's life and her loving commitment to God which was expressed through her life of mission and service within the Congregation of Notre Dame. Catherine was ever a teacher, dedicated to the elementary students in her care for almost 40 years. Following retirement, she accepted the challenge of teaching Catechetics in Evansburg and, later, in Drayton Valley, Alberta. On her return to Nova Scotia, she participated in the vital role of teaching Literacy to adult learners. Sister Catherine's final years were spent at Parkland Cape Breton and the CND Health Care Centre where she focussed on intercessory prayer and personal presence. Throughout her life, Sister Catherine maintained a spirit of joy and independence with a genuine interest in others; be it family, students, CNDs, or friends she met along the way. Her faith and stamina were a strong witness of God's

tender care and her faithfulness to the journey of life. Sister Catherine is survived by her devoted nieces, nephews, and their families whom she cherished. Her love for family and her genuine interest in their well-being fostered the closeness she maintained with them throughout her life. She was predeceased by brothers, Angus Leo, John (Marie), Leo and Alex (Ann Marie); sisters, Theresa (Fred) Weymouth, Anne (Rupert) Phalen, Florence (Ernie) Maloney, and Sr. Margaret (S.S. Maura) CND. Visitation was held 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7th at T.W. Curry Parkview Chapel with a prayer vigil at 3:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8th, at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, Fr. Bill Burke officiating. Interment in Resurrection Cemetery, Sydney Forks, NS, in the spring. To view the service, or to leave a memory or condolence for her family, please visit www.twcurry.com.

MURRAY

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of Louise Murray (nee MacLellan) from complications of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy on December 22nd, 2024, at Maplestone Enhanced Care, Halifax, surrounded by loved ones. Louise grew up in Strathlorne, Cape Breton, and moved to Halifax as a young adult before making her home in Wellington. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Paul Murray of Wellington, Nova Scotia, and her much-loved daughter, Dr. Jessica Sharpe, and son-in-law, Dr. Shaun Sharpe, of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. She is also survived by her siblings, Elizabeth Ann (Ivan) Gillis of Burlington, Ontario; Jane (Lou Delaney) MacLellan of Calgary, Alberta; Arlene (Elwin) Smith of Mabou, Nova Scotia; John (Mayvis) MacLellan of Rivers, Manitoba; and Tish MacLellan of Ottawa, Ontario; as well as her sister-in-law Cathy (Frank) MacMillan of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews who live across Canada and the United States will miss their “Auntie Weesie”. She was predeceased by her parents, Ronald and Jessie MacLellan, and her brother, Allan MacLellan, all of Strathlorne, Nova Scotia, and her nephew Justin Ernst of Ottawa, Ontario. Louise (Weese-E) sadly leaves behind the remaining ladies of the White Point Five (WP5): Jane Webber, Wenda Densmore, Eleanor Hall, and Laurene MacDonald. A group of friends that carried each other and cared for each other through several decades of teaching, relationships, joys, and losses. Louise followed in the footsteps of her mother and older sister and chose a career as a teacher. She taught business education in both Sackville and Millwood High Schools for three decades, as well as one year at Inverness Consolidated High School at the beginning of her career. She was genuinely fulfilled by teaching and by her relationships with fellow teachers and students. Her teaching credentials were grounded in a Bachelor of Education degree from Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's University, Halifax. We would like to thank the staff of Maplestone Enhanced Care for their support and care of Louise over the past 19 months. We would also like to thank the caregivers who supported and showed kindness to Louise while she was still able to live at home, especially Nancy Gucciardi. Louise had a love of shoes, dangly earrings, scarves, wearing pink, and having a good laugh! A celebration of her life was held on December 29th, 2024, at JA Snow Funeral Home at 339 Lacewood Drive, Halifax, NS.

TOMPKINS

It is with great sadness and broken hearts we, the family, announce the peaceful passing of our mother, Jessie Mary (Coady) Tompkins of Big Brook, Margaree. We said good bye to Mom on January 2nd, 2025, in Inverness Consolidated Hospital. Jessie was born on February 27th, 1925, to the late Peter Jack and Rebecca Jane (Dunn) Coady. Jessie enjoyed being surrounded by family and friends. She loved making jigsaw puzzles, playing cards (skip bo and crib), listening to fiddle tunes on the radio, knitting and crocheting. She was delighted to share one of her “hot toddies” to her visitors. “Old Sam” was well known in her household. She was predeceased by her husband, Patrick Jack “Patty Pat.” She is survived by her nine children: Patrick (Doreen), Martin, Marie, Robert, Francis (Karen), Carolyn (Stephen), Joan, Al (Marcia), Colin (Anita); 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all. Visitation was held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, N.E. Margaree, on Monday, January 6th, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00p.m. Funeral mass was Tuesday, January 7th, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church, N. E. Margaree. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery. We would like to thank Micheline Ross, Renee Peters, and Susie Paddon, you were so generous and kind visiting and spending time with Mom over the last few months before she was admitted to hospital. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses

who provided compassionate and comfort care in her last few days. Family flowers only please. Memorial donations in memory of the late Jessie Tompkins may be made to St. Patrick's CWL. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

NICHOLSON

With deep sadness the family of Ada Marie Nicholson (Smith) announce her unexpected passing on December 16th, 2024. Marie is predeceased by her husband Donald Nicholson. She is survived by her children: Donna, Colin, and Gordon (Brenda); grandchildren: Meghan, Alex, Samantha, Tyler, and Erika; great-grandsons: Kingston, Dominic, and Kasey; sisters-in-law, Shirley Hart and Irene Nicholson; and brother-in-law, Alex Nicholson. Marie will be missed by many nieces and nephews who she cherished deeply. Marie is predeceased by brothers: Thurlow, (Catherine) Smith, Jimmy (Cecilia) Smith, and sister Shirley (Norman) Smith; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: John, Allan (Alice, Mabel), Barbara, Irvin, Anna, Ray (Lois), Wayne Hart; nephew, Terrance Nicholson; and niece, Brenda Nicholson. Marie was born and raised in Port Hood and enjoyed time spent with family on Port Hood Island and Princeville. After graduating high school, she attended nursing school at the Glace Bay General Hospital and later completed the Public Health program at Dalhousie University. As an RN she worked at the Inverness Hospital, as well as hospitals in St. Catherine's and Toronto, Ontario. Marie took time from her career to raise her children and returned to nursing in the 1970s where she worked in long-term care homes in Milton and Georgetown, Ontario, until Marie and Donald retired and moved back to Nova Scotia in 1986. After moving to Middle River, Marie enjoyed volunteering in her community. She was actively involved with the Middle River United Church, the Victoria County Memorial Hospital, the Middle River Community Hall, the Middle River Seniors Club, and the local Food Bank. Marie enjoyed music, playing the piano, crafts, gardening, and swimming (especially at Port Hood Beach). Marie enjoyed being surrounded by her family and friends. She enjoyed meeting new people and could quickly find a connection and common interest with others. Marie showed her determination, independence, and strength the last few years when she was adamant to remain active and independent, despite losing her vision. The family would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the staff at MacLeod House, Dr. Tribo, the nurses and staff at Victoria County Memorial Hospital, and the staff at Alderwood Rest Home for their exceptional care and compassion given to Marie. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Middle River Cemetery (c/o 171 Indian Brook Rd, Middle River, NS B0E1B0), the Middle River Community Hall (c/o A. Dauphney, 205 Gairloch Mtn Rd, Middle River, NS, B0E 1B0), the CNIB or any charity of your choice. A funeral service was held on December 28th, 2024, at the Middle River United Church at 1:00 p.m. with interment at the Middle River Cemetery, weather permitting. A memorial gathering will follow at the Middle River Community Hall. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacNEIL

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Hughena Macneil (nee Kennedy), of Fredericton, N.B. She died in Fredericton, New Brunswick at age 87, on December 8th, 2024, surrounded by her children. Hughena was born in Inverness County, Cape Breton, on October 11th, 1937, to Archibald Kennedy and Catherine Florence (MacIsaac) of Dunvegan, NS. She is predeceased by her husband David, elder brothers John Archie and Ranald (Penny), her parents, and many beloved aunts and uncles. She is survived by her sister Christina Kendzoria (Lloyd, d) of Azilda, Ontario, her close cousin Eleanor (Neil, d), her children Leo (Kitty Maurey), Hugh, Catherine (Simon Corrin), Iain (Heather MacLean), and grandchildren Adi, Benjamin, and Samuel. Many cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family will mourn her loss. She graduated from Nova Scotia Teachers College in 1956 and St Frances Xavier University 1961. She taught locally and in Alberta and later New Brunswick. With her own beloved car, she drove across the country to Edmonton, where she enjoyed her independence, including skiing in Banff and road trips all the way to Mexico. Family called her closer to home, so she next attended University of New Brunswick '67-'68. She met her husband when they were graduate students at UNB where they courted over ten-cent cups of tea. They settled in Fredericton, where they raised their family. Hughena was an energetic member of many organizations such as St. Dunstan's Parish and UNB. She had a passion for organizations supporting the education of young people. She loved the arts: literature, visual art, drama, and dance. She loved music most of all, beginning with the fiddle tunes her father

played at parties when she was young, tunes that stayed close to her heart all her life. The love of Gaelic Cape Breton music and culture lives on in her family. She was a talented storyteller and she never met a person that she didn't want to engage with in a searching conversation. Spirited and irrepressibly gregarious, she was a valued friend to many in every walk of life and in several countries around the world. Hughena was a fierce advocate that everyone should be encouraged to share to the fullest their God-given talents. She struggled with having dementia and the loss of independence that it brought. But she never lost her drive to connect with others, just her ability to do so. Her love of music, vocabulary, and her connections with family and friends persisted. Her children wish to express gratitude to the many caregivers on whom she depended in her last years. Visitation was at Bishop's Funeral Home on Thursday, December 12th, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The funeral mass was at St. Dunstan's on Friday, December 13th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., with a reception following at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. For those unable to attend the mass in person, the funeral can be watched online by clicking the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmarymagdaleneparishmass1528/streams>. Hughena was an educator. For those who wish, donations in her memory may be made to the David and Hughena Macneil Scholarship fund administered by UNB Fredericton.

BEATON

It is with great sadness that the family of Catherine "Cathy" Ann Beaton (MacLellan), of Northeast Mabou, revered as a pillar of strength, bravery, and unyielding fortitude, announce her passing on December 9th, 2024. She left this world peacefully, surrounded by her loved ones, in the comfort of her own home. Cathy was born in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on February 26th, 1953, to the late Christine Catherine Maclellan. Cathy was known for her clever wit and undeniably loving spirit she brought into the world. Cathy often spoke fondly of her upbringing in Blackstone. She married Donald Alexander on May 8th, 1976, and settled in Mabou to build their life. Cathy lived life to the fullest; she worked as a bookkeeper at the Mabou Co-op, opened a consignment shop in Mabou, ran the Mabou arena restaurant, baked at Shining Waters Café and wrapped up her life's work as a Personal Care Worker, doing Home Care locally, in the surrounding area, as well as in Fort McMurray, AB. Recreationally, throughout out her wonderful life, she was part of a bowling league, a fierce curling team member, she dabbled in tole painting, sewing, knitting, CWL, amateur interior design (of her own home), as well as head cheerleader for her children's many teams. Cathy will be lovingly and forever remembered by her devoted husband, Donald Alexander Beaton; her beloved children, Clayton Beaton and spouse Maggie Grant, Amy Beaton and spouse Christian Jones, their daughters Lucy and Emma Beaton, and Barrett Beaton and spouse Anna Beaton, their son Zander Beaton. She is also survived by her siblings, Angus MacDonald (Catherine), Lawrence MacDonald (M.C.), John J. MacDonald (Joan), Anna Beaton, Marguerite MacDonald (Jimmy), and Lexena Power. With a hefty family tree and a family consisting of both blood ties and bonds formed from the heart, Cathy's reach was as far as it was wide, and she was cherished deeply by many. She is joined in rest by her biological mother, Christine Mainville (MacLellan); her parents, Archie Joseph and Mary Catherine MacDonald; her revered uncle, Archie Dan MacLellan; and her brother, Malcom MacDonald; along with many other loved ones throughout her life. In 2015, Cathy gladly and gratefully retired to divide her time between some greatly enjoyed travelling, her children and beautiful grandchildren, and of course the home of our hearts, Mabou. Visitation was held in St. Mary's Church, Mabou from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15th, and a celebration of Cathy's life took place on Monday, December 16th, also in St. Mary's Church, Mabou, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Inverness Hospital Charitable Foundation, Inverness Oncology Department, an organization the family is forever indebted to for the dignified compassion Cathy received while in their care. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CAMUS

Edouard Joseph Camus, age 83, Petit Etang, passed away on Saturday, December 7th, 2024, in the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney. Eddie Joe was a son to the late Joseph and the late Catherine (LaPierre) Camus. Eddie Joe moved to Ontario in 1964. He married Annie Mae in 1966. He started working for Ford Canada in Oakville, Ontario, in 1965 until his retirement in 1994. He and Annie Mae moved back home to Cheticamp in 2007. In retirement, he enjoyed hunting and trout fishing, especially with his brother, Daniel. His passion was guns. He was a collector of guns and a certified gunsmith. He

loved a good debate, always insisting he was right. He loved his kids and grandchildren. Eddie Joe took very good care of his wife, Annie Mae. His compassionate care for her enabled her to live at home securely and feeling loved. He was a devoted Montreal fan. It was always a good source for a heated debate with his brother-in-law, Charlie Dan. Eddie Joe is survived by his loving wife, Annie Mae (Roach) Camus; his son, Steve (Sandy) Camus; his daughter, Denise (Robin) Street; brothers, Johnny (Agnes), Westmount, Daniel (Corrine), Cheticamp, and Lionel, North Sydney; sisters, Marie Agnes Jeffers, St. Diego, California, Annie Rose Bourgeois, Brantford, Ontario, and Catherine (Edgar) Larade, Dartmouth; grandchildren, Rosalee, Jacob, and Juliet; godchildren, Peter Dan, Cindy, and Steven; as well as someone very special and kind to Eddie Joe and Annie Mae, Roy Aucoin. Besides his parents, Eddie Joe was predeceased by his brothers, Joseph, Victor, and Simon; and sisters, Marie Jessie, Cecile Thèrese, and Elizabeth. Visitation was held on Thursday, December 12th, 2024, in the Cheticamp Funeral Home from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass was celebrated on Friday, December 13th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp, with Father Daniel Gustave officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Paroisse St. Pierre or the Diabetes Association. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

GILLIS

It is with great sadness that we, the family of John Kenneth "Kenny" Gillis of Iqaluit, Nunavut, and formerly from Judique, Nova Scotia, announce his untimely passing on December 13th, 2024. Born in 1962, Kenny was the son of the late John and Eleanor (Morrissey) Gillis. The youngest of 14, Kenny was not only charismatic but had a kind soul. He ventured off to Grise Fiord, Northwest Territories, in 1989 for a job his brother, Billy, invited him to join. Once he experienced the northern life, he never looked back, although he was still very proud of his roots. He remained very kind and supportive to his mother (Mama), especially in her later years. Kenny is survived by his beautiful daughter, Oceanna, who he cherished and loved with all his heart. She was not only his "monkey" but his greatest support until the very end, offering comfort and endless love. Oceanna's mother, Robyn, made sure Oceanna spent every moment she could with her dad, while offering love and support to them both. Kenny is also survived by his siblings, Knowell, Windsor, ON; Cecelia, Antigonish, NS; Fraser (Anne), Glendale, AZ; Joan (late Joe), Windsor, ON; Shirley (John Willie), Judique, NS; Hughene (Gregory), Judique, NS; Carson, Judique, NS; Billy (Margie), Fort McMurray, AB; and Cathy, Windsor, ON. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, which include his godson and namesake, Joel Kenneth MacNeil. Kenny was predeceased by siblings, Bernie, Francis, Clifford, Gladys, and Joseph in infancy. We would like to extend our gratitude to Kenny's niece, Shelley, who gave so much of her love and time to help care for an uncle she adored during his illness. We would also like to give special thanks to Don Galloway, his best friend of 40 years, who cared for and supported him until the very end. To have a friend like Don is a blessing. Kenny held several management positions during his many years in Iqaluit, firstly in his own business, Integrity CPMS, also with Northview Property, and Baffin Mary River Mine. Along with spending precious time with his "Monkey," he enjoyed boating, camping, and just simply relaxing at his cabin. He thoroughly enjoyed reading the last number of years, a trait he shared with his father (Papa). Special thanks to Dr. Rebekha Murphy, Dr. Kota Chen, and the team at Bruyere St. Vincent Hospice. Kenny received compassionate and exceptional care in his final days. Upon request, cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will take place in the summer of 2025 at Kenny's homestead on the Shore Road in Judique, NS. Further details will be announced at a later date. Burial will take place alongside his beloved parents and sister, Gladys. Oceanna would like to encourage anyone who is able to take part in the Terry Fox Run, to help find a cure for the terrible disease that took her Dad away. Donations may be made to the Judique Cemetery Fund, or simply tell a good story, as we are sure there are many. Prayers always welcome. In Kenny's words "I love you all!" "Peace Out." Online condolences: www.clcurry.com.

REYNOLDS

Joan Marie (MacDonald) Reynolds, February 3rd, 1934, – December 10th, 2024: Joan Marie Reynolds (90), formally of Port Hastings, passed away peacefully Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, at the Inverary Manor, Inverness, NS. Mom was the eldest of her family. She was born on February 3rd, 1934, daughter to the late Alex A Gillis and Ada P (Grant) Gillis of New Waterford, NS. Mom grew up in the depression

years and learned at an early age how to stretch a penny. She could make today's dollar into a \$20. In her late teens, Mom, like many at that time, contracted TB and spent two years in the Annex in Port Edward along with her sister Doreen and father Alex. The ability to live in trying times developed Mom's character and resilience which enabled her to appreciate life and meet its many challenges. Once her health returned, she moved to Halifax for work. It is there that she met and married our father, Donald. They returned to Cape Breton with their young and growing family. While living in Port Hawkesbury, Mom was an active volunteer with the Port Hawkesbury Legion Branch #43, Girl Guides of Canada, active member of St. Joseph Parish, Port Hawkesbury, as well as of St. Mary of the Angels Parish in Glendale. She had many memorable times volunteering for Inverness County Parks and Recreation Department alongside her mentor and friend John Cotton. Mom was widowed in her 40s, thus necessitating to rely upon her resilience once more. She returned to the classroom to upgrade her education then joined the work force to support her household. While working at Carlton Cards she met her second husband, William, who she married in 1988. Mom and Bill embraced their second chance at love and both families took great pleasure in seeing their parents enjoy life together. Mom was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to her children and stepchildren. We will all miss her kind words, big hugs, great laugh, and sense of humour. She not only loved her family but fiddle music, cards plays, and bingo. Mom was predeceased by her parents and siblings, Doreen Power and Raymond Gillis; as well as first husband, Donald MacDonald; second husband, William Reynolds; stepchildren, Elwood Reynolds and Darlene Ernst; step-son-in-law Elias MacIsaac; step great-granddaughter Sydney Reynolds; brothers-in-law Neil Trudeau, Joe Power; sister-in-law Mary Gillis; as well as MacDonald in-laws Mac (Bessie), Eddie (Sadie), Francis X., Anna (Duncan Gillis), Dick Lussier, and Joe Boudreau. She is survived by her children, Danial (Edna MacDonald) Kingsville, NS, Carol Ann (Raymond Boudreau) Lloydminster, AB, Donna (Michael McKeough) Fort McMurray, AB, Darlene (Bernard Deveau), Stouffville ON, and stepdaughter, Sylvia (Donald Roddie MacDonald) Port Hood, NS. She is survived by her remaining siblings, sister Olive Trudeau (Bill), Belleville, ON; brothers, Vince Gillis, Chatham, ON and Stanley (Doreen) Greenwood; brother-in-law Angus MacDonald (Grace) Port Hastings, sister-in-law Shirley Gillis, Ottawa, ON, Mary Boudreau and Kathleen Lussier of Waltham MA, 10 loving grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchild and eight step-great-grandchildren. We would like to thank those who cared for mom's needs these past few years. From her good neighbours on Davis Drive, to MacLeod House, staff, and home care workers who helped enable Mom to live and enjoy an active and independent life in Baddeck. As well to the Inverary Manor and staff who tended to the increasing level of care she needed in her last year of life. They never failed to see, treat, and appreciate Mom as an individual and loved her sense of humour. We have met and made many new and caring friends on Mom's last leg of her journey. We are and will be forever grateful to all who cared for her. Cremation has taken place. Visitation, funeral mass, and burial will take place on a later date. We will notify family and friends with the updated information as well as having it posted on Green's Funeral Home website.

CAMUS

Kevin John Camus, age 53, Cheticamp, passed away on Sunday, December 1st, 2024. Kevin was a well-respected member of the community of Cheticamp. He owned and operated his own construction company, employing no fewer than five full time and subcontracting many additional tradespeople. Kevin and his partner in all things, Paula, shared a mutual love for the outdoors. They spent most of their free time together; motorcycling, hiking, sea-kayaking, and generally sharing a life together. Weekends would regularly find Kevin and Paula spending one day riding around the Cabot Trail or the province of Nova Scotia at large; while enjoying the next day in the most remote areas of the Cape Breton Highlands. If not on their own, they were often joined in the wilderness by their, "Crazy Hikers," companions Marcel Fourgeron and/or Kimberley Robichaud. Kevin took great pride in his work; as a result, he was in great demand and was one of the most respected builders in the community. Kevin is survived by his wife, Paula Aucoin-Camus; his parents, Joseph André and Gisele Anne (Haché) Camus; and sister, Michelle (Joel) Deveau; niece, Hope Deveau. Kevin was predeceased by his brother, Roderick Joseph "Roddy" Camus (2018). Kevin left us far too soon; however, he was able to spend his last day doing what he loved most, in a place he loved, with those he cared for the most. Cremation has taken place. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp, with Father Pierre Antoine St.

Cyr officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

GILLIS

Gordon Douglas Gillis, born September 1st, 1947, in Hamilton, Ontario, permanently relocated to Inverness, NS, with his family when he was nine years old. He was predeceased by his parents, Margaret Catherine (Maggie MacKinnon) and William Bernard Gillis (Willie the Piper); two siblings Daniel Hector and Joan Frances in infancy, brother Alexander Hugh; and brother-in-law Alex Glabais. Gordon is survived by his wife Dorothy and their children Louise (Rick) Comeau and Patricia Gillis (Iain Stewart); grandchildren Jennesa (Olivier) Jolibois, Soleil, and Ella; and great-granddaughter Daisy. He is survived by his siblings, John, known as Jackie (Carol) Winnipeg, Billy (Sarah Ann) Inverness, Anna, known as Sissy (Charles) Hawkins, Smith's Cove, Digby County, Peter (Debbie) Berwick, NS, Jane (Raymond) MacLean, Inverness, Audy Gillis, Mabou. Gordie was adored and truly loved by all his nieces and nephews. Gordon's informative years were at the Corner in Inverness, which he has always considered home. In Inverness he was known as Gordie. Gordie spent 29 years in the Armed Forces, retiring at the rank of captain, with an exemplary career. In the military, Gordon was known by his nickname Charlie by all his military friends. After retirement, Gordie moved back to the Inverness area, settling in Gillisdale. He was very active and well respected throughout the community and in particular in the Royal Canadian Legion, Inverness, and an active member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, South West Margaree, a 4th degree in the Knights of Columbus, and a beloved school bus driver for the area. In 2011, he moved to Scotland to be with Dorothy's family. They lived in the cottage at Becks Farm in Langholm. Gordon enjoyed the farm life and everything that came with it. Gordie died suddenly on November 14th, 2024 at age 77. Gordie's funeral will take place on Friday, December 9th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, South West Margaree, followed by a celebration of life at the Royal Canadian Legion (upstairs), Inverness. Internment will take place at a later date. Donations in memory of Gordon Douglas Gillis can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the charity of your choice.

CLARKE

It is with immense sadness that we announce the passing of our cherished mother, sister, grandmother, and aunt, Jessie. Born in Hays River to the late Alexander and Jessie (MacMaster) Walker on April 25th, 1931, she was one of 12 siblings. After moving to the Corner, Inverness, as a teenager, Jessie would eventually succumb to the incessant flirtations of her future husband, Cecil. Jessie and Cecil moved to Halifax in 1948, where she worked a variety of jobs at places like Woolworth's department store and Moir's chocolate factory, before moving to New Waterford where Cecil worked in the coal mines. They returned to Inverness in 1960, making their home on Mann Avenue. Together, Jessie and Cecil had 11 children, sharing with them the same profound love they had for each other. Cecil passed in 1976, leaving Jessie to raise her five youngest children alone, and leaving a craterous hole in her heart. For 48 years she mourned and yearned for her late husband, and we take great solace in knowing they're together again, sharing their eternal love. While Jessie did not have a career occupation, she focussed her energy toward the jobs she was truly born to do – mother and grandmother. She was a natural caregiver and nurturer, instilling in her children and grandchildren a belief that they could do and be anything, and an understanding that you could accomplish that while treating all of those you meet with respect. Ironically, despite being a woman who shied away from the centre of attention, she became the sun in the universe of people who descended from her. She was the warmth and the light that everyone always gravitated back to. Whether you were up or down, sure or unsure, by her side was the place her family went when they needed life's most trusted guidance. From children to great-great-grandchildren, 86 people descended from Jessie and Cecil's love, and there isn't a single one that ever doubted the counsel she provided. While it was those descendants that she loved most, there was plenty more places Jessie directed her passion. She was a gifted quilter and baker, hand-stitching countless unique pieces for her family; that way she could still keep us warm, even when she wasn't there. Rare was the day that anyone entered her home and there wasn't fresh breads and sweets, prepared with a natural precision. She devoted hours every week to playing cards and bingo. Cards called for laughter and conversation, while bingo was a time for quiet concentration, as one could not afford to miss a step on your 2-2-and-2. We will miss her hugs and kisses on the cheek most, but we will miss her wit, her education and her love just

as much. Jessie is survived by her children, Ed, Bobby (Glenda), Margaree Valley, Ray, Inverness, Debby (Don), Falconbridge, Ontario, Lillian (RJ), Inverness, Ethel (Bernie), Glenora Falls, Bernie (Carol), Lower Sackville, Jimmy (Gail), Inverness, David (Charlene), Inverness, and Cecil (Lise), Manitouwadge, Ontario; her sister Ann (John) Dunford, Mabou; her 25 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her soul mate Cecil, and son in infancy David, siblings A.D., John, Lauchie, Alexander, Donald, Ina, Irene, Caddy (Catherine), Peggy (Margaret), and Florence; granddaughters, Raylene and Madison; and grandson Cecil. The family of the late Jessie Clarke wish to graciously commend the staff and administration at Inverary Manor, where Jessie spent her final years; as well as Dr. Ritter, Dr. Lafrance and the rest of the Inverness County palliative care team, for their care, compassion, and empathy. Visitation was held Tuesday, November 26th, in Inverness Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held Wednesday, November 27th, in Stella Maris Parish, Inverness at 11:00 a.m. Donations in the memory of the late Mary Jessie Clarke can be made to the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or Inverary Manor, Inverness. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

FOUGERE

On Saturday, November 16th, 2024, at the age of 80, Lucille Fougère passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre in Cheticamp, NS. She was the daughter of the late Delphin and the late Mary Mae (LeFort) Aucoin. Lucille was also predeceased by her sister, Norma. In passing, she is reunited with her loving husband, Alex Fougère, to continue their love of dancing together. Lucille is survived by her children, Brenda (Billy), Troy (Monica), and Norma (Jamie); sister, Shirley Sullivan; and grandchildren, Alex (Raymond), Matthieu (Kaila), Sarah (Josh), Remi, and Jacob. Born October 6th, 1944, Lucille was a wonderful mother, mémère, and friend; always there when she was most needed to offer her support, wisdom, and abundance of love. A hairdresser and lifelong homemaker, Lucille was an expert at creating a welcoming space for her loved ones. She was a well loved community pillar, known for her hooked rugs, love of music and dancing, taking countless hairstylist under her wings, and starting the Relay for Life in Cheticamp. She enjoyed gardening, cooking family recipes passed down through the generations, and volunteering in her community. Whether out and about or home caring for her family, she was looking sharp in her bold red lipstick, ready to offer comfort and a listening ear. Lucille's love and presence will be profoundly missed by all who knew her. Her legacy of kindness, generosity, and devotion to her family will continue to inspire and guide us. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, November 26th, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp, followed by a reception at the Royal Canadian Legion. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lucille's memory to the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacKINNON

Robert James MacKinnon of Port Hastings, 76, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 16th, 2024, in his quiet and self-effacing way, surrounded by family. He had an affinity with animals of all kinds; they recognized his kind and gentle soul. For this and many other reasons, he was cherished by his Aunt Margaret in Halifax, and cousins far and wide. Notably: Roy, Jane, and Lloyd MacKinnon and Mary Ann and John K. MacLean in the Port Hastings area; Cheryl Smith Conway and Charlie, Jonathan and Laura Conway in Newfoundland and Toronto; Reby MacKinnon in PEI; Calvin and Joyce MacKinnon and John Marr in New Brunswick; Kathy MacKinnon, Heather Smith, Andrew, Julia and Robert Tremayne in Ottawa and Halifax; Elsie Ann Whidden in the USA; and Carol Ann MacKinnon and Ricardo Guerrero in Colombia. He also has a special place in the hearts of his stepchildren and their spouses: Bernice and George Legge, Marlene and Eric Jacobie, Wanda Smith, Jimmy and Cathy Smith, Diane Jardine, and Michelle and Ron Melanson. Robert was predeceased by his wife Geraldine; her two sons, Wilson and Joseph Smith; and his parents, Maude and Ian MacKinnon. He and his father were active in Clan MacKinnon and his mother was one of the Smiths of Cape Breton. Robert (B.A. 1972) was a staunch alumni supporter of St. Francis Xavier University. He worked for Marine Atlantic in North Sydney from 1971 to 2007, travelling home each weekend to his beloved farm. He was a proud Cape Bretoner who loved the natural beauty of "God's country" and its rich fiddle music tradition. A visitation and funeral took

place at St. David's United Church on Friday, November 22nd, 2024. A notice for a celebration of life will be published at a later date. The family would welcome donations in Robert's memory to St. David's United Church, the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre in Judique or a charity of your choice.

SULLIVAN

Jerome Sullivan (1949-2024): It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of (Bernard) Jerome Sullivan of Antigonish, who died peacefully at home surrounded by family and much love. He had lived with the debilitating effects of polymyositis and scleroderma for over a decade. During his illness, he demonstrated remarkable strength, courage, and resilience. Jerome is predeceased by parents, John Angus and Annie Margaret (Gillis) Sullivan; and a brother John Joseph. He is survived by siblings Hugh (Imelda), Margaret, Sharon, June (David Barkhouse), and Ron (Christine). He also leaves behind adoring nieces and nephews, Duane, Sheryl, Christopher, Rodney, Krista, Amy, Debra, Darren, Aidan, Tommy, and Ewan, along with 20 grandnieces and nephews who will forever hold him dear to their hearts. Jerome spent his very early years in Giant's Lake, Guysborough County and most of his formative years in Upper South River ("The River"), Antigonish County, the site of countless family gatherings and laughs over the years. A proud Xaverian, Jerome parlayed his passion for English literature into a very rewarding career as a teacher at Judique Creignish Consolidated and later at Dalbrae Academy in Mabou. Jerome embraced his beloved community of Judique (and vice versa), where he formed countless life-long friendships with colleagues, students and their families. His lasting impact on so many people was most evident in the recent outpouring of affection and support at his 75th birthday celebration in Judique. As he liked to note, teaching is a "late harvest" profession. His love of Cape Breton, Celtic music and culture may have been surpassed only by his love of lobsters and scallops (and good food, generally, despite his own dearth of culinary skills). He appreciated fine cars, especially his Camaro Z28 and Trans AM, along with quality music of many genres, from 60s classics to John Prine. Jerome also greatly enjoyed good comedy, from George Carlin to Ron James, John Cleese, to Danny Bhooy. He was also an avid baseball and hockey fan, especially appreciating the impact of the highly skilled Europeans on the game. Jerome was an endearing paradox of frugality and profound generosity. He never missed a family birthday or failed to help anyone, regardless of the nature of their need. Jerome was an incredibly wise and compassionate "old soul," who cared deeply for others, while always inserting some of his keen and wry humour, often with the help of a Shakespeare quote. "Uncle Jerome" will be sadly missed as a steadfast presence in our lives, forever remembered and always with us. "Good night, sweet prince." And to quote another of his favourites, W.B. Yeats, "Being Irish, he had an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustained him through temporary periods of joy." We would like to thank Drs. Michele Murphy and Trudy Taylor; Maggie Gillis N.P.; and the St. Martha's Palliative Care Team for their compassionate care. Donations may be made in Jerome's name to the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre (Judique) or Scleroderma Canada. Funeral service was held Friday, November 22nd, at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Ninian Cathedral with Rev. Danny MacLennan officiating. Online condolences: www.clcurry.com.

GILLIS

Daniel "Danny" Wayne Gillis, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, August 26th, 1952 – November 4th, 2024: Danny (Danno to many) was a cherished husband, devoted brother, loving uncle, proud godfather, and a loyal friend to so many. We are deeply saddened by his departure but so thankful for the wonderful memories we have fondly gathered over the years. Born and raised in South West Margaree by his parents, Pat and Kaye, Danny had a gift for bringing joy to all around him. As a husband to Elaine, he was a constant source of love, laughter, and support. Together, they shared so many wonderful years, creating memories filled with love, humour, and companionship. Family was at the heart of everything he did. He especially treasured time spent with his nieces and nephews, who meant the world to him. His eyes lit up at every family gathering, and his presence brought warmth and laughter. His quick wit and great sense of humour made him the one everyone could count on to lighten any room and make others smile. To his siblings, Tena (Jean-Yves), Anne, Theresa (Dave), Sandy (Brenda), Alan (Maureen), Darlene (Sean), Fabian (Carol), Paula (Tony), Kim (Brian), and Ethna (Brooks), he was more than a brother – he was a friend, and someone who was always there with a joke, a smile, or a helping hand. We will forever remember his witty one-liners. His friends knew him as a true and loyal companion, a man who lifted spirits, and brought joy wherever he went. Danny found happiness in life's simple moments, whether it was a lively family

dinner, an impromptu gathering with loved ones or a good game of cards. He especially loved his time spent on "The Hill" in the South West. He will forever be remembered for his humour, his warmth, and the love he shared so freely. We would be amiss if we didn't share Danny's love of sports. He loved watching the Toronto Maple Leafs play, even when he knew the outcome may not be so great. He would be what we would call a die-hard Leaf's fan. Not only did he enjoy watching sports, but he also enjoyed playing a good round of golf. He had such a way of winding up for that first tee-off shot. As he would say himself, "Come aboard." Danny spent 30 years in Fort McMurray before retiring to home in Nova Scotia. Besides those he leaves behind, he is predeceased by his parents, Pat and Kaye; brothers, Patrick, Chuck, and Jimmy; sister-in-law, Mary; and his father-in-law Archie. Danny had such a special and wonderful connection with these beautiful souls. A visitation for Danny's life took place on Tuesday, November 12th, in Inverness Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. His funeral mass took place in St. Joseph's Church S.W. Margaree on Wednesday, November 13th, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating; with burial following in St. Joseph's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery Fund. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. Though Danny has left us much earlier than we had ever hoped, his legacy of love, humour, and kindness will remain with us always.

LARADE

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mom, Dora Larade, on November 7th, 2024, at the age of 81 at the Inverness Manor. Born in Cheticamp on October 19th, 1943, to the late Amédee and Annie (Aucoin) Larade. She is survived by her sons, Amédee Larade (Deborah) Cheticamp, Maurice Larade, Sydney; and her daughter, Angèle Larade (Omer) Cheticamp; her loving sisters, Hattie Larade and Sylvia Larade, Inverness; her niece, Pauline Boudreau (Donald); nephews, René Larade (Paula) Marc Larade (Lyne) all of Cheticamp; grandnieces, Brooke, Mackenzie, Renita; and grandnephews, Marcus, Glen, Daniel, Dillon. Our mom did not have an easy life, often misunderstood by many. She raised her children on her own, which was not an easy task. She did "her" best and we know she loved both of us more than anything. As a stay-at-home mom, her many talents were sewing, knitting, crocheting, hooking rugs and keeping a clean and tidy home. She loved singing and dancing and adored children of all ages. We can't forget to add that mom always enjoyed her toasts and jam, with a nice cup of tea. In her later years as a senior, mom called the Inverness Manor her home. She resided there for eight happy years. We take comfort in knowing she is at peace now. "Fly high, Maman." We love you and cherish you forever. The family would like to thank the staff of the Inverness Manor for their exceptional care. You have shown, time and time again, true compassion, empathy and love to our mom. Thank you to Father Daniel for administering the last rights. Memorial donations may be made to Stella Maris Parish Cemetery Fund. Funeral mass will be at 11:00 a.m, Friday, November 15th, 2024m in the chapel of the Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church, Inverness. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacDONALD

Catherine Violet "Corrine" (MacPherson) MacDonald passed away peacefully on November 9th, 2024, in Mountain View Villa, Inverary Manor, Inverness. Born on August 13th, 1929, Corrine was the daughter of Angus and Veronica (MacDonald) MacPherson. She grew up on MacKenzie Avenue in the Red Rows in Inverness. She spoke of happy times with her siblings, picking blueberries, walking to the shore, singing in community concerts, and of many visitors to the family home. The MacPhersons were a musical family and Corrine learned to play the piano at a young age, often chording while her father played the violin. She carried this love of music with her through her whole life. After school she completed a secretarial course and worked for a short time in Halifax before returning to Inverness. On February 8th, 1954, she married Francis MacDonald of Inverness. They often played together on fiddle and piano. They spent time in Oromocto, NB, and Dartmouth, NS, for many years before retiring to Margaree. They later moved to Inverness and then to Sydney. Corrine had been living in the Inverary Manor for the last nine years. She enjoyed receiving visitors and nobody ever went away from her kitchen hungry. She also loved to find a bargain and often had gifts picked out for friends and relations. She goes to join her parents, Veronica and Angus, her husband Francis, her sisters, Annie Mae, Marie, and Sharon, and her brothers, Donald, Angus, and Hector; great-grandson, Noah Barnes. She is survived by sisters Jean and Delores

and brother William. Her children, Allan MacPherson, Scott (Barbara), Roderick (Leanna), Francis (Rose), Cathy (Reinhard Krupp) and Veronica (Rob MacIver); grandchildren, Joyce, Karen, Joanne, Emily (Colin Watson), MaryLee (Simon Barnes), Teresa (Chalang Shingaly), Sarah (Grant Madore), Josiah, Aaron, Kendra, Reena and Devon, and nine great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held on Saturday, November 16th, at St. Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to ICMH Palliative Care. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacINNIS

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Rachel Mary MacInnis (Robinson), affectionately known as Rae, at the age of 93, on Monday, November 11th, 2024, at Cape Breton Regional Hospital in Sydney, Nova Scotia. Rachel had been a long-time resident of Alderwood Rest Home in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, and her passing leaves a deep void in the hearts of her family and all who knew her. Born on November 17th, 1930, in Orangedale, Nova Scotia, Rachel was the cherished daughter of Colin Robinson and Mamie (Robertson) Robinson. Raised in the small community of Alba, Cape Breton, she spent her early years in the embrace of her loving family. In 1953, she married Malcolm MacInnis of Little Narrows, and together they built a life filled with love, devotion, and adventure. As the proud mother of eight children, Rachel was the heart of their family, managing the household with kindness and grace. Later in life, when her children were grown, she worked as an office cleaner at Little Narrows Gypsum Company. Rachel was a deeply committed member of her community. She was actively involved in the Presbyterian Church in Little Narrows, the Women's Missionary Society, the Ladies Aid Society, and The Eastern Star, where she dedicated herself to the service of others. She had a profound appreciation for her Scottish and Gaelic heritage, often attending concerts and events that celebrated her cultural roots. Travel was also a great passion of Rachel's; she journeyed to Scotland, Alaska, Hawaii, and many points in between. She also enjoyed many family visits to Alberta and Ontario. Whether by cruise ship or car, Rae was always ready for the next adventure. Rachel was predeceased by her beloved husband Malcolm, who passed away after 51 years of marriage; as well as her sons, Cecil and Calvin; grandson Steven; granddaughters, Kristen, Janice, and Julia, who were lost in infancy; and her beloved cousin, Angus Robinson. She is survived by her children Wayne MacInnis (Calgary), Linda MacKenzie (Greg) of Whycocomagh, Melvin MacInnis (Cathy) of Whycocomagh, Darrell MacInnis (Charlotte) of Cobourg, Kevin MacInnis (Berna) of Calgary, and Darlene MacInnis (Frank) of Barra Glen. Rachel is also survived by her grandchildren, Stephanie, Karen (Jamie), Raymond (Angie), Jennifer, Jason (Angela), Jeffrey (Katie), Stephanie (Norman), Nicholas (Amy), Erika (Ryan), Keegan, Emily, and Liam; as well as her great-grandchildren, Saige, Riley, Chloe, Samantha, Camryn, Benjamin, Rachel, Emelia, and Riley. Rachel's legacy of love, kindness, and her adventurous spirit will continue to inspire her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. She moved through life with quiet strength and gentle grace, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all who knew her. The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Alderwood Rest Home for their exceptional care and support during Rachel's final years. A funeral service to celebrate Rachel's life will be held at Little Narrows Presbyterian Church on Monday, November 18th, at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. Lydia MacKinnon. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., with a tribute by The Eastern Star at 1:15 p.m. Burial will follow at Little Narrows Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Rachel's memory to the Little Narrows Presbyterian Church or a charity of your choice. Rachel will be deeply missed, but her love and legacy will remain in the hearts of all who knew her. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

MacKINNON

John Laughlin MacKinnon, December 31st, 1940 – October 23rd, 2024: It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of John Laughlin MacKinnon, who left us peacefully on October 23rd, 2024. Born on December 31st, 1940, in Dunakin, Inverness County. John dedicated over 35 years of his life to a successful career with Stora Forest Industries. After retirement, he continued work as a truck driver, working with Esso, DW Matheson's, and Ideal Concrete. John was predeceased by his parents, John Allan MacKinnon and Isabella Busby, as well as his siblings: Margret, Jessie, James, Roddie, Murdock, Donald, Gordon, and Laura. He is survived by his devoted wife of 57 years, Nan (Campbell) MacKinnon, and his beloved furry companions, Carlos and Bella. He is also survived by his brothers Donald, Allan,

and sister Marion. John's warmth, laughter, and unwavering spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew him. John spent most of his life in Baddeck, where he enjoyed living near the Bras d'Or Lake. When not at home John loved to return to the mountain of Dunakin where he had been born and raised. He built a small log cabin from trees on his property and enjoyed many days relaxing with Nan. Nan would like to thank his family doctor Dr. Jamie Tribo, all the doctors and nurses that cared for him during his recent illness. Donations in his memory can be made to the SPCA or charity of your choice. Cremation has already taken place and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

MackINNON

Mary Jessie (Betsy) MacKinnon, May 7th, 1935 – October 18th, 2024: It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Mary Jessie MacKinnon on October 18th, 2024, at the age of 89. "Betsy," as she was affectionately known, was born May 7th, 1935, in Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, to the late Ernie and Maime (Timmons) Richards. To be near relatives, the family moved back to Inverness in the 1940s, and growing up on River Street was the source of many shared memories and stories. In her early years, Betsy worked at the local restaurants and thoroughly enjoyed waitressing; in later years, she was employed at the Strathlorne Forest Nursery where she remained until retirement. Betsy was happiest when her family and friends were near and her baked goods were well stocked for tea. She was very adamant about keeping her home insect free (no easy task in Kenloch) and was often teased that she missed her calling as a ruthless exterminator. Betsy enjoyed gardening, knitting, and CBC Saturday Hockey Night in Canada. She took great pleasure in bragging about and catering to her beloved black cat, Licorice, and loved sitting around the kitchen table after a family meal reminiscing about days gone by. Betsy (aka Nana, Nan, Nanny, Grandma, and Grandmother) was proud and thought often of her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren both near and far, and most recently looked forward to spending time with the newest family addition Nevayah Elizabeth for belly kisses and piggy toes. Betsy was predeceased by her husband Murdoch Neil; sons, John Wendell (infancy) and Elgin Allan; and brother, William James. Betsy is survived by sons, Richard Wayne, Kenloch; Murdoch Wendell (Danita), Upper Tantallon; daughter Wanda, Kenloch; siblings Lorna Cousins, Sydney Mines; Sylvair (Elsie) Richards, Strathlorne; Shirley Burton, Margaree; and sister-in-law Grace Graham, Edmonton. A private family graveside service has taken place at St. John's United Church Cemetery, Strathlorne. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." – John 3:16.

TIMMONS

It is with sadness we announce the sudden death of Kirk Dickson Timmons at his home in Margaree Centre on Tuesday November 5th, 2024. Kirk was born on January 24th, 1964, to parents Donald and Coletta Timmons. Kirk is survived by his sisters, Glenda (Bobby) Clarke, Margaree Valley; Wanda (Joey) Chiasson, Margaree Valley; Cindy Smith, Inverness; Crystal (Clifford) Hawley, Port Hood; his brothers, Johnny (Rose Mary), Middle River; Jeffrey, Port Hawkesbury; Richard (Linda), Inverness; Dexter, Middle River; Brent (Bernice), Mulgrave; his brother-in-law Daniel Dorton, Port Hawkesbury; also many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Kirk was predeceased by his sister Marsha Dorton, Port Hawkesbury; niece Colleen Dorton, Port Hawkesbury; his brother-in-law Gordon Smith, Inverness; his brother Donald; and nephew, Cecil Clark. In his earlier days Kirk worked at Frasers Mill in Margaree. He loved shopping, his tools and "talking" to people. You could plan on a long day if you took him shopping because he had to stop and talk to everyone. He enjoyed talking to family and friends and listening to his music. His nieces and nephews were very dear to Kirk and he loved them deeply. His best friend was his beloved dog, Lucky. Kirk was loved and will be missed by his family and friends. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who helped in the search for Kirk when he was lost and spent the night in the woods. We would also like to thank the staff at the Inverness Memorial Hospital for the care given to our brother. Visitation was held at Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley on Wednesday, November 13th. Cremation has taken place and burial was on Sunday, November 17th, 2024, at the Congregational Cemetery, Margaree Centre. Memorial donations in memory of Kirk may be given to the Margaree Food Security Society or a charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

HART

Karen Jean Hart passed away peacefully on November 5th, 2024, immersed in the love of her family. Karen was born June 21st, 1950, in Halifax, but her roots were in the Annapolis Valley. She treasured her summers spent along the Bay of Fundy with friends and family, sharing her vivid memories of local history, the lighthouse and farming and fishing traditions of Black Rock and the North Mountain. Karen prided herself on creating a warm welcoming home for her family and loved ones. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, John (Margaree Centre), son, David DeBay(Nancy Vienneau), Winnipeg, daughter Erin(Ben) Breen, Havre Boucher, and the lights of her life, her three grandchildren, Nora Duncan and Brynn Breen. She is also mourned by her extraordinary Hart family, in-laws, dear friends, and her "phone angels". She is also survived by her brother James (Karen) LaRose, Dartmouth, and predeceased by her parents Joyce(Thomson) and Louis LaRose, and brother Robert LaRose. Karen was a woman of deep faith, profound empathy, and great intelligence, complemented by her humility. She loved the water, and used to scuba dive and swim regularly before devoting herself to motherhood. She was a gifted artist. Her ceramic work, crocheting and immaculate cross stitch pieces will be treasured by anyone lucky enough to receive them. Her attention to detail, record keeping on her special calendar, and aptitude for organizing was an asset to her family and many others. She was proud to call Margaree her home, where she and John shared their lives together. Her love was unwavering. Her children always knew that the sky was the limit because of her endless encouragement. Karen served on the board of the Margaree Salmon Association for nearly 20 years and was an integral part of fundraising efforts for river development and conservation projects. She was also part of the Fellowship Committee, and when she was well, was always willing to lend a hand at Wilson United Church. Karen's calm reassuring presence will be deeply missed. The family would like to thank all of those who offered prayers and support during this difficult time, especially the phenomenal nursing staff at Inverness Memorial Hospital, Martin MacKinnon, Dr. Breagh MacDougall, Dr. John Ritter, EHS and MFR personnel, and the Palliative Care and home care teams who enabled us to have more time with her at home.

MacDONNELL

August 26, 1931 – October 24, 2024: On Thursday, October 24, 2024, Mary Frances MacDonnell's life journey ended. Frances, as we knew her, passed away in Inverary Manor, Inverness, where she came to know and love all the health workers that surrounded her. The same can be said of the many caregivers at the Inverness Hospital where she was a patient for some time before entering the manor in December of 2023. Frances was the eldest child of the late Willie and Marie (MacIsaac) MacDonald of Port Hood. Her young life was spent in Port Hood on the Company Road. After leaving home, she found work in Michigan, and then resided in numerous towns and cities across Canada with her husband, Alex Duncan, a miner, whom she married in 1955. The young couple decided to make their home in Vancouver, BC, where they lived for many years. Together they raised one son, Bill, who still resides there. Frances worked in the dietary department in a Vancouver Hospital until the call from Cape Breton lured her and Alex Duncan back to Mabou, his place of birth, to enjoy their retirement years. They built a beautiful home and when Alex passed away in 2014, Frances moved back to the Company Road in Port Hood, where she had spent the early part of her 93 years. Poor vision and other health issues brought her to hospitalization and then to the Inverary Manor where she passed away. Predeceasing Frances in death were two sisters and their husbands, Mary (Donnie) MacEachern and Rita (Roddie) MacDonnell as well as two brothers, Donald, and Howard. She leaves behind her son, Bill, and his wife Monica; along with two cherished grandchildren Karmyn and Kyra. Frances is survived by her siblings, Bernadette (Jerry d.) Montague, Dundas, Ontario, Anne (John Francis d.) Beaton, Windsor, Ontario, Carmelita (John Angus) Gillis, Port Hood; Gerald (Judy) MacDonald, Port Hood; Rosie (Sandy d.) Beaton, Mabou; Georgie (Alex Dan d.), Port Hood; Cecil (Mary Janet) MacDonald, Lloyd (Helen) MacDonald; and sister-in-law Yvonne MacDonald (Howard d.), all of Port Hood. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews who she loved very much. A special thank you to Frances' sister Rosie, who tended to her every need over the last few years up until her peaceful and painless death. Frances shared her love and sharp wit with all who met and knew her. Her poor vision did not interfere with her commenting on your attire, your hair, and even your weight! That was Frances! Visitation for Frances, a devout Catholic, will take place in the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Mabou, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13th, with funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 14th. Following the burial,

family and friends will gather at the parish hall for tea, conversation, and reminiscing. Donations in Frances' memory can be made to the Inverary Manor, Inverness, Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, or to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. Frances, you will be dearly missed.

MacLELLAN

Stephen James MacLellan (1937 - 2024) passed away at the Northside Community Health Centre on Saturday, November 9th, after a prolonged illness, which he accepted with great courage. He received wonderful care from the entire hospital staff, for this we are most grateful. Steve was born in Centerville, Inverness, in 1937 to Lauchie and Mary MacLellan. He was the oldest of eight children: Steve, Peggy (Ross Jenkins and their three children), John (Isabelle Chiasson and their three children), Kenny (Sharon O'Riley and their two children), Annabelle (Jim MacDonald and their four children), Kathleen (Sextus Feehan and their two children), Johnena (Jeff Lee and their three children), Mary Celine. After graduation from Mabou High and St. F.X, he moved to Sudbury, Ontario, where he was employed as a hoist man in the hard rock mines. Many years later, he trained employees on this discipline at the Redpath mine in Papua, Indonesia. In 1978, Steve married Catherine Campbell, of Sudbury. He shared in raising her five children: Jane (Roger Sauvee and their two children), Debbie (Bobby Jalbert and their two children), Normena (John Monaghan and their two children), Kelly (Gerry Chaumont and their son), Roddie (Tracy Funk and their daughter). Steve felt very fortunate to be a part of their lives. He was proud of the grandchildren scholastically, and especially their sports achievements. In 2004, Steve moved back to his beloved Cape Breton, the Promised Land on Lauchie's Mountain on MacLellan Road in Centerville. He loved the family farm and his garden that he tended to every summer and generously shared the harvest. That summer he danced his way into Marie Skinner's heart. They married in 2011 and he immediately embraced her children and grandchildren, Troy (Nancy and their two children), Trevor (Elly Yu and their two sons), Todd (Maria Escobar and their three children), Steven (Catherine Grant), and Janice (Mike Gillespie and their daughter). Steve and Marie were very fortunate to enjoy travelling in their senior years. They visited USA, Singapore, Asia, Africa, Hawaii, Europe, and the South Pacific. Their favourite trip was the one that took them back home. Steve enjoyed all sports and shared lots of trivia in baseball, golf, and hockey. He coached baseball in Sudbury and in later years, he was very involved in the annual Bernie Meagher baseball tournament in Brook Village. He had a special interest, hockey, especially the Sudbury teams and the Cape Breton Eagles. He loved a good game of tarbush, but he had a short fuse when losing in either discipline. Upon his return to Cape Breton he soon realized socialization was high on the agenda. He embraced his Scottish heritage at concerts, square dances, and entertaining people by playing the spoons alongside the fiddler. Summers also included great times at MacLeod's Campground in Dunvegan, where he enjoyed the beautiful beach, sunsets, and many memorable campfires. Above all, his most precious times were at the farm, where his four wonderful, hard-working sisters and their families carried on the family tradition of hosting celebratory dinners for every event. The farmhouse walls were bursting with relatives and friends, and always ended by steppen'er off with a square set in the kitchen. Similarly, as Steve included Marie's children in his heart, Marie also cherished all of his Sudbury family. Their trips back to Ontario were most endearing and embraced the bond that has brought these people together. In over 50 years of mining, it was necessary that you bring you own lunch. This became a chore for his wife, something she always took great care in preparing. When she became ill, this was Steve's duty that he disliked. He would often say, "When I die, you can bury me in this lunch can." This wish will be granted. In the past six years, Steve and Marie opened their home to university students from India and Africa, who were scrambling for lodging. These students soon became family and enhanced our lives learning their culture, religions, and lifestyles. They also received a great insight into the Cape Breton way of life. The often expressed a part of their hearts will always be in our beautiful island. This was our reward to teach foreign students to love our homeland as much as we do. Steve was predeceased by his parents, his first wife Catherine, son Roddy, sister in childhood Mary Celine, sister- and brother-in-law Kathleen and Sextus Feehan, a brother-in-law Jimmy MacDonald. Steve was a devout Catholic who took great comfort in this faith. His life will be celebrated in Brook Village on Friday, November 15th. Visitation will be at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church beginning at 12:00 p.m., with a funeral mass at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the church hall. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.sydneymemorialchapel.com.

FAWCETT

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Mike Fawcett, 28, of Judique, NS. Mike's love for the outdoors and adventure was second only to his love for his family. This love for adventure took him through many trails in Atlantic Canada searching for all the known and unknown waterfalls. Hiking and camping was Mike's passion and he found true peace in the wilderness. It was his happy place, where he felt content and truly himself. Mike loved his Subaru and his Toyota Tundra. He took his motor bike on many trips including a trip to Ontario. The vehicles were another way for Mike to have adventures, experiences, and make memories. Mike was known by his family for his creativity and artistic abilities. There was no limit to Mike's imagination and he could create what only he could envision for the rest of us to see. While Mike had firm beliefs in right and wrong, he was also patient, compassionate, and forgiving. Mike was nonjudgmental and loyal. His heart was so big, it often was broken. Mike was a protector of those he loved, especially his mom and his sister. His mother is extremely proud of the man he became. Mike gave 100 per cent and dreamed of having his own business and farm. They combined two things he loved, hard work and animals. When Mike looked at the world, he saw the beauty and the potential. While he will have many unfulfilled dreams, he did fulfill an important one this summer by travelling across Canada in his beloved truck and camper. Camping and hiking in Banff and the surrounding areas was something he spoke of for a long time and was able to accomplish this summer with Shelby and Merlyn. Mike's interest and talents were unlimited. He played hockey throughout his youth in Port Hood, Whycocomagh, Port Hawkesbury, and Ontario. He was a provincial Judo champion. He worked hard, starting as a helper to his uncle Alex in his electrical business, working with his father in Ontario, and finding his own working as a bucket operator and tree trimmer. Left behind is his mother, Nicole Fawcett (Kevin Campbell); father, Wayne Fawcett (Sandra); beloved little sister, Jessica Fawcett; grandmothers, Reta MacInnis and Marion Fawcett; his uncles, John (Kimberly) MacInnis, Michael MacInnis (Brenda), Rob Fawcett; Aunts Peggy MacNeil (Alex) and Lisa Coghill (Jeff); his many cousins and friends. Mike was predeceased by grandfathers, Burke MacInnis and William Fawcett. Mike is in the care of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Homes. Arrangements have not been finalized at time of print, but will be found on their website for services at the end of the week. Donations may be made in Mike's name to the SPCA.

HARRIS

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of Charlie Joe Harris (age 84) of Cheticamp who passed away on Friday, October 25th, 2024, at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. He leaves behind his wife, Lucie Adèle (Deveau); his children, Rickey, Debbie, Brian, and Ida; grandchildren, Nathan, Amber, Justin, Marie, Jessica, and Harley; and great-grandchildren, Damien, Jayden, Josie, Aurora, Ezra and Hadriel. Charlie Joe was a loving husband and life partner to the love of his life of 60 years, Lucie Adèle. He was a wonderful, loving, and patient dad to his children, and a wonderful Pépère to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Charlie Joe lived life for his family who were his pride and joy and to whom he gave the best of himself. Charlie Joe always worked hard at everything he did and always gave his 110 per cent. He was not the kind of guy who would ever seek the limelight. To those who knew him they would say he was kind and generous. He'd always do his best to look out for family, friends, neighbours, or co-workers in need without ever expecting anything in return. Charlie Joe was always a fun-loving guy. He was an undefeated champion pool player for many, many years – and that he would brag about. He enjoyed hunting, playing cards with friends, listening to music and fiddle tunes, dancing and going for a drive, and watching the Montreal Canadian play – even though they lost most of the time, they were still his favourite team. Charlie Joe grew up in Plateau in a family of 13 children. He is survived by his brother, Louis Pat (Amélia) Harris; and his sisters, Lina Poirier, Marie Adèle Evers, and Geraldine Harris. He is also survived by brothers-in-law, Pierre Joseph (Carol) Deveau, Eddy Joe (Jeannette) Deveau, André (late Lorraine) Deveau, and Joseph Tommy (late Zabeth) Camus; sisters-in-law, Sophie (Deveau) Taylor and Casilda (Deveau) Larade; as well as by many nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by their son, Tony Harris; his brothers, Henri and Thomas (Tommy); and sisters, Marguerite, Nannette, Julitte, Sophie, Elizabeth (Zabeth), and Doris. Many will remember Charlie Joe in different ways throughout his 84 years. But we, his family, will remember him as a gentle, tender, quiet soul who loved us all unconditionally, with all of who he was, and who gave us all the best of himself. He will be missed, but he will be remembered, always. Funeral mass was held on Wednesday, October 30th,

2024, at 2:00pm in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacADAM

It is with heavy hearts and great sorrow that we announce the passing of Anne Marie MacAdam, age 84, of Dedham, Massachusetts, on August 13th, 2024. She was the wife of the late James J. MacAdam. She was born and raised in Gillisdale C.B. to the late Duncan R. Gillis and Elizabeth A. (MacPherson) Gillis. After having graduated from Mabou Convent, Anne went on to obtain her teaching license from Teacher's College in Truro, N.S. Following two years teaching at the local school in Gillisdale, she moved to Boston, Massachusetts, and followed a career of dietary supervisor and home care. She is survived by her brother Michael Gillis (Mary) S.W. Margaree; sisters, Mary Veronica Gillis (Mattapoisett, Massachusetts), Rita MacLellan (Halifax); numerous nieces and nephews; grandnieces and grandnephews; sisters-in-law, Muriel Gillis (Judique), Thelma Gillis (Connecticut). She was predeceased by her brothers, John, Richard, and Anthony; sisters, Jessie and Margaret (Peggy); nephew, Shawn Gillis; brothers-in-law, Willie MacDougall, George Hurley, and John MacLellan; sister-in-law, Donelda Gillis. Anne enjoyed sewing, reading, and Scottish music. She was a great cook and enjoyed entertaining family and friends. Funeral mass will be at St. Joseph's Church, South West Margaree, at November 15th, at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at MacDougall Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery Fund or charity of your choice.

RYAN

Heather Irene (Warner) Ryan, January 31st, 1945 – October 25th, 2024: Heather passed away peacefully on October 25th, 2024, with family by her side at the RK MacDonald Nursing Home in Antigonish, NS. Heather grew up in Port Hawkesbury and later married and raised her three boys there. She worked many years at Sobeys and then moved to Port Hood, NS, after she retired. Heather loved living in Port Hood, where she walked the beaches almost every day. As soon as the water warmed up, she couldn't wait to get in for a swim. She was an avid gardener and had the most beautiful array of flowers, shrubs, and trees throughout her large yard. She was a lover of all animals and a strong advocate to help save and create a loving home for the many homeless pets that were lucky to find her. She had everything from a pet raccoon, spider monkey, turtles, hamsters, guinea pigs, and many, many cats and dogs. She believed that no animal should ever suffer, or be hungry or cold. Heather loved to have her family around and one of her favourite times was our traditional Easter Egg hunt gathering on Good Friday. She would work for hours creating games to play and hiding eggs for our treasure hunt. The day was fun filled and enjoyed by all the kids of every age. Heather is survived by her sons, Albert (Karen), David (Jean), both of Port Hawkesbury, and Philip (Kim) of Stephenville, NL; grandchildren, Ashley (Sean), Jennifer (Caleb), Matthew (Bhreagh), Bradley (Judith), Dustin (Erica), Katelyn (Ivan), and Lucas (Kendra); and three great-grandchildren, Zhaiden, Zhavia, and Jaxson. She also leaves behind her brother Murray, Port Hawkesbury and sister Ferne (Clarence), Judique as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband John Alphonse (Phonse) Ryan; mother and father Albert and Muriel Warner; parents-in-law James and Georgina Ryan; sister Beulah Mitton; brother-in-law Jim Mitton; sister in-law Shirley Warner; and nephew Kirk Mitton. The family would like to thank the wonderful nurses at the RK MacDonald Nursing Home who loved and cared for Heather with kindness and compassion, with a special thanks to Allison for helping us through her final days by telling us wonderful stories of Heather's days spent there. Cremation has taken place. As per Heather's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Donations can be made to a no kill animal shelter of choice in her memory.

SHERIDAN

Wallace "Wally" Sheridan, age 81, Cheticamp passed away peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, October 31st, 2024, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. He was a son of the late Carmen and the late Helen (Stickland) Sheridan. Wally was married to Sylvia for 54 years. He was a truck driver all of his life. After he retired he and his wife Sylvia moved back to Cheticamp to be close to his wife's family. He loved taking his grandsons to play hockey. He was a big fan of the NASCAR races, spending

every Saturday at the track. Since moving back to Cheticamp, he would join the men for coffee at the Seniors Hall. The family would like to thank all the nurses and Drs. Michel Chiasson and Amelie Maillet for the excellent care Wally received while he was in hospital. Thanks to Maurice and Robert from the funeral home for their compassion. Wally is survived by his wife, Sylvia (Chiasson) Sheridan; son, Darryl (Krista) Sheridan, Ontario; daughter, Tracey (Sheridan) Elliott, Ontario; sisters, Janice O'Connor and Sandra Burling, both from Ontario; grandchildren, Caleb Elliott and Carsyn Elliott; mother-in-law, Annie Rose Chiasson. Besides his parents, Wally was predeceased by his brother, Wayne Sheridan. Burial will take place in Ontario at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DOUCET

Germaine Marie Doucet, age 77, Point Cross passed away on Sunday, October 20th, 2024, in the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney. She was a daughter to the late Job and the late Marie (Camus) LeBlanc. Germaine was a big sports fan, especially hockey and baseball. She enjoyed playing cards, bingo, and playing Domino with her sister. She was always willing to lend a hand to help people. She was so proud of her only granddaughter, Star, her pride and joy. She had a strong will and unwavering determination. She had great love and support for her family and community. Germaine had exceptional hospitality skills when it came to tourists who stayed at her B&B. Germaine will forever be remembered for her love of Pepsi. Germaine is survived by her husband, Roland Doucet; son, Ronnie Doucet; sister, Annie Luce Maillet; brother-in-law, Willie Dave Doucet (Rose Marie), and Isidore Gallant; sisters-in-law, Goretti Bourgeois (Alphonse) and Marie Emma Arsenault; granddaughter, Star Doucet; and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Germaine was predeceased by her son, Donnie Doucet; brother Joseph LeBlanc and one brother in infancy; sister, Sylvia Gallant and two sisters in infancy; brothers-in-law, Raymond Maillet and Irvine AuCoin; and sisters-in-law, Casilda AuCoin and Eileen Cusack. A funeral service was held (for family and friends only) on Sunday, October 27th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Cheticamp Funeral Home with Father Bedford Doucette officiating. Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LeBRUN

Joseph Gelas LeBrun, age 63, Cheticamp, passed away on Friday, October 11th, 2024, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Gelas was a son to the late Simeon G. and the late Lorraine (Larade) LeBrun. As a young man, Gelas liked to help his mother all the time. He fished with his stepfather and loved every minute of it as well as driving his ATVs. Gelas had a love for life. He was a soft-hearted and kind man and would give the shirt off his back for anyone. He had so much love for his son and family, and I adored him for it. He was my one true love and soul mate. "I loved you a thousand years, I will love you a thousand more." Gelas is survived by his wife, Tina (O'Toole) LeBrun; and son, Glen LeBrun, Cheticamp; sisters, Josephine Poirier, Cheticamp and Rebecca LeBrun, Sydney; and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Gelas was predeceased by his step-father, Wilfred Deveau; brothers, Joseph LeBrun, and George LeBrun. Memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences can be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONNELL

Joseph "Stan" "Stosh" MacDonnell, December 24th, 1937 – October 19th, 2024: It is with deep sorrow and love that we announce the death of our husband, dad and papa. Stan passed away surrounded by his family. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 62 years Sally (nee Parker); children Michael Whalen, (Lori), Moira Getty (Dean), Donald Turner (Bryon), Jim MacDonnell (Lucy); proud Papa and Pops to Brittany, Raylene, Christopher, Karen, Emma, Klara and Monika; great-grandpa to Malcolm, Jack and Luke; brother Lennie (Brenda) MacDonnell; and his little buddy, Mr. Sylvester. Predeceased by his parents John D. MacDonnell and Mary Catherine (MacKinnon); siblings Donald Gregory, Thomas, and Catherine "Caddie." Born in Judique, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, he moved to Ontario in 1965. Stan worked at Chryslers from 1965-2001, 36 years as an electrical repairman in Trim, proud member of Unifor

Local 444. Never one to be still, his retirement was full. Working at his son's shop (grass cutter, shop cleaner, ad man, and social greeter, always the inventor to make any job better). His passions were golf, his family, and enjoying his grandchildren. Grateful for Stan to have spent his final days at Hospice in Windsor, incredible care and compassion like no other was shown to him and our family that will never be forgotten. Thank you to Samantha, Dad's PSW for your wonderful care, VON, 6th floor doctors and nurses, Met Campus. Visitation took place on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024, at Windsor Chapel Funeral Home - Central Chapel (1700 Tecumseh Rd. E.) from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Visitation continued on Thursday, October 24th, 2024, at Most Precious Blood Church (1947 Meldrum Rd.) from 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with a funeral mass immediately following at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations to Hospice of Windsor would be appreciated.

MacEACHERN

Dougald Archibald (D.A.) MacEachern, 68, passed away on October 11th, 2024, at Etobicoke General Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, after a lengthy illness. Born in Inverness, Cape Breton, on March 10th, 1956, to parents James and Catherine MacEachern of Glenville, Cape Breton, NS, D.A. left Cape Breton at an early age and spent his entire adult life in Toronto. He worked as an industrial painter with a high standard "the job was done right." There he met his soul mate and wife of 37 years, Valerie, and became part of her extended family. He is also survived by his three boys, Matt, Jake, and Nick who were his pride and joy; brothers, Alex (Linda) and Angus; sisters, Marie (Glen) and Anita (best buddy); many loving nephews and nieces; and special god-daughter Caroline; and 96-year-old dearest Aunt Marion who faithfully offered prayers and devotions throughout; and so many cousins who will remember him with a smile and reminisce about summer vacations. D.A. revisited Cape Breton a few times over the years, but these latter years, he expressed that wish more often. Now, finally he has made that journey home. A graveside celebration of life will occur at a later date.

MacDONALD

Ann Marie MacDonald, July 2nd, 1954 – October 19th, 2024: It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, Ann Marie MacDonald, of Marble Hill, who passed away on October 19th, 2024, surrounded by her loving family at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Born in Inverness on July 2nd, 1954, she was the daughter of Levi and Sally (MacLean) Watts. Ann Marie was a graduate of the LPN program in 1974. She worked at the Grace Maternity Hospital for a short time then moved home and worked her entire career at the Inverness hospital until she retired in 2009. She enjoyed caring for the elderly. She was loving and caring. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, travelling the province watching them play hockey and other sports and always being their most supportive fan. She was very proud of all their sporting and other life accomplishments and loved them all so dearly. While she enjoyed travelling South discovering new beaches, she was most happy boating with her family and spending time at our beautiful local beaches, especially Park's beach, Port Hood Island. She was a dedicated community member who spent many years volunteering with her church and the local food bank. She is survived by her husband, Kevin; daughters, Angela (Brent), Heather (Jeff), Jacqueline (Allister); and her seven grandchildren, Connor, Olivia, Ben, Luke, Carson, Maddison, and sweet Sally Mae. She is also survived by her mother, Sally Watts, to whom she dedicated most of her later years caring for; sisters, Susan (Sandy), Long Point; Kathleen, Port Hood; Donna, Halifax; brothers, Alexander, Port Hood; Tommy (Joy), Port Hood; Bobby (Judy), Port Hood; Gary (Marcella), Port Hood; Melvin (Darlene), Port Hood; and brother-in-law, Joe (Lynne), Port Hood. She was predeceased by her father, Levi Watts; brother, Brian in infancy; and sister and best friend Elizabeth. Ann Marie will be forever missed by her aunts and uncles, many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, friends, and community. Also leaving behind her beloved grand dogs Charlie, Mila, and Dottie. The family want to thank and acknowledge the professional and outstanding care provided by all staff at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital during the last few months. To all the physicians, nurses, technicians, and support staff we can not thank you all enough; you provided the most compassionate and competent care, to which Ann Marie truly respected and appreciated. Visitation and funeral service to be announced at a later date. Please visit www.invernessfuneralhome.com for times when posted. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Charitable Foundation, P.O. Box 610, Inverness, NS B0E 1N0;

www.icmhfoundation.com or Union Protestant Cemetery Fund, St. Stephen's United Church, PO Box 137, Port Hood, NS. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacKAY

Joseph Howe MacKay, age 91: Joseph was born September 20th, 1933 in Stellarton, Pictou County, and died October 11th, 2024, in Cheticamp. He was a long-time resident of Inverness, for over 50 years. Joseph was the son of Joseph Howe MacKay, Stellarton, and Hilda Cyr of Westville. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Elwood, Wilfred, Aubrey, Robert, Roy, Vernon; and sister Gladys. Joseph was a mechanic for his entire life. He was a gentleman to everyone, and was a very kind and respected man.

MacQUARRIE

Constance "Connie" MacQuarrie passed away at the age of 94 in Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home on October 14th, 2024. She was born in Inverness on May 29th, 1930 to the late William and Georgina (Moret) MacQuarrie. Connie studied Nursing at St Joseph's Hospital in Glace Bay graduating in 1951. She worked with dedication and compassion throughout her career first at Saint Mary's and later at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Her leadership and knowledge were invaluable to all who knew her. Connie's favourite pastime was fishing always carrying her rod and reel in her trunk. While she had no children of her own, she made sure her younger cousins were well loved. She was an avid reader of all the provincial newspaper and magazines, keeping up with events both locally and abroad. She was a devoted member of Stella Maris Parish, Inverness. Due to ill health, Connie spent her final years in the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home. The family would like to thank the staff at Chisholm Wing for treating Connie with love and compassion during the time she spent with them. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, on Saturday, October 26th, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. with Father Daniel Tshimbalanga officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Donations may be made to Stella Maris Cemetery Fund, Inverness, Inverness Hospital Auxiliary or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacPHEE

Kimberly Ann MacPhee (Kim) was born in Toronto on October 4th, 1966, to Malcolm and Joyce MacPhee. It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of our beautiful daughter, Kim, in the Inverness hospital on October 7th, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Kim is survived by her daughters, Chloe and Kaomi; parents, Mack and Joyce; brothers, Barry (PEI) and Gregory (Rose) Korea; and her beloved sister, Erin. She also leaves behind her three nieces, Jayden, Rebecca, and Nakya; and one nephew, Calum. Known for her kindness, intelligence, and love of animals, Kim will be missed by all who knew her. Kim's family asks that she be remembered for the joy she brought to others in life, not the sadness of her passing. Visitation will be held at 1:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, Inverness, on Friday, October 18th. The celebration of life will follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at the St. John's Church, Strathlorne. A grave side service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the Inverness Palliative Care or an animal rescue organization of your choice.

McALEENAN

It is with great sadness that we, the sons and daughter of Barbara Rebecca announce her peaceful passing on October 7th at the Admiral Long Term Care Centre, Dartmouth NS. Mom was born in the beautiful Margarees to Patrick James (Patsy Peter Pat) and Catherine (Cassie J) nee MacFarlane, Coady. She was raised on her family's farm overlooking the Margaree River. She kept this home in her heart and carried the love and warmth of her family for her entire life. Mom's strong Irish and Scottish upbringing defined her as did her family's deep and abiding faith. All this and a debilitating illness as a child moulded Mom into a strong, fiercely independent, warm and fun-loving woman. Mom graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Glace Bay Cape Breton in 1951. She attended Mount St. Vincents for a year before arriving in Inverness to start her career. She was an excellent nurse, hardworking, smart, and caring. It was her nature. While in Inverness, she met Blair Donald, our dad, an RCMP officer stationed there. They married in 1956. Mom and Dad lived in various detachments throughout NS and

Newfoundland and Mom immediately made them safe and loving homes. They became strong members of these communities and made lasting friendships that endure to this day. Mom and Dad settled finally in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, where they finished raising their three children. Mom loved to set out on trips, whether flying or driving she was always "rarin to go." Give her a day's notice and she was ready for any adventure. Many trips were planned to visit the grandchildren in Calgary and more than once Mom travelled across the country to pick up her daughter, who 'needed a ride home.' Besides her parents, Barbara was predeceased by her husband, Blair Donald; her big brother, James Thompson; and sister-in-law, Phyllis (Tom) Coady; brother, Larry Joseph Coady; sister, Helen Rita; and brother-in-law, Donald Neil P MacLellan; brother-in-law, Suha Ozgun. Left to mourn are her three children, Herb (Mac)(Katherine), Calgary, AB, Helen, Dartmouth, NS, and David (Elise), Banff, AB; grandchildren, Zachary Blair (Caitlyn), Matthew Gordon, Jared James, and Maxwell Ross; great-grandchildren, Rylan and Lily Anna; sisters-in-law, Joan Ozgun, Ellicott City, MD, USA, Sharon (Phil) McClure, Rothesay, NB, Sheila (Peter) McGarry, Caledonia, ON; many nieces and nephews, cousins, and countless friends will feel her loss deeply. We would like to thank the staff at the Admiral Long Term Care Centre for the unwavering care and love they gave Mom. Their heartfelt sadness at Mom's passing was touching to witness and greatly appreciated. Thank you. A funeral mass and burial will be held at a later date.

EDGAR

Mary Edgar (MacIsaac), November 8th, 1940 – October 2nd, 2024: It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Mary Francis on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024, at the home of her daughter Kim in Milton, Ontario, where she resided the last number of years. She is survived by two daughters, Kim (Jake Lecuyer) of Milton, Ontario, and Virginia Edgar of Toronto, Ontario; and her son, Richie (Tess) of Brantford, Ontario; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren whom she loved; two sisters, CB MacInnis (late Parker) of Cambridge, ON, and Marilyn MacIsaac of Toronto, Ontario; two brothers John Donald (Delores) and Pat (Stella) both of Windsor Ontario; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mary was preceded by her parents, Neil and Margaret MacIsaac of Judique Intervale; and two sisters, Mary E. MacDonald of British Columbia and Rose D'Leon of Toronto. She often spoke of her love for Cape Breton, having left there 66 years ago and would speak a word or two of Gaelic to family. Viewing and service at Frank Lynette Funeral Home in Toronto with cremation to follow. Many thanks to Kim and Jake for all the love and compassion shown to Mary while she lived with them. Rest in eternal peace.

MacDONALD

John Alexander "Jack" MacDonald: The family are saddened to announce that Uncle Jack (Big Jack) passed away peacefully on October 4th, 2024, at the Inverary Manor. Jack's life began in Mabou on December 21st, 1934. He was the son of Angus Anthony Johnny Ban and Katie Margaret MacDonald. He is predeceased by brothers Alexander (Suzanne), Roderick (Margie), Mary (Bernie), and Christy Anna (Dougald). Uncle Jack devoted his life to his family and community. He was a firefighter for many years, as well as a fisherman on his boat, the Bamboo Blondie. When fishing season ended, he worked as a mechanic at the school bus garage in Mabou and for Carmen Campbell. Jack was a devoted uncle and friend to many and we will miss his witty humour and generous spirit. Throughout his life, he formed countless memories with his nieces, nephews, and siblings, and extended family, always willing to lend a hand or offer a listening ear. Jack loved to tinker with anything mechanical and his carpenter's belt was never far away from those home or church repairs. Jack was indeed a "Jack of all trades." Some treasured memories include driving with him in his yellow 1967 Ford Galaxy 500 listening to Charlie Pride on 8-track tapes, or when he described a perfect fishing day with a beautiful sunrise as "flat calm" (pronounced "cam")! He loved to tease us and make sure the boys knew to stay away from those big mitts of his. In his later years, Jack could often be found driving around Mabou in his pick-up truck listening to Buddy, or just sitting in the Freshmart parking lot getting the news from The Oran, or from anyone who stopped by for a chat. Uncle Jack will be dearly missed by his sisters-in-law Margie and Suzanne and his nieces and nephews: Gerard, Sean Ban, Sandy, Cathy, Wayne, Sharon, Lorna, Angus, and Devin. The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to MacLeod Cares Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home and Inverary Manor for their love, support, and care during Uncle Jack's stay. Visitation will be Monday, October 14th, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Vestry in Mabou, with the funeral being held at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Parish in Glencoe Mills. Burial will take place at a later date. In

lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mabou Fire Department, Inverness Hospital Foundation, or charity of choice. Online condolences may be made to www.invernessfuneralhome.com. "Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give." – Pope John XXIII

TIMMONS

It is with extreme sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved son, Corey James Pierre Timmons, of Cheticamp, at the young age of 40, on Friday, September 27th, 2024, due to a massive heart attack. He was currently working in Inuvik, N.W.T. Corey James Pierre Timmons was the first-born child to Roger and Lucille (Larade) Timmons. Corey was a loving son and an amazing big brother to both Hillary and Jonathan. Corey had a heart of gold and loved going on adventures to see the world. He was a leader and a coach to many young tradesmen. He forged his own path in life and worked his way across every province and territory from coast to coast to coast across Canada. He loved the outdoors and living life to the fullest. He made his own path and stood tall on what he believed in. Corey was a true friend and was always there for you no matter what was going on in his life. Corey was one of a kind, irreplaceable. He had a passion for the North and everything it had to offer; always looking for the next big adventure. He would fill with excitement when he had the opportunity to explore a new territory. His other passion was hockey and was a true die-hard Toronto Maple Leafs fan. Corey will never be forgotten and will always stay close watching over his family and friends. Fly high Corey, You are now Free. Besides his parents, Corey is survived by his son, Jayden James Timmons; brother, Jonathan William Timmons; and sister, Hillary Ann Timmons (Bruno Chiasson); and nieces and nephews, Carson Ingraham, Brielle Chiasson, Hailey Timmons, and Emma Timmons. Corey was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Pierre Theodore and Germaine Larade; and paternal grandparents, Ned and Marjorie Timmons. Funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, October 9th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp, with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the GoFundMe page set up by Crystal MacPherson or the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

WILLIAMS

Patricia "Patsy" "Pat" Ann Williams, formally of Port Hood, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of October 2nd, 2024, with her eldest son, Keith, by her side. At 78 years of age, she was the most resilient, stubborn, strong woman and never ceased to amaze us with her endurance and determination. She wouldn't leave the house without getting dolled up and in recent years we learned it was best to give her plenty of notice to be ready for an outing. Mom was very proud of the fact that at 50 years of age she had continued her education and received a diploma as a nursing aid. For close to 30 years, she devoted her life to caring for the elderly in their private homes and sat at the bedside of many as they passed over. Her stories about her clients were very heartfelt and entertaining, and not always sad. I'm sure she brought great comfort to many in their final hours. Her quick wit remained with her to the very end even in times of uncertainty. "Pat" as many referred to her in later years, leaves behind her children Debbie (Mike), Keith (Amanda), Dean; her grandchildren who lovingly referred to her as "Grandma Boston," Richelle, Ellen, Christopher and Eden; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Dessa, Russell, Abel, Oscar, and Monty. Her last surviving sibling is Donald Archie Williams. Donna Strong, who was like a daughter to her. Waiting for Mom at the gates to heaven, her parents Mary Ellen (Gillis) and Harold Williams; siblings Margerite, James, Edna, Theresa, Harold Jr. (Pearly), and Sandy; her grandsons Cory and Alex; also her husbands Robert Walsh and Barry Sutherland. She would appreciate if I mentioned as well, her dog companion of 15 years Muggsy, whom she lost when her cancer battle began six years ago. Our family would like to thank all the Continuing Care workers who assisted Mom these past years, her Doctor Paul Pluta, and the nursing staff at the Strait Richmond hospital, thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. A funeral service will take place October 25th, 2024, at St. Peter's Parish Church in Port Hood at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will take place prior to the service in the church at 10:00 a.m. Burial will not be taking place as per her wishes. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

BURNS

Marilyn Jessie (Campbell) Burns passed away peacefully in Colchester East Hants Health Centre,

surrounded by her loving family on September 28th, 2024, at the age of 81. Marilyn was born on October 31st, 1942, at the family farm in Centerville, Cape Breton. She was the daughter of Neil Dan and Margaret Campbell. Marilyn was predeceased by her parents and parents-in-law, Ross and Hilda Burns and Marie Murdock Burns; sister-in-law, Helen Farrow; brothers-in-law, Richard Burns, Bert Burns, and Herald Farrow; nieces, Jesslyn, Jennifer, and Suzanne Campbell; nephew, Jason Campbell; aunts, Mae (Neil) MacKay, Dolena (Hector) MacKinnon, Phyllis (DJ) Ferguson, Laura MacInnis, Shirley (Jackie) Morrison, Flora (Hawley) Smith; Annie (David) Austin; uncles, Murdock (June) MacInnis, Morrison (Laura Bell) MacInnis, and Stewart MacInnis. Marilyn's early education was at the community schoolhouse that was located at the end of farm lane. She often spoke fondly of how she would ski to school in winter and loved to play baseball in the summertime. She later attended high school in Mabou. Marilyn's early interest in baseball led to a lifetime love of the sport and she closely followed her beloved Blue Jays, rarely missing a game. In her early 20s, she worked at Vi's Restaurant in Whycocomagh and later moved to Truro to work at Cook's Chick Hatchery, where she enjoyed visiting farms throughout the Maritimes. While living in Truro, Marilyn met Allan Burns, whom she married in 1970. Allan and Marilyn built a life in their home on Riverside Avenue, where they raised their two children. Marilyn's favourite job was caring for children. She was the full-time babysitter for Colleen and Jim Shaw for 18 years. She adored their four children, Joe, John, James, and Sarah, who became as dear to her as family. Before retiring, she worked as a caregiver for Grace Bethell. Marilyn's caregiving efforts would later be returned to her when she most needed it. During her illness, she received dedicated and thoughtful care from many doctors, nurses, the Victoria Order of Nurses (VON), and The Key. The family would like to thank them all for their efforts and kindness. Marilyn enjoyed volunteering with various organizations that their children were involved in over the years such as Beavers, Explorers, CGIT, and highland dancing. She was very involved in the church (First United and St David's United Church), serving on the Board of Stewards and also regularly lending a hand at church events. She worked for over 20 years for Meals on Wheels coordinating meal deliveries to seniors. In 2014, she received the Outstanding Community Volunteer award from the Village of Bible Hill, which she was extremely proud of. Marilyn's most endearing qualities were her kind heart and her wonderful sense of humour. She valued time with her family and many friends, loved a good story and had an infectious laugh. Her greatest joy came from being a grandmother and spending time with her four grandchildren, Rya, Madison, Gavin, and Riley. She particularly enjoyed cooking special treats for them and attending their activities. Marilyn was well known for her baking, which she shared regularly with friends and family. If you were at a community event in Truro or Bible Hill in the past 50 years, you probably enjoyed one of her famous shortbread cookies. She enjoyed using the produce from Allan's beautiful garden, making pickles, and beets every fall. She and Allan also enjoyed travelling and made many trips to British Columbia and Ontario, as well as a memorable trip to London, Portugal and Spain. Marilyn will be dearly missed by her husband of 54 years, Allan; son, Neil (Jamie) Burns; daughter, Michelle (Duane) Webber; grandchildren, Rya and Gavin Burns, Madison and Riley Webber; brothers, John Murdock (Tena) and Barry (Colleen Beaton) Campbell; sister, Isabel Munro; sisters-in-law, Carolyn Burns and Diane Burns and her many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends. In lieu of flowers, Marilyn would be very pleased if you made a donation to VON Canada or a charity of your choice. A visitation will be held on Friday, October 4th, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with a funeral service on Saturday, October 5th, at 1:00 p.m., both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Web casting will begin at 12:58 p.m. (ADT) and is available along with online condolences by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

BURNS

With heavy hearts and fond memories, we celebrate the life of Joan Marie (AuCoin) Burns (1946-2024). She left us on September 20th, 2024. Her last moments were surrounded by family, Brian's whistles, tunes, and love. Joan was the daughter of the late Marcellin a Fidele AuCoin and Elizabeth Chiasson. She is survived by her sons, Mark, Glen, and Brian; daughter, Joanne (Dale); grandchildren, Chloe (Jesse), Hollis, Dawson (Olivia), Alex, Leah, Megan (Charlie), Teagan (Ellen) and Jenna; great-grandchildren, Leo, Gracen, Ceilidh and Bailey; siblings Joseph (Andrea), Josephine (Jimmy), Gerard (Karen), Marie Sophie (Seward), Simon (Nancy), Bernadette (Eugene), Cecile (Daniel), Therese (Brian), Marguerite (Gilles), Paulette (Vic); and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Martin; son, Danny (Carrie); siblings, Bernie (Jeannine), Daniel, Sam (Rita), and Marie Luce (Bob).

Raised in Terre Noire, Joan attended school until grade seven when her mother asked her to leave school and help her with the busy family household. She gladly accepted and learned her homemaking skills that continued throughout her life. In 1966, she married Martin and moved to Belle Cote to raise their family. Life came with struggles but she did her best. In her spare time she enjoyed the peacefulness of trout fishing, berry picking, and flower gardening. She also was a wonderful cook and enjoyed having treats ready for grandchildren before her health failed. There are not enough words to thank the staff of the Foyer Pere Fiset for their care and compassion over the last five years. Her smile said it all and it was very much appreciated by her family. Funeral mass was held at St. Michael's Parish in East Margaree Wednesday, September 25th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Sylvan officiating. Cremation has taken place. Burial was to follow the mass in the parish cemetery. There was visitation at the church starting at 10:00 a.m. prior to the mass. Online condolences may be made to www.sunsetfuneralco-operative.com. Donations may be made to the Halifax Regional Cerebral Palsy Association in honour of her son Brian or to St. Michael's Parish Cemetery.

CROWDIS

Violet Sadie Crowdis, February 1st, 1942 – September 22nd, 2024: Our hearts are broken. Our wonderful mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, friend has passed. Sadie always enjoyed the company of friends and family. She enjoyed a good cuppa tea (milk first) and a game of crib. She leaves to mourn six children, Margaret Rose (Brad), Frank, Patsy (Alfred), Jackie, Sharon (MacGee) and Paul (Wanda); 14 grandchildren, Gwen, Maria, DJ, Victoria, Matraca, Christopher, Kyle, Noah, Mora, Mitchell, Katie, Karen, Jonathan, and Nick; 19 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Anita and Alice. She was pre-deceased by her husband John E. Crowdis; daughter Sandra Marie in infancy; two grandchildren, Shannon and Megan; stepson, Turner McIntyre; sister Florence; brothers, Norman and Austin; sisters-in-law Margaret and Rosie; brother-in-law Porter Ross; parents, John and Ada. She also leaves behind many friends. Sadie was a second mother to many of her children's friends. Her door was always open, the tea pot always on, and her baking ready to be enjoyed. Sadie's life cannot be summarized in an obituary, her love and support lives in the hearts and memories of those who knew her. She was loved and cherished by many. Her family want to thank the staff of Ocean View Villa in the Inverary Manor for giving her such a safe and caring environment this past year. A graveside service will be held Saturday, September 28th, 2024, at 12:00 noon in Wilson United Church Cemetery, Margaree Centre. Family request this be a scent free occasion due to allergies.

LARADE

Lucy Angelique Larade, age 88, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 22nd, 2024, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. She was a daughter to the late Aimable and the late Helene Mae (Larade) AuCoin. Maman was a very kind and gentle lady. She never had the chance to attend school as, as the eldest, she was needed at home to care for her sick mom. But that didn't stop her. She worked very hard her entire life at various jobs and also hooked many large rugs as a sideline. She always dyed her own yarn in the exact shades she wanted to create many masterpieces, and she continued to help her family throughout her life. She could not say no to anyone. She enjoyed spending time with her grandsons when they were younger and would do anything they wanted...even play goalie in a game of mini sticks. She would always make sure their hockey gear dried well by the woodstove in the basement and that nothing was missing in the hockey bag for the next game. Mémère also made the best pancakes ever. She would always look forward to her grandsons' visits with their families. Grand mémère loved her hugs from Paige, Nicklaus, and Blake. She always asked how everyone was doing and wanted to know what everyone was up to, whether it be hockey scores or travel news. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends. Lucy Angelique is survived by her daughter, Paulette Larade; and her son-in-law, Fernand, whom she thought the world of; brother, Jimmy (Catherine) AuCoin; sisters, Dorothy (late Albert) Haché and Patricia (Bobby) AuCoin; sister-in-law, Sylvia AuCoin; grandchildren, Chris (Sarah) Larade and Trevor (Amanda) Larade; great-grandchildren, Paige, Nicklaus, and Blake. Besides her parents, Lucy Angelique was predeceased by her brothers, Joseph William and François; and sisters, Thérèse Gelina and Thérèse. A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 27th, 2024, in the Cheticamp Funeral Home. Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Everyone is welcome. Memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Hospital

Charitable Foundation or a charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent to:
www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LeFORT

Loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Ludger Denis LeFort passed away September 19th, 2024, at the age of 89. Born in Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, to Geoffrey and Flavie (Aucoin) LeFort, he lived in Canada for 27 years before relocating to Waltham, Massachusetts. Married to the love of his life, Mary Pauline Aucoin, for almost 65 years, he is survived by his children, Robert Denis and Celeste LeFort (Mineral, VA) and Maurice Paul and Delcarme LeFort (Whitinsville, MA); his grandchildren, Michelle and Daniel Powers and Nicole LeFort; his great-grandchildren, Nathaniel Robert and Samuel Matthew Powers; one brother, Armand (Margarita) LeFort; and one sister-in-law, Mary Julia LeFort. He was pre-deceased by five other brothers Albert, Simon-Pierre, Luis-Joseph, Joseph-Mederic, and Alphonse all from Cheticamp, NS. Upon arriving in Waltham in 1962, Ludger started working at Hood Rubber company then later went to school for a career as a computer operator and worked at CF Database for 27 years. His passion was music, and he started playing Scottish music on the violin (fiddle) as a teenager and continued to entertain family and friends for the entirety of his life. He was an active member of the French American Club, where he played as part of the Country Masters band, then would dance the night away with his lovely wife. In his later years, he played music and spent time with good friends at the Canadian American club. In later years, Ludger added the sweet sounds of the violin into church services where he was an active member of the Sacred Heart choir. He passed on the love of music to his two granddaughters who would sing while he played and would join him in the choir or on holidays to increase the festive spirit. People paid their respects to Ludger and his family in the Mary Catherine Chapel of Brasco & Sons Memorial, 773 Moody Street, WALTHAM on Thursday, September 26th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. For those who wish to pay their final respects can sign the guestbook at www.BrascoFuneralhome.com. Parking attendants will be on duty.

FRASER

Suzanne Fraser, age 68, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Born in Kapuskasing, Ontario, Suzanne was the daughter of the late Xavier Syvrais and the late Marie-Cecile (Thérien) Syvrais. Suzanne was a proud military wife to her late husband, Pat Fraser, and a devoted mother to her two children, Sylvie and Steve. Suzanne found much joy in raising her family. After years of moving between military bases, Suzanne fell in love with her husband's hometown of Chéticamp. They decided to settle down and build their life here. Suzanne will be remembered for her laugh and her warm smile. She knew how to make anyone feel special, which was evident while serving "des p'tits cafés" to "les p'tites madames et les p'tits monsieurs" as a waitress at the Artisanale Restaurant. Suzanne loved to spend time in the kitchen (her happy place), cooking and baking while listening to music – her butter tarts were beyond compare! Suzanne was a very spiritual woman who loved her family and friends deeply. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren. She was a very proud Mémère and loved her grandchildren "beaucoup beaucoup." She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Suzanne is survived by her two children, Sylvie (Jan) Pluta and Steve (Janelle) Gagné; her grandchildren Xavier, Léa, Cammie and Millie; and nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Suzanne was predeceased by her husband Pat Fraser; brothers, Daniel Syvrais and Luc Syvrais; and sister Lyse Tripp. Visitation was held on Saturday, September 21st, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Cheticamp Funeral Home, with funeral service immediately following in the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

HINKLEY

Walter "Wally" Hinkley, a beloved member of our community, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 13th, 2024, at the age of 75. Wally was a son to the late Manuel Walter and the late Edna Mary (Moore) Hinkley. Wally was known for his unwavering spirit, generous heart, and a life filled with rich experiences and deep connections. Born on December 7th, 1948, Wally grew up with the land and sea as his companions. From a young age, he embraced the challenges and rewards of farming, dedicating decades to cultivating his family's farm with the same care and passion that he brought to every aspect of

his life. His work ethic and commitment were matched only by his love for the ocean, where he spent many years lobster fishing. The early mornings and salt-kissed air were a testament to his resilience and his profound connection to nature. Wally's love for the land extended beyond his work. He was an avid gardener, transforming his backyard into a lush haven that was admired by all who visited. His green thumb produced vegetables and flowers that were as vibrant as his personality, and he took great joy in sharing his harvest with friends and family. An enthusiastic card player, Wally hosted many crib games, where his strategic mind and playful banter made him a favourite among friends. The camaraderie and laughter he shared with his card-playing circle were as cherished as the games themselves. Family was the cornerstone of Wally's life. He is survived by his children, Nicole (Megan), Catherine (Riley), Alysha (Ronnie), Clarence "Digger" (Christine), and Sharlene; his grandchildren, Sierra (Justin), Makenna, Brady, Madison, Calee, Breanna (Gordon), Paige, Connor, Dawson, Cole, and Blair-Marie; his great-grandchildren, Aria, Ava, Quintin and Hazel; his sisters, Nora (Stan), Carol, Catherine (Robert), and Madeline. Wally is predeceased by his soul mate, Elizabeth "Liz"; brother, Donnie; sister, Elsie; and great-granddaughter, Adalynn. Wally's love for his family was evident in everything he did, from the lessons he taught them about hard work and respect to the simple joys of spending time together. Wally's many friends remember him for his kindness, his quick wit, and his unwavering loyalty. His legacy is one of generosity and deep-rooted connections to both the land and the people he loved. Visitation was held on Monday, September 16th, 2024, in the Cheticamp Funeral Home from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A memorial service celebrating Wally's remarkable life was held on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's United Church, Pleasant Bay with Rev. Peter Rioux officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant Bay Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre. Wally Hinkley will be remembered for his enduring spirit, his love of nature, and the countless lives he touched with his warmth and wisdom. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LARADE

Marcel Larade, age 83, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Friday, September 13th, 2024, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Marcel was a son to the late Joseph and the late Judith (Muisse) Larade. Born on June 19th, 1941, in Cheticamp, Marcel left at a young age for Toronto, then Halifax where he worked at the Victoria General Hospital until he decided to move back to Cheticamp and where he met his loving wife, Sylvia whom he spent 53 years with and raised their son, Robert. Marcel worked at many places in Cheticamp until making his passion a reality by co-purchasing the Cheticamp Ambulance Services in 1989. He worked alongside many people who became family to him until he retired in 1998. Marcel will be remembered for his great sense of humour, and witty remarks, as well as being a very caring and all around great man. He enjoyed visiting with family and friends over tea and great conversations. Marcel's greatest passions in life were being a beloved husband and father, but what he loved the most was being a great p  p  re to Noah and Dayna, whom he adored and was most proud of. Marcel will be forever loved and remembered by his loving wife, Sylvia; son, Robert (Nicole); grandchildren, Noah (Shaylah) and Dayna; sisters, Marie Stella Michaud and Marie Cecile Malone; and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Marcel was predeceased by brothers, Pierre Theodore Larade, Leo Larade, Patsy Larade, Alphonse Larade, Cyril Larade, and Andr   Larade; sisters, Marie Sophie Roach, Margaret Ann LeFort, Beatrice Peters, and Marie Therese Abriel. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Memorial donations may be made in Marcel's memory to a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

Bradley Ross MacDonald, Wednesday, March 10th, 1937 – Thursday, August 29th, 2024, passed away peacefully, with his wife watching over him, at Bickel Centre Toronto, August 29th, from complications of a spinal cord injury after a fall in March at age 87. He leaves to grieve his dearly loved wife Jeanette (Deveaux); son Michael (Kathy Harker); and grandson Bradley. Missing him are his extended family, friends, and neighbours in Ontario and Nova Scotia including close cousins Bernice, Curtis, Vernon, and Terri, good friend Lockie, and sister-in-law Diane. Predeceased by his beloved daughter Paula Anne (d.

2018); Aunt Audrey; and close cousin Guy; uncles, Henry and Porter; parents, Albert and Shirley (nee Ross); and grandparents Roy and Teresa Ross (nee Ingraham). Ross grew up with his mother and grandparents on the family farm at the end of Ross Road in the Margaree Valley, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Of historical significance, Ross's great-great-great-grandfather, David Ross, is known today as one of the four "Ross Brother Pioneers." Their father, born in Scotland, emigrated from Ireland to Hanz, NS, with his growing family in abt. 1769 and as adults the brothers settled in the Margaree Valley. As a young man Ross left Cape Breton for the first time to join the army. He proudly served for three years. Afterwards, he set his sights on Toronto where he met the love of his life, Jeanette. They settled into their home in Etobicoke, raising their family while Ross worked at Ontario Hydro on Kipling Avenue. Although Ross and Jeanette spent their married life in Toronto, they stayed close to their Cape Breton roots by taking annual summer road trips to the family home there. In retirement, Ross enjoyed time spent with neighbours, friends, and family, morning coffee at Cloverdale Mall, darts at the nearby Legion, and extended summers in Cape Breton. He was honoured to receive Red Cross recognition for having donated blood over several decades. On hearing of his passing, a neighbour referred to Ross as a true gentleman. He will be remembered by family, friends, and peers as a dependable and respected man. In keeping with Ross's wishes, cremation has taken place. A donation can be made to the MS Society in honour of Ross's cherished daughter Paula or Spinal Cord Injury Ontario.

MacISAAC

Angus "Angie" MacIsaac, December 27th, 1950 – September 18th, 2024: It is with profound sadness and enduring love that we announce the passing of Angus "Angie" MacIsaac, who peacefully left this world at the age of 73 on September 18th, 2024, at the Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow, surrounded by the family and friends who cherished him. Angie's departure leaves a deep void in the hearts of all who knew him, but his legacy of kindness, compassion, and humour will forever endure. Born in Inverness, Nova Scotia, on December 27, 1950, Angie was the beloved son of the late Catherine "Kaye" MacIsaac. From an early age, he was known for his boundless generosity and infectious spirit that uplifted everyone around him. Angie had a gift for storytelling, weaving humour and heart into every tale, and his laughter was as memorable as the comfort he provided to those in need. He spent much of his career at the Strathlorne Forest Nursery, where his hard work and willingness to lend a hand left a lasting impact on his community. Angie's life was enriched by his marriage to Cathy, the love of his life and constant companion for 34 years. Their bond was one of deep affection and shared joy, and together they cherished their four beloved Shih Tzus – Morgan, Angel, Oreo, and Domino – who were like family to them. When Cathy passed in February 2019, a piece of Angie's heart went with her. He continued to honour her memory by spreading kindness and love to all those around him. Angie is survived by his loving sisters, Margie (George), Josephine (Billy), and Deborah; as well as his dear brother, James (Jennifer); and special aunt, Lizzie MacDonnell (Ronald). He is also survived by his three brothers-in-law, Patrick, Bobby, and Michael MacLellan; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by the love of his life, Cathy; his mother, Kaye; and dear aunts and uncles. Though we mourn his passing, we also celebrate the life of a man who gave so much of himself to others. His stories, laughter, and kindness will never be forgotten. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 25th, in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., with a funeral mass to follow at 2:00 p.m. Family flowers only, please. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice. Rest in peace, dear Angie. You are forever loved and deeply missed. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacLELLAN

Johnena Marie MacLellan (1932-2024): It is with heavy hearts and great sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend, Johnena on September 9th, 2024, in Foyer Pere Fiset nursing home in Cheticamp, surrounded by her loving family and friends. Born on April 10th, 1932, in Deepdale, Inverness County, to the late Hughie Dan and Mary Janet (O'Brien) MacDonnell, she was one of 10 children. Johnena always enjoyed a great game of cards, loving to win and beating her friends. She also enjoyed bingo, Scottish music, ceilidhs, and concerts. She was an exceptional cook and loved to have a cup of tea and a lunch with anyone who came to her home.

As an active member of the South West CWL, she participated in many dinners for the community. She loved preparing delicious meals for her family every Sunday and especially on holidays, and was greatly admired for her baking, especially her pies. She cherished her time with family and leaves us with many treasured memories. Predeceased by her parents, Hughie Dan and Mary Janet MacDonnell; husband, John Alex; sons, Joseph and Dougald; sisters, Kay (Stan), Christina (Donald); and brother, Donald James (Audrey). She is survived by her children, Mary Jessie (Neil), Rannie (Sue), Anne (Brian), Andrea (Hugh Allan), John (Hazel), Frances (David); also 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary (Greg), Sadie (Herb), Penny (Rannie); brothers, Highie (Phyllis), Harold (Beatrice), Jimmy (Susan); daughters-in-law, Anne and Irene; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation took place Thursday, September 12th, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Inverness Funeral Home. Funeral mass was held on Friday, September 13th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Parish Church, South West Margaree, with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial followed in MacDougall's Cemetery. Tea and a light lunch will be served following the service in the South West Margaree Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the South West Margaree Cemetery Fund or to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacLELLAN

Donald Walker MacLellan, November 29th, 1947 – September 10th, 2024: With tearful hearts, we announce the passing of Donald Walker MacLellan, lovingly known as Donnie “Red Lewis,” on September 10th, 2024, at the age of 76, in Pine falls, Manitoba. Donnie was a cherished son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Born and raised in Dunvegan, Cape Breton, Donnie moved away, but his heart always belonged to his Cape Breton roots. A man of hard work, quick wit, and a zest for life, Donnie left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him. Donnie's greatest pride was his family. He had a deep love for his four children: Debra, Jennifer (Aaron), Lewis (Chantelle), and Marion (Jamieson), from his marriage to Janette. He adored and spoke about his children with immense pride. He was also a proud grandfather who cherished every update about his grandchildren's adventures and accomplishments, which brought him endless joy. His grandchildren, Marisa, Brooke, Breagha, Julia, Nathan, Reid, Alex, and Cal, were the light of his life. Donnie made it a point to stay close to his siblings; always keeping in touch through his daily phone calls, ensuring that the family bond remained strong. His siblings, Anita, Judy (Henry), Mary Lou (Leo), and Gerard (Rose), were always close to his heart, as were his many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Marion and Lewis, his sister Freda, and his brother-in-law Alistair. In Manitoba, Donnie built a life with his partner Darlene, and her children Wayne, Charlene, Vince, and Michelle, creating many cherished memories together. Donnie's love and connection extended to Darlene's grandchildren, Jaron, Janessa, Cameron, Daniel, Madison, and Katelyn, as well as her great-grandchild Lilly, who all held a special place in his heart. After Darlene's passing, Donnie was deeply comforted by Darlene's children, who helped fill the void left in his heart. He was blessed to have a large circle of friends who provided companionship and support throughout his illness. Donnie spent most of his life with his boots firmly planted on the ground, whether working as an ironworker or deep in the mines. Known in the mining community for his strong work ethic and his sense of humour, he forged many lifelong friendships that extended well beyond the worksite. He remained close with his childhood friend Stanley throughout his life, with daily conversations about the Cape Breton news. A true people person, Donnie made friends wherever he went. He was always up for a chat, or willing to lend a helping hand. Donnie was instantly recognizable with his classic Elvis hair, which matched his charming and unforgettable personality. His laugh could fill a room, and he was known for his notorious repertoire of dirty jokes and one liners. He cherished the simple pleasures in life: a good conversation, a hearty laugh, and a competitive game of crib. Donnie “Red Lewis” leaves behind a legacy of laughter, love, and unforgettable memories. His family, friends, and all who knew him, will forever carry a piece of his spirit with them. Though he may be gone, his stories, his laughter, and his love will live on. Rest easy, Donnie. Keep those zipper boots ready for the next adventure, and may you find peace. You will be missed more than words can say. Cremation has taken place. A wake was held at the Inverness Funeral Home on Monday, September 23rd, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and a funeral mass took place at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove, on Tuesday, September 24th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Mabou/Port Hood food bank. Arrangements

made by Sobering Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Beausejour, MB, 204-268-3510, or MB toll free 1-877-776-2220, www.soberingfuneralchapel.com.

CAMUS

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Cyril Camus, beloved brother, partner, father, and grandfather, on August 28th, 2024, at the age of 55. Cyril will be deeply missed by his common-law wife, Tamara Renouf, and his loving children: Samantha, Serina, Michael, and seven grandchildren. Cyril is survived by his brothers, Pierre Paul and Lomay; and his sister, Betty Ann. He will also be remembered fondly by his step-sisters, Muriel, Donald, Marie Victoire, and Diane; as well as his step-brother, Richard. Cyril touched the lives of many with his kindness, laughter, and unwavering love for his family. His memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. To celebrate Cyril's life, we ask that attendees bring light snacks to share as we gather to remember him in a casual, warm setting. Your contributions are appreciated as we come together to honour his memory. A celebration of life in loving memory of Cyril Camus will be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 21st, 2024, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 13956 Cabot Trail, Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, B0E 1H0.

GILLIS

James Martin Gillis (Jimmy) – April 29th, 1933 – September 15th, 2024: It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of James Martin Gillis on September 15th, 2024, at the age of 91 years. Jimmy was born on April 29th, 1933, in Margaree, Cape Breton, to his parents, Hugh Gillis and Sara (MacFarlane). He was the youngest of eight and was predeceased by Joan, Isabelle, Dougal, Patrick, Alexander, Christine, and Katherine. He was the loving husband of Margaret (Peggy Mackinnon) and a wonderful father to his three children, Catherine (Paul Cashmore), Jeffrey (Cheryl Matson), and Dan Gillis (single not picky). As a dad, he was always there, providing guidance, support, and love and laughter. An amazing grandfather to his five grandchildren, Finn Joyce, Cole Cashmore, Maggie Cashmore, Zach Gillis, and James Gillis. Jimmy was a proud uncle and loved his nieces and nephews. At a young age, Jimmy joined the merchant marines, he then was a miner in northern Ontario, he then entered the elevator trade, where he worked for over 30 years. In retirement, Jim returned to Cape Breton, where he enjoyed golf, renovating his house and spending time with family and friends. Jimmy had a mischievous sense of humour, loved sharing funny stories with his friends and family, and had a song or a limerick for every occasion. He was proud Cape Bretoner; he loved the culture, music, and the people. He will be missed by all that had the opportunity to know him. Visitation will be held in Inverness Funeral Home on Thursday, September 19th, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Funeral mass to take place in St. Joseph's Church, South West Margaree, at 3:00 p.m. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. Memorial donations may be made to Canadian Red Cross.

GRANDY

We are saddened to announce the passing of Tony Eugene Grandy, 53, on Sunday, September 8th, 2024, in Sydney, NS. Formerly from Margaree Centre, Tony was the son of Jennie (MacNeil) and Eugene Grandy. He was predeceased by his father and his brother Frankie. Tony is survived by his mother Jennie MacNeil; his sisters Jeannie Grandy (Joe) also Phemie (Mike) Clements; his nieces Jennie (Steve) Hancock, Courtney Clements and Morgan Grandy; his nephews, John R (April) Hancock and Matthew Clements; as well as grand nieces Brooklyne, Kierra, and Jaylin; grand-nephews Robert, Kurt, and Jacob and great-grand niece Layla. Tony leaves to mourn his many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Tony was an easy going man with a big heart. He loved his family and was especially close to his mom. He was loved by many and he will be missed by all. May he rest in peace with his dad, brother, and many family members. Farewell "Toner" until we meet again. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Sunset Funeral Home. Burial will take place at a later date in Iona. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacDONALD

It is with deep sadness that the family of Francis "Coo" MacDonald, 81, of Craigmore, NS, announce that he passed away peacefully on September 11th, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was born on May 3rd,

1943, to the late Angus “Coo” and Catherine Ann (MacEachen) MacDonald of Mabou. Francis was a proud husband to Catherine, his wife of 55 years, dad to his three kids, and grandad to his eight grandchildren. They spent many hours travelling to support the activities of their kids and grandkids; Francis and Catherine could always be found in the stands, bleachers, and sitting in the theatre, so proud of their family’s accomplishments. Francis always had a calm presence and was not easily rattled, and had an innate ability to nap anywhere. Francis was known for his dry sense of humour and relished a good prank, where he might – or might not – admit to his involvement in these antics. He was a true jack of all trades, both during his time at Stora Forest Industries and while operating Strait Fire Extinguishers. Even into his final days, he would still tell stories about the guys from the mill, and the laughs they had over their various forms of mischief. Francis was also a skilled craftsman, having built his own home in Craigmore and restored his childhood home in Mabou, as well as building beautiful woodworking projects for his family members. While his talents were well known, he was modest about his achievements, and we will miss our on-call handyman who could outwork us all. Francis loved to travel with Catherine and his family; they particularly enjoyed travelling in their motor home with close friends JR and Pauline MacDonald. He was often found “puttering” in his garage and boiling a feed of lobster to share with family and friends. Francis was also a born storyteller who could spin a Gaelic yarn or tall tale; he loved traditional fiddle music and a good game of auction, where he could be quite insufferable in both victory and defeat. Francis is survived by his wife, Catherine (DeBaie), daughter, Anne MacDonald, Upper Tantallon, son, Michael MacDonald (Ashley), Lower Onslow, and daughter, Karen Staples (Mark), Dartmouth, and his grandchildren, Catherine, Connor and Elliot Gosney, Jack, Sadie and Mitch MacDonald, and Alexander and Matilda Staples. He is survived by his brother, Alexander MacDonald, Port Hawkesbury, sister Betty Tracey (Jerome), Port Hawkesbury, and Mary Lehto, Hamilton; sister-in-law Shirley MacDonald, Mabou, brother-in-law Albert DeBaie, Mabou; close nephews Glen and Perry MacDonald; as well as many more loved nieces and nephews. Francis was predeceased by his parents, Angus and Katie Ann; brothers, Stanley MacDonald I, Donald Mac Donald, and Stanley MacDonald II, nephew Allan DeBaie, and grandson Walter Francis MacDonald. The family would like to thank the wonderful and caring Palliative Care team at St. Martha’s Hospital in Antigonish, and in particular Dr. Lisa Gillis, who tended to Francis with dignity and consideration. Visitation was held at Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home in Port Hawkesbury on Monday, September 16th. Funeral mass took place at St. Mary’s Church, Mabou, on Tuesday, September 17th. Burial followed in the Mabou parish cemetery. Reception took place at the Mabou Parish Hall. Donations can be made in Francis’ memory to Canadian Cancer Society, The Kidney Foundation of Canada, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, or a charity of your choosing. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

MULLINS

It is with deep sadness, the family of John Allen Mullins Jr., 66, of Inverness, announce his passing on September 14th, 2024. He was born July 26th, 1958, to the late John A. and Mabel (Ross) Mullins. Loving husband to Rhonda; dad to Kyle, Dawn, Holly, and John. Also a “Da” to his eldest grandson, Adam. John A. enjoyed the simple things in life. He adored his grandchildren, loved dogs, early morning drives, conversations, loud music, dancing, and arm wrestling. He was a very kind man that would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. John A. is survived by his wife, Rhonda; children, Kyle, Dawn (Charles), Holly (Jason), John (Barb); grandchildren, Adam (Gail), Alixx, Jacob, Ella, Eli, Avery, Mallory, Nikolas; and great-grandson, Dallas. He is also survived by siblings, Mary, Jerome, Darlene (Johnny), Robert (Jesslyn), Richie (Karen); along with many nieces and nephews. John A. was predeceased by his parents, John A. and Mabel Mullins; and siblings, Muriel (late Lawrence), Ann (John), and James. Cremation has taken place and visitation will be held in Stella Maris Church Inverness on Friday, September 20th, 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. with a funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to ALS Society of Nova Scotia or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CHISHOLM

Alexander Gregory Chisholm, 1929-2024: It is with heavy hearts that the family of Alexander Gregory “Al” Chisholm announces his peaceful passing at home on Lower Railway Street, Inverness, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia on August 31st, 2024. Al will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Al was born on July

6th, 1929, in Inverness, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia to his parents, Francis John (Frank) Chisholm and Annie (MacDonald) Chisholm. Al is predeceased by his loving parents, Frank and Annie Chisholm; brothers, Lawrence and Gerald Chisholm; brother-in-law, Brian Brennan; sisters-in-law, Gerri (Ferguson) Chisholm, Velma (Paquet) Chisholm; and grandson, Brad MacArthur. Al is survived and dearly remembered by his loving family, wife, Floanna (MacQuarrie) Chisholm Inverness; sons, Stewart (Joanne Francis) Inuvik, NWT, Robert, Judique, and Brian (Erica Deagle), Inverness; daughters, Elizabeth (Wally Forrest), Halifax, Donna (Dale Gatenby), Penticton, BC and Gracie (Roger Wiswell), Lake Ainslie; brothers, Jackie Chisholm, Mabou, Charles (Anne) Chisholm, Sydney; and sister, Lorraine Brennan, Inverside; grandchildren, Lauryn, Sophie, Hana, Cassidy, Savanna, Adreanna, Jasmine, Helaina, Janna, Jackie, Breanna, Riley, Sophie, Bella, Sullivan, and Everly; great-grandchildren, Leo, Charlie, Beau, Reid, Noah, and Brooke. Al is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, brothers-in-law and many extended family members and friends. Al attended St. Mary's University for one year before moving on to become a barber and opened his own business in Inverness, Nova Scotia. Al had an adventurous spirit and soon moved on to join the Royal Canadian Navy. After his navy experience, Al found employment in various careers throughout Canada, in Elliot Lake, Ontario, Montreal, Quebec, and in Windsor, Ontario, where he worked for Chrysler Corporation. In 1965, while working for Chrysler Corporation, Al's struggle with heart disease began. During his return to Inverness in 1960, he met Floanna, the "love of his life" at a dance at the Labour Temple Hall. They married in 1960 and raised six children over 63 years. In the 1970s, Al began his career as a Harness Racing Judge at the Inverness Raceway, Sackville Downs, and later in Western Canada, this proved to be his life time passion. Al had many hobbies, he was an avid reader, especially mystery and true crime novels. Al's favourite morning read was the Chronicle Herald and the co-op flyer to find the sales. He purposely watched CNN to keenly analyze the daily reports from around the world. Al loved to hunt, fish, and cook. His day was never complete unless he made his ritual visit to Bruno's, the Coal Miners Restaurant or Robin's for a round table chat on all the happenings around town. It was never beyond Al to jump into his car for a road trip that may take him across Canada or just across town. Above all, Poppa (Al) loved his grandchildren. Al's family extends their appreciation to all the health care providers throughout the years. Their commitment and dedication enabled Al to remain at home during his last years. A special thank you to the Palliative Care Team and Home Care Services. Visitation was held in Stella Maris Catholic Church, Inverness, Saturday, September 7th, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass following at 11:00 a.m. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or to Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Reception followed at the Inverness Fire Hall, Central Avenue. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

INGRAHAM

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Nelson Clement Ingraham, aged 82, on Sunday, September 1st, 2024, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre in Cheticamp. Nelson was born November 18th, 1941, to parents Jephtha and Margaret (MacLeod) Ingraham. Nelson cherished his career as a teacher, beginning in Sheet Harbour and later fulfilling his dream of returning home to Margaree Valley by securing a position at NE Margaree Consolidated School. Over the years, he formed many lifelong friendships with colleagues and maintained connections with the students he taught, a testament to his dedication and kindness. He is survived by his sister Nancy (Bernie) Hawley of Dartmouth, NS; sister-in-law Joan Ingraham, Margaree Valley, along with numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Melvin, Allan, and Stanley. Nelson served as a municipal councillor and a commissioner for Inverness County for many years, where he was celebrated for his sharp wit, love of music, and the joy in singing with friends. Nelson's family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Dr. Amelie Maillet and the staff at the Sacred Heart Hospital for their compassionate care. Nelson will forever remain in our hearts. A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, September 14th, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Margaree Valley Seniors Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Margaree Valley Seniors Hall, the Nova Scotia Heart and Stroke Foundation or a charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacLENNAN

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the sudden loss of Marilyn Jane MacLennan. She passed away peacefully in her hometown of Inverness, Cape Breton, on September 3rd, 2024, at the age of 79. Born on November 17th, 1944, in Inverness, she was the daughter of the late Neil S. (Kennedy) and Mary Florence Kennedy (MacKay). Marilyn was the mother of two, Iain and Stephen MacLeod, mother-in-law to Shawnie McLean; grandmother of Connor and Breagh MacLeod and step-grandchild Holli McLean; sister to Stephen Kennedy and D.K. Marilyn was married twice, first to William Lloyd MacLeod, and married again to "Timber" Tom MacLennan. Marilyn was an avid reader, often starting a plethora of books (and finishing every one of them), enjoyed spending time with her friends and gossiping about current events in town, and spending plenty of time in front of the TV on her favourite recliner. She loved to dance and went out every Saturday with Tom back in the day. She loved (certain) visitors like her son Stephen or grandson Connor when they would come over, only just to sit and chat or ask for one of them to head downtown and grab something for her. She was stubborn and often spoke her mind regardless of who was listening, but all in all full of love and care for the ones who were around her. She was always willing to help and loved to give advice even if it was something you didn't want to hear, which in turn made her very honest and loyal to her friends. She is predeceased by: Neil S. Kennedy, Mary Florence Kennedy (MacKay), D.K. (Debbie, Moncton), William Lloyd MacLeod, Tom MacLennan, and Iain MacLeod. She is survived by her son Stephen (Shawnie, Halifax), brother Stephen (Ann); step-daughters Maria (Gussy, Whycocomagh) and Kimberly; grandson Connor (Halifax); granddaughter Breagh (Halifax); step-granddaughter Holli (Halifax); nieces, Marylou, Karen (Jason, Halifax), Natalie (Jason, Ontario); nephews Neil (Sasha, Moncton) Kyle (Melanie, Halifax), Matthew; and many, many first cousins. Cremation has taken place and service will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of your choice. On line condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MURPHY

January 6th, 1930 – September 8th, 2024: Michael Archibald Murphy, beloved husband, daddy, and pappa, passed away on September 8th, 2024. Born on January 6th, 193, Mike grew up on Egypt Road, NE Margaree. He was the eldest of seven. He moved to Toronto and married the love of his life, Irene MacFarlane, from Egypt Road, SW Margaree. In Toronto, Mike and Irene had their two eldest children before they moved home to Cape Breton. They bought the homestead in Dunvegan that they were so proud of, and had four more children. He had a varied career. He was of the generation where he could turn his hand to anything and everything; and he indeed did that. He operated a family sawmill, cut and piled many a cord of pulp, worked at a battery factory, and finished out his work career with the Department of Highways in 1994. He operated the grader and snowplow. He truly knew every road, backroad, and logging path of Inverness County. His true passion was his family, which he showed through his loyalty to his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grand children. The adoration and dedication of his life as a husband to Irene demonstrated the true meaning of a marriage built on faith, love, and devotion. The family of Mike would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the Inverness County Home Support Society, who took such good care of him and were instrumental in Mike being able to stay in his family home until he could no longer. We also would like to thank the Palliative care team, all nursing and medical staff at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, and to Mary Anderson, NP, who became a dear friend through her years of caring for him. Mike was preceded in death by his wife Irene, his first born Karen Ann, and his siblings Belle, Angus, Rebecca, and Archie, and his parents Mike and Willena. Mike is survived by children Marie(Wayne), Michele, Betty(Mose), Natalie(Robert), and Lloyd(Pamela); his grandchildren who were his reason to smile include Natasha, Megann, Michael, Bruce, Andrew, Stephen, Leah, Courtney, Emily, Stuart, and Derreck; his great-grand children, who brought him so much joy, Drew, Haivyn, Lily, Nicole, Marley, Ethan, Sawyer, Callie, Ruby, Grace, and Grayson; his brother Harry, sister Linda, and sister-in-law Eva. The funeral for Mike – affectionally known as Pappa by all – will be held on Saturday, September 14th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove. Visitation will be held prior to the mass from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Pappa requested donations be made to the school breakfast program at Inverness Education Centre/Academy. This request reflects his favourite saying, "If you're leaving hungry, that's your own fault," a testament to his belief in the importance of ensuring others were well cared for. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacDONALD

Sister Genevieve MacDonald, formerly Sister Ann Ronald, 91, a Sister of St. Martha of Antigonish, died at Mary's Court, on Saturday August 24th, 2024, in the 66th year of her Religious Life. Born in Little Judique Ponds, Nova Scotia, Sister Genevieve was the daughter of the late Alexander D. and Mary Janet (MacDonald) MacDonald. At the age of six, after her mother's death, she and her younger brother Ronnie moved to Harbour View, where they were raised by Alex P. and Annie May (MacDonald) MacEachern. Sister Genevieve entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha on August 15th, 1956. She pronounced her first vows on August 15th, 1958, and her perpetual vows on August 15th, 1961. Sr. Genevieve was a lifelong educator and learner. She entered the congregation as a teacher and continued in that ministry for most of her religious life. She received her BA/BEd from St. Francis Xavier University. In Cape Breton, NS, she taught in Main-a-Dieu; Dominion; South West Margaree; and Eskasoni. She was principal at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kamloops, BC; and taught in Basse Terre, St. Kitts, in the West Indies. Sr. Genevieve completed her time in the classroom volunteering in the school in Eskasoni, a community she loved. Sr. Gen's leadership skills were often called upon within the congregation and she served as local leader in many of the communities in which she lived, including a term as leader of the community at Bethany, the Motherhouse. She served in congregation leadership as an apostolic director for a term and was a member of several committees. Card playing was a favourite activity, not only for the love of the game but the opportunity it provided for laughter, conversation, and some fierce competition. Sr. Genevieve loved to laugh and always had a good story, memory, or anecdote for any occasion. Sister Genevieve is survived by brother Ronnie (Josephine) MacDonald and many devoted nieces and nephews and their families. Besides her parents she was predeceased by brothers, Angus B (Pauline), Neil (Edna), and Frank; and sisters, Isabel, Florence, Margaret, and Janet (Frank) Taylor. The remains rested at Martha Place, Parkland Antigonish, Tuesday, August 27th, at 9:00 a.m.; a Celebration of Vigil and Eulogy was held at 11:00 a.m. in St. Martha Chapel, Parkland Antigonish. A Closing Ritual followed by Liturgy of Christian Burial took place on the same day, Tuesday, August 27th, beginning at 1:45 p.m. in St. Martha Chapel, Parkland Antigonish. The funeral was livestreamed. Visitation was available from 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Arrangements were under the direction of CL Curry Funeral Services of Antigonish.

BEATON

Terrence Joseph (Terry) Beaton, the beloved son of Hector and Jacqueline Beaton, passed away in Edmonton, Alberta, on December 29th, 2023. Terry was born September 14th, 1945, and is survived by his son, Jason and Jason's mother, Naida. He is predeceased by his grandparents Alex J. and Mary A. Beaton of Glencoe and his father, Hector, as well as uncles Alexander, Malcolm, John Duncan, Charlie, and Angus; aunts Marie, Agnes, Margaret, and Anne. He is survived by aunts Kaye Brady and Theresa MacDonell, as well as many cousins, all who loved him dearly. Terry spent many of his formative years at the home of his grandparents in Glencoe. Over those years, he developed close ties with his cousins and others in the community. Later life saw Terry living in Western Canada; but in his heart, home was always Glencoe. Terry's cremation has taken place. On August 24th at 11:00 a.m., a funeral service will be held at St. Joseph Parish in Glencoe with Fr. Danny MacLennan officiating. Prior to the service, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., a visitation will be held in the church.

COSMAN

October 7th, 1943 – August 13th, 2024: Donald Joseph Cosman of Mabou, Nova Scotia passed away peacefully at the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home on August 13th, 2024. The son of Jessie Isabel (Campbell) and Earle Arthur Cosman, Donald will be fondly remembered for his love of a good time and a laugh, his "stubbornness," the love of his dogs and as a tireless community volunteer. Donald spent countless hours on numerous projects benefiting Mabou and its surrounding areas such as playing an integral role in the construction and planning of the Mabou and District Community Fire Hall that opened in 1992. There, he spent numerous years as fire chief for the Mabou Volunteer Fire Department. He also spent countless years as a member of the Mabou Ceilidh Committee and Mabou Athletic Centre planning events and fundraising activities to benefit Mabou and the areas it serves. He was employed several years as manager of the Mabou Athletic Centre and coached numerous Minor Hockey teams throughout the years. He also served as a member of the Knights of Columbus lending a helping hand to his community of Mabou. Donald held numerous jobs during his younger years driving trucks in Detroit,

mining in Sudbury, Ontario, and working as a carpenter in British Columbia. He eventually returned home to work and be alongside his beloved mother, Jessie and uncle Donald Angus, where they lived together in the big yellow house on Back Street. There were many stories, laughs, and chats to be had around the old kitchen table at "Jessie's Place." He worked for the Inverness Regional Housing Authority as a carpenter until health issues forced him into retirement in 1996. Donald will always be remembered for the love of his dogs through the years such as Chum, Shag, Lady, and Kino that were treated as his own children and lived long loving lives! He enjoyed a peaceful walk on the Mabou Trails after his retirement and throughout the years could often be seen with his dogs early mornings getting in his daily walk. He enjoyed a small get together with friends and family, having a good laugh and picking on anyone he knew he could get a reaction from! There are many fond memories of earlier days of good natured fun and his greeting or goodbye with a "Happy Easter" or "Merry Christmas" regardless of what time of year it was! Let us remember those days where the laughs and good times were most abundant. Donald was predeceased by his parents and his brothers, Kenneth (Mary), Earle and Billy (Linda), numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins of whom he loved to spend time with throughout the years. He will be dearly missed by those in which he held a close friendship and bond. A special thank you to all who visited and spent time with Donald throughout his time at Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home as well as the staff of both the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital and Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home during his time spent at both places. Donald's wake will be held at St. Mary's Church vestry from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 22nd, 2024, with the funeral to follow on Friday, August 23rd, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Andrew Gillies officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Cooperative Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund, Mabou and District Volunteer Fire Department, or a charity of your choice that Donald would hold dear to his heart. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com. "You meet people who forget you. You forget people you meet. But sometimes you meet those people you can't forget. Those are your friends." – Unknown

MacDOUGALL

Peacefully in the morning on Saturday, August 17th, 2024, Hugh Alexander "Suey" MacDougall, age 81, passed away at home with his family by his side. He was the son of the late John Dan and Mary Sarah (MacDonald) MacDougall. Loving and dedicated husband to Catherine "Cassie" (Gillis) and proud Dad to Brady, Sarah, and John (Danielle). Cherished Papa of Alexa, Katherine, and Brayden MacDougall. He was born in Inverness on May 13th, 1943. He was a proud member of Stella Maris Parish, Inverness. Suey lived close to 72 of his 81 years in Inverness between Central Avenue and Quincy Street (Spidertown). Love and passion ran deep through Suey's veins. Whether it was baseball and Roberto Clemente, politics, Bruce Springsteen, Celtic music, or horses. Suey could talk about anything for days with just about anyone who would listen. At the end of the day, the topics were secondary, Suey just loved to talk to people. A natural born storyteller, he loved people. When you came to visit, you can bet your bottom dollar he was going to feed you too. A certified electrician by trade is what took up much of his work life. He was, however, a self-proclaimed handicapper, songwriter, poet as well as expert tax man and botanist in his spare time. His love and passions ran deepest for his family. It could be the MacDougall or Gillis side, but family was his life. He became a husband to Cassie, a woman who restored faith and purpose. He became a dad to three great children who elevated his love and passion for life. He then became Papa. His grandchildren were the final piece of his puzzle. His life was complete. It was perfect for him, and he wouldn't have it any other way. Leaving to mourn with loving memories are his wife, Cassie (Gillis); sons, Brady, John (Danielle); daughter, Sarah; grandchildren Alexa, Katherine, Brayden; brothers, Harold (Dolores); sisters, Killy (Malcolm), Thelma (the late Don McNeil); brothers-in-law Sandy (Anne) Beaton, Stewart (Mary), Earl, John, Steven (Mary), Archie (Ruth), Hugh; sisters-in-law, Josie, Mary (Steve), Minnie, Rhoda (Stan), Susan, Hughena, Theresa, Peggy, Annabelle, Kay; along with many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly. Suey was predeceased by his brothers, Willie Dan (Jesse), John Archie, Francis "Chalk" (Tina), and John James MacDougall; sisters, Mary Florence "Trixie" (Archie Sofan), Lizzie Beaton, Margaret Marie MacDougall, and Margie MacDougall; nephew Alexander "Skooks"; grand-nephews Breton and Liam; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Sam, DD, Olive, Anne MacDonald, Angus; and nephews Ben and Terry; as well as a wide circle of friends and community members. Visitation will be held in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, on Friday, August 23rd, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to

Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to:
www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacKINNON

John Frederick MacKinnon, Ashfield, Cape Breton, passed away on Thursday, August 15th, 2024, at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his family, who loved him beyond measure. Frederick was the son of the late John Dan and Breadalbane (MacDonald) MacKinnon. Born in Ashfield on June 2nd, 1932, he attended the local one-room school and left to go work in the woods at an early age. He worked for the Department of Transportation as a snow plough operator and at the Little Narrows Gypsum Plant, where he remained a loyal employee for 43 years. He also farmed, taking over from his father. Frederick loved animals, was skilled in their care and was often asked to assist when the vet wasn't available. There were many nights he got out of bed to pull someone out of the ditch with the farm tractor. Frederick married the love of his life, Mary (MacPherson), in 1956 and they settled together on the family farm. He leaves behind to mourn his wife of 67 years, Mary; children, Roz, Kentville, Floyd (Catherine Jane), Little Narrows, Leslie (Alana), Inverness, and Arlene (Colm), Berwick; grandchildren, Shauna (Robert), Brittany (Steven), Kayla (Eric), Fallon, Dylan (Lindsay), Samantha, Natasha, and Marcus (Kenna); great-grandchildren, Paige (Logan), Challis, Takeisha, Easton, Ocean, Millie, Willa, Sophia, and Isabella; also brothers-in-law, Malcolm MacPherson, Orangedale East; Archie (Velda) MacPherson, Beavertown; plus, many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was also adopted as Poppy by many others, who, along with his own family, he adored. He was predeceased by his parents; his step-mother, Margaret; brothers, Dan Hughie and Charles; and sisters, Betty and Christena. As well as brothers-in-law, Horace, John D, Peter, Jimmy, Alex, Thompson, DJ; and sisters-in-law Jessie, Nan, Effie, and Edna. He was a lifetime member of the Stewart United Church and a former school trustee. Frederick was a hard worker, a friend to many. A man of honour and honesty, who will be missed by everyone who knew him, most of all by his family. Many thanks to Dr. Dodd and the staff at Cape Breton Regional Hospital. Much gratitude to Drs. Bennett and Ritter, the nursing and support staff at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for their kind care over the past months. Visitation was held Monday, August 19th, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh, NS. Funeral service took place on Tuesday, August 20th, at 11:00 a.m. from Stewart United Church, Whycocomagh, with Rev. Karen MacNeill officiating. Family only graveside committal. Reception was at the Cameron Hall, Whycocomagh, NS. All were welcome. Family flowers only please. Memorial donations may be made to the Stewart United Church, Whycocomagh. Arrangements under the care of the Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com.

MacLELLAN

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Donald Gary "Donnie" MacLellan on March 18th, 2024. Donnie was a dearly loved father, grandfather, son, brother, and uncle, with many loving family members and close friends. He leaves behind his children, Bradley (Krista), Stratford, Ontario; Brianna (Justin), Toronto, Ontario; parents, Gussie and Adelaide MacLellan; Inverness; grandchildren, Audrey and Carson; sister, Laurie (Charles) Smith, Antigonish; niece and nephew, Taylor and Devin; and many loving extended family members and friends. Donnie was born on June 17th, 1960, and grew up in the town of Inverness, Cape Breton. He left at an early age and lived in several places across Canada over the years making many friends and leaving his mark everywhere he went. The most recent being in Sussex, New Brunswick, where he owned and operated Roxie's Food Truck and Catering, which was named after his treasured dog Roxie. Donnie was always a self-made entrepreneur and never shied away from hard work. He owned and operated many businesses over the years and was at his best when he was active and pursuing bigger and better things. From the time Donnie was very young he created his own opportunities to get out and enjoy life. In grade five, he was in a band called "The 5B's" and by high school he was busy every weekend hosting events like teen dances and disco skating at the local arena. He was the kind of DJ that worked hard to make sure everyone was included and having fun, and he never missed the chance to give away a prize or make someone smile. His contagious laugh would fill a room and his motto in life was always "the more the merrier!" Donnie was also an avid sportsman. Throughout his school years he played basketball, hockey, and held records in track and field. After he

left school he continued to coach teams and volunteered to help many people and organizations throughout his community in which he gained the respect and affection of many. Donnie was a true Cape Bretoner and very proud of it. He loved his family, his home, music and playing guitar, sports, and was ever the life of the party. No matter where he went over the years or where his career may have taken him, his good humour and generous spirit touched everyone he met. A graveside service will be held in Stella Maris Parish Cemetery on August 23rd, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Father Danny MacLennan officiating. Memorial donations in memory of Donnie may be made to Stella Maris Parish Cemetery Fund, Inverness. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacLELLAN

On Saturday, August 10th, 2024, our beloved mother, Helen Rita MacLellan (nee Coady) passed away peacefully at her home in Ottawa with her loving family by her side. Mum was born on June 15th, 1927, in Margaree Forks, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, to Patrick James (Pasty Peter Pat) and Catherine (Cassie J.) (nee MacFarlane) Coady. She was predeceased by her devoted husband Donald Francis (Neil P.) MacLellan and brothers James (Phyllis) and Larry. She is survived by her sister Barbara (Blair), (Dartmouth), sisters-in-law Christina (John), (Deepdale) and Annie (Peter), (Peterborough). Also survived by her devoted children Frances, Lois (William), Margaret (Dan), Iain (Kathy), Catherine, Neil (Sherry), Donald, Barbara, Helen (Lawrence), and Allan; her grandchildren Annie, Coady, Tess, Cassie, Brett, Caleb, Louis, Addison, Nathaniel, Iain James; and by her great-grandchildren Abby, Oliver, Eli; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mum graduated from St Joseph's School of Nursing, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia in 1948. In 1964, Mum and Dad moved their family from Inverness, Nova Scotia, to Sandy Hill in Ottawa. Mum lived a full life, which she shared with family, friends, and neighbours. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, and mentor who devoted herself to her family. Mum had a huge heart, great sense of humour, and always put others first. Mum was a legendary cook and baker who always made sure there was room at the table for extended family, friends, and visitors. She was a talented seamstress, loved to crochet, created beautiful quilts and braided rugs, and knitted untold numbers of mittens. She was an avid reader. Mum had a deep and profound faith. We love our Mum and will miss her. We are grateful for the life Mum and Dad gave us. In their memory, we would like to share their philosophy of life: be good, be kind and be happy. We are eternally grateful to Dr. Stephane Batowa Dadjo-Guewa for his kindness, care, and compassion for Mum and the family. A mass was held at St Joseph's Church, 174 Wilbrod Street, Ottawa, on Monday August 19th at 11:00 a.m. A celebration of Mum and Dad's life and their interment will take place in the fall at St. Joseph's Church in South West Margaree, Nova Scotia.

CHIASSON

With deeply saddened hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Cecile Marie Chiasson. On the morning of August 4th, 2024, our beloved mother passed away peacefully at The Foyer Pere Fiset senior care facility in Cheticamp. Cecile was the daughter of Marcelling and Marie Doucet from Terre Noire and a sister to Joseph (Irene) and Tassian, and sister-in-law to Leo, Jerome, Yvon, and Yvonne (Leonard). Cecile took great pride in being a loving and caring grandmother to her four grandchildren Kyle (Courtney), Samantha (Josh), Christopher, Patrick, and step-grandchildren, Adam and Tara. She was also blessed with a great-granddaughter, Madison, and three step-great-grandchildren, Hailey, Cullen, and Addison. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Michael's Church in Margaree on Saturday, August 17th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. A gathering and lunch will follow the service at Belle Cote Community Centre. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

JULIAN

Myla Ann Julian, age 5, We'koqma'q First Nation, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 24th, with her family lovingly by her side. Born on November 7th, 2018, at St. Martha's Regional Hospital, Antigonish, to Alyssa and Kyle Julian. Myla lived her life in We'koqma'q with her siblings, Zoey, Adaya, Kallia, and Kylissa; aunts, Tikishia, Katerri, and Brittany; uncles, Jeremy and Cordell; along with numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; grandparents Marsha Mills, Anthony Phillips, Corenna (Albert) Pierro, and the late Dwayne Paul; great-grandparents Betty Phillips, Anna Michael, Michael Cremo, Vernon Mills; and she was predeceased by grandparents Kiju Paul and Loretta Mills. Myla was funny,

smart, and sassy. Her fight with cancer doesn't diminish who she was. She was loveable and beautiful, with her beautiful red lipstick. Myla was fearless and loved hunting. She loved skipping down the hallways at school and wearing dresses, high-heels, and bows while spinning around. Myla was smart, funny, and kind to anyone she came into contact with. She was an excellent student and wonderful friend. Myla could be found being helpful, dancing, singing, smiling, and laughing alongside her mom and dad or playing in the backyard with her sisters, little cousins and friends. Myla's favourite trip was visiting Toronto! We would like to thank the IWK, Dr. Fares, and the team of the IWK Hospital. Thank you for the continuous love and care that you have shown our daughter throughout her courageous battle with cancer that she endured unexpectedly for several months. Visitation began 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 9th, at the family residence, 170 Gabriel Sylliboy Road, We'koqma'q. Funeral mass was held Saturday, August 10th, at 10:00 a.m. in Blessed St. Kateri Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, We'koqma'q, with Father Daniel Tshimbalanga officiating. Burial at a later date. Meal and salite to follow at the school gym. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycomagh. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

LeLIEVRE

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Hector Joseph Patrick LeLievre on August 9th, 2024, at the age of 84. Beloved husband to Betty and father to Cheryl Ann (Ron), Marcella (Mark), Robert (Ann Marie) Sheldon (Laura), and Jeannita (Kevin). Pèpère was so proud of his grandchildren Kayla (Matt), Corey, Melissa (Chris), Brendan (Alex), Ryan (Brianna), Riley (Aaron), Ashley, Alexander, Keith, Dale (Tara), Nicole, Julie, Blayre (Ryan), Brent (Erin), and great-grandson Noah. He is also survived by his brothers René (Marie), Maurice; sister Joséphine (Léandre); niece and nephews. Dad played such an important role in athletics and community groups in Chéticamp. Along with coaching countless local teams, Dad served on the first board of the community arena and golf course. He was president, coach, and referee for the local minor hockey association. He was also the founding member of the Kinsman club of Chéticamp and the Chéticamp Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. Dad was forever an avid Montréal Canadiens fan. He had the collection of hats and memorabilia to prove it. He also became an avid puzzle maker during his last few years. Our family would like to thank all those who helped with Dad's care, Dr. Ritter and the palliative care team, Dr. Michel Chiasson and his staff, as well as Alec MacNeil at Family Medical. Also, a sincere thank you to our friends and other family members for providing support during this difficult time. A heartfelt thank you to Donna and Kerry for always being there for Mom and Dad. Dad was predeceased by his father Marcellin LeLievre; his mother Jeanette LeFort; step-father Dennis LeFort; brothers, Adrien and Marcel; along with great-grandson Lucas. At Dad's request, there will be no funeral. A private family graveside service will take place at a later date. We will forever remember his great sense of humour and quick wit. We will miss him dearly. Love you Dad. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacINTYRE

On Tuesday, August 2nd, 2024, Lucy Dora MacIntyre, wife, mother, daughter, and sister, passed away peacefully at the age of 87 years with her sons by her side. Lucy will be forever remembered by her sons: Brian and Stephen; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; siblings: Evelyn, Arthur, Joseph, and Simon; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Lucy Dora was born in Margaree, Inverness County, NS, June 1st, 1937, to John Simon and Rosalina (nee LeBlanc) Leblanc. Lucy Dora married Hugh Alexander (Sandy) MacIntyre in Toronto, ON, July 25th, 1957, and raised two sons. Lucy and Sandy spent every summer at their summer home in Margaree Forks. Lucy loved picking the blueberries that grew behind her house. They enjoyed the "ceileighs" (ceilidh) in Cape Breton with Sandy often playing his fiddle. Lucy was Sandy's manager and often arranged for him to be the entertainer at some of the Scottish events. When they retired they eventually moved back to Cape Breton; unfortunately soon after moving "home" to Cape Breton, they both began to have health problems and ended up having to spend their final days in the Inverary Manor. Lucy is preceded in death by her husband, Hugh (Sandy), her parents: Johnny Simon and Rosalina; siblings: William, Leo Paul, Steve, and Mary. Funeral mass was held on Tuesday, August 13th, at 2:00 p.m. with visitation from 1:00 p.m. until 1:55 p.m. prior to the funeral in St. Michaels Church, East Margaree. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

ROMARD

Thérèse Romard, age 96, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Monday, August 12th, 2024, in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. Thérèse was a daughter of the late Jean (Johnny) and the late Josephine (Aucoin) Chiasson. Thérèse worked at the Fish Plant for 35 years. She hooked rugs and she also made quilts. Her baking and cooking was well known and loved by all her family and friends.

Thérèse is survived by her sons, Jean (Aline) Chiasson and Roger Joseph (Bernice) Chiasson; daughters, Honora Chiasson and Claudine (Larry) Siegel; grandchildren, Brent and Christopher Siegel, Jean-Guy and Lynn, Jeannine and Nicole, and Bruce Joseph Keeling; and great-grandchildren, Thomas, Leah, and James Campbell, and Raya and Ryker Maher. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her first husband, Joseph M. Chiasson; and her second husband, Jean Paul Romard; brother, Wilfred Chiasson; and sister, Elizabeth Chiasson. There will be no visitation. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 16th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp, with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DYKES

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Christine Lorraine Dykes (nee Walker), mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, great-grandmother, and beloved friend to many in the community of Inverness and beyond. Lorraine was surrounded by family and friends, and we lost an angel on August 2nd, 2024. We all feel love and comfort in our hearts that she is now at peace. A loving mother to Larry (Lisa) and Ann (Frank); grandmother to Lee, Jeff, Steven, Jamey, and Tina; aunt to numerous nieces and nephews and cousins; great-grandmother to Dante and Allison; and sister to Mickey (Betty) Walker. Lorraine was born in Inverness, Cape Breton, on June 2nd, 1937, to a large family of 11 siblings. She moved to Ontario in the 1950s and settled in Toronto. She married and had two children with Lawrence Lariviere. After a few years, they were divorced. She continued as a single mom, sometimes working three jobs to raise her family. In the early 1970s, Lorraine married Harry Dykes and they moved back to Inverness. Replanting her roots, Lorraine worked at various jobs and volunteered on committees. Her laughter and smile brightened the rooms wherever she went. She will be greatly missed by all of us that knew and loved her. Lorraine loved family, friends, music, baking, socializing, and dancing. Lorraine was predeceased by her husband, Harry Dykes; parents, Margaret and John Dan Walker; sisters, Rose "Gickie," Immaculata "Mac", Isabel; and brothers, Geordie, Wally, Lauchie, Hughie, Alexander, and Jamie. Visitation was held on August 6th, 2024, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. and August 7th, 2024, from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. in Inverness Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was held on August 7th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in Stella Maris Church, Inverness. Father Danial will be officiating. No flowers please; a donation to Stella Maris Furnace Fund in Inverness would be deeply appreciated. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacINTOSH

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Cornelia Mary MacIntosh, age 55, at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, July 16th, 2024, following a long battle with cancer. Cornelia was the daughter of the late Donaldson "Donnie" and the late Shirley (MacKinnon) MacIntosh of Pleasant Bay. After moving between Pleasant Bay and Pugwash and spending roughly 15 years as an LPN, she finally settled in the peaceful surroundings at Margaree Centre in the late 2000's and happily called it home ever since. Her biggest source of pride in life were her two children, Chelsea and Darius. Despite her battle with cancer Cornelia got to spend her last year doing what she loved most, watching her son play sports, get accepted to post secondary school, and most recently, become a high school graduate. While also seeing her daughter reconnect with her love of horses. A big thank you is due to all the incredible people at CBHEC/A and all the people of the Margaree for their love and support generously given to Cornelia and her family during multiple bouts of illness over the years. The family would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all that were involved in Cornelia's care especially Dr. Ritter, Dr. Egar, Lori Ann MacDonald, and Melissa Beaton. The love and compassion you showed her will never be forgotten. Cornelia is survived by her son, Darius Stone and his father Darren Stone; daughter, Chelsea MacIntosh and her father Bob Reeves; brothers, Franklin (Joanie), and Byron (Denise); sisters Adrienne (James) Thompson and Donnetta (Ian) Maclean; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was

predeceased by her brother Roland, as well as her parents Shirley and Donnie. Memorial donations in memory of Cornelia may be made to the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or Cape Breton Cancer Patient Fund. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacKAY

Fred (Howard Frederick Marshall) MacKay, December 5th, 1931 – August 1st, 2024: Fred, 92, passed away peacefully at Bluewater Health in Sarnia, Ontario, on Thursday, August 1st, 2024, surrounded by family and clergy. Fred was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Gloria (née White), in 2023. He was predeceased by his parents Howard and Matilda (Tillie) MacKay, brothers Gordon and Al and sisters Vera, Laura, and Barbara. Fred is survived by sons David (Maureen) and Scott, and granddaughter Stacey, his brother Arthur (Ruby) MacKay, brother-in-law Myrel White, and sisters-in-law Darlene White, Betty White, Ruby MacKay, and Margie MacInnis. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews and a wide circle of friends. Fred was born at Chimney Corner and was raised there and at Margaree Harbour. Although Fred lived in Ontario for more than 70 years, he remained a Cape Bretoner at heart. Fred was an excellent dancer and enjoyed music. Fred delighted in visiting family and enjoyed trips to Acapulco, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Great Britain, France, and Alaska. Fred was an active member of St Luke's United Church, serving in several positions. In retirement Fred volunteered at the Inn of the Good Shepherd food bank for more than 20 years. Prior to suffering a catastrophic spinal injury on Father's Day, Fred had enjoyed good health throughout his life. After his injury, Fred received excellent care at Victoria Hospital (London) and Bluewater Health (Sarnia). The family wishes to express their deep appreciation to all those involved in caring for Fred. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 6th, at Smith Funeral Home, 1576 London Line, Sarnia. Memories and condolences may be shared, and a recording of the service viewed, at www.smithfuneralhome.ca. Anyone wishing to memorialize Fred is encouraged to donate to a charity of your choice. Charities especially dear to Fred include St. Luke's United Church, the Inn of the Good Shepherd food bank, and Bluewater Health.

MacIVER

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a wonderful husband, father, and brother John Floyd MacIver, who died peacefully at Victoria County Memorial Hospital on July 18th, 2024, with his family by his side. Born in Baddeck, NS, on May 29th, 1951, John was the son of the late Violet Francis MacIver and James Colin MacIver. He was raised in South Cove, along with his four siblings, Colin, David, Doris, and Margaret. The family moved to Little Narrows in 1968, and John would call the Narrows home for the rest of his days. John was very proud of his cars as a young man, particularly his Duster 340 and Mustang Mach 1st. Shortly after moving to the Narrows, John met the love of his life, Linda Marie Campbell, who he married and raised a family with right next door to his mother. He cherished his time with his mother, and took great care of her in her later years. John was a patient, loving father and husband, who created countless memories with his family over many wonderful years. He enjoyed woodworking and with this talent he did many renovations around the house. He loved nothing more than spending time outside, whether it was going fishing, or enjoying time at his shore with his family. John started his career at Little Narrows Gypsum, and then moved on to Stora Forest Industries until his retirement. He was a dedicated member of Little Narrows Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder for many years. John was predeceased by his mother, Violet Francis MacIver, his father, James Colin MacIver, his father-in-law Stanley William Campbell, mother-in-law Mary Josephine (MacKenzie) Campbell, step-mother-in-law Margaret Ann (MacLeod) Campbell, and sister-in-law Mary Campbell. He is survived by his wife, Linda Marie; son James William; daughter Mary Ann Josephine (Troy and Sadie); brothers Colin (Brenda), David (Linda), and sisters Doris (Ken) Boyd and Margaret (Rob) Martin; sisters-in-law Patsy (Charles) MacLeod and Joanie (Carlie) MacNeil. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family wishes to thank the palliative care team, Dr. John Ritter, and Paulette Levin, along with the entire nursing and health care team, at Victoria County Memorial Hospital for their care for John in the final weeks of his life. Your kindness and compassion will not be forgotten. Visitation and funeral service will be at Little Narrows Presbyterian Church on Monday, August 12th, 2024. Visitation will be at 1:00 p.m., and service to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Margie MacIntyre officiating. Burial to follow in Little Narrows Cemetery. Memorial donations in memory of John may be made to Victoria

County Memorial Hospital, Little Narrows Presbyterian Church, or the charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacLEAN

Kenneth Finlayson MacLean: I am sad to announce Kenneth's death. He passed away at The Inverary Manor on July 21st, 2024, after a long illness (MS). Kenny was born in Inverness on May 26th, 1946, and was raised and lived on Foot Cape all his life. Kenny was known to be a very good storyteller and absolutely loved Scotch music, especially fiddle music. As a young man, he worked on his father's farm and his grandmother's farm. Later, he worked in forestry and after that he worked at Strathlorne Tree Nursery for 25 years and had to retire at age of 59 due to his illness. Kenny is survived by his wife of 39 years, Susan, his brother Lauchlin MacLean and his cousin Cathy Miller-Sutcliffe. He was predeceased by his father, Alexander (Sandy) MacLean, his mother Annie Mary (Annie Mae) and aunt Winnie Miller and uncles Allen MacKinnon and John MacKinnon. No visitation. Viewing will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024. Funeral service to follow at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's United Church, Strathlorne. No flowers please. Donations to MS NS or Palliative Care at ICMH or charity of your own choice. I wish to thank Dr. Rhea MacDonald, Dr. Ritter, Dr. Egar, Dr. LaFrance, and all the attentive nurses at ICMH and Inverary Manor for the good care and kindness they gave Kenny. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

TIMMONS

Anna Catherine MacEachern Timmons, August 29th, 1927 – November 26th, 2023: Annie Catherine Timmons (Anna, Ann, Mother Ann, Nana) peacefully passed away at home in her daughter's arms surrounded by her family on November 26th, 2023, in Denver, Colorado, at the age of 96. She was born August 29th, 1927, in Port Hood, Nova Scotia, Canada; moved to Denver, Colorado July 1st, 1964. Preceded in death by her husband Donald Timmons; her parents Ronald and Florence MacEachern; her grandsons Gehrig Donald Kilburn, Angus Jeffery Timmons, Dustin Alexander Timmons, and her great-grandson Otto Magnus Brown. Survived by her eight children: Ronald Timmons, MC (Dan) Ballantine, Louise (Dick) Norman, Emmett (Anne) Timmons, Donald Timmons, Dorothy Timmons Hotchkiss, Angus Timmons, Della Timmons; her foster son Ty (Christine) Jessop; and her 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Our mother was a walking miracle. We were all blessed with an abundance of love, she loved to travel, loved to laugh, tell jokes, loved going out to eat, loved to bake and cook, and no one left her house hungry. Our mother found good in everyone she met, loved by all and a mother to many. Mom retired from Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital after 28 years of service. She was a materials manager for the operating rooms. She truly enjoyed her retirement. Mom, your life was a blessing; your memory is our treasure. Greatly missed, forever loved, always remembered. August 9th, 2024, will be Mom's Celebration of Life in Port Hood, NS; Mom's heart never left Cape Breton, now we're taking her home. A beautiful funeral service was held in Denver on April 12th, 2024. The Celebration of Life will take place on August 9th at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Peter's Catholic Church, Main Street, Port Hood, NS, with a reception to follow in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Our mother requested to be cremated and buried with her parents in Broad Cove. Following the reception, her wishes will be fulfilled and her ashes buried at St. Margaret's Cemetery of Broad Cove with her parents, Ronald and Florence MacEachern.

WATKINS

Virginia Watkins (nee MacLellan), 1933-2024: A light has gone from this world. Our dear mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend peacefully passed away at 90 years of age July 16th, 2024, at Ste-Anne's Hospital, Ste-Anne de Bellevue, QC. Virginia was predeceased by husband Donald Watkins in 1982. Born in Inverness, Cape Breton, NS, to Sarah Janet Gillis and John Duncan MacLellan, Virginia moved to Montreal at a young age with her mother and siblings. Loving sister to Mary (Doug Crisp deceased), Ethel (Pierre Turmel deceased), Edith (Peter Frangos deceased), Jackie (deceased), Catherine (deceased). Beloved mother to Barbara (Brian Taylor), Janet/Mushie (Brian Kaidas), Robert (Nicole Cardinal), Daniel, Alan (Dale Smith), Charlie, John, Louise (Pascal Seguin), Kevin. Loving grandmother to Kristy (Travis Seary), Chantale (Satu Mujumdar), Samantha, Christopher, Stacey, Michael (deceased), Mary Jane, Tommy Lee, Alanah, Bradley, Bronson; and caring step-grandmother to Mandy and Laura. She was a loving and devoted great-grandmother to Shaylin and

Nathan Seary, Neel, Mira, and Aanik Mujumdar, Shea, Mac, and Cooper Danaher, and Liam, Cameron, and Owen Shilling. She was a lovingly cherished aunt, cousin, and friend. She loved and was dearly loved in return and there will be a void in all our hearts for this wonderful, caring, kind, and gentle woman. Virginia lived in The Point from 1965 to about 2010 and was an active community member during the '70s and '80s, participating in organizations working toward the betterment of her community. Up to her admittance to Ste-Anne's Hospital, for almost 15 years, she lived with her daughter Mushie and son-in-law Brian. The care and compassion she received while living there was truly selfless. A grateful thank you to Mushie for taking care of Mom during all the years and a heartfelt thanks to Brian for the mutual respect, support, and truly special loving bond they shared. The family would like to thank the caring staff on T-7th floor, Ste-Anne's Hospital. The compassionate care our mom received was exceptional and we will be forever grateful. Please join us Thursday, August 1st, for a celebration of life at the Voluntas funeral home, 4695 boul. St-Jean, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC. Visitation hours 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. And then 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Private burial on August 2nd. Donations in her memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

AUCOIN

We sadly regret to announce the passing of our dear mother, Rita Marriott AuCoin (née Arsenault) formerly of Margaree, at the age of 90, on December 18th, 2023. She was the daughter of the late Peter Edward Ned and the late Angelique Julique Arsenault, Arsenault Hill. Rita (also called the Queen) was passionate about working in her garden. She enjoyed seeing her flowers grow and watching the birds. She was an avid knitter. She loved fishing, dancing, and playing cards, especially a good game of crib or 63. She had a huge interest in genealogy and was continuously researching and gathering information on our family tree, which she enjoyed sharing with all her family. She is predeceased by her husbands, Clarence Joseph Marriott and George G. AuCoin; sisters, Catherine (Joe Patrick) LeBlanc, Jane (Paddy à Mose) LeBlanc, Mary (Patrick) Poirier, Josephine (Johnnie) Muise; and brothers, Simon (Zabine Doucet) and Peter (Margaret à Leo LeBlanc). Rita is survived by her four children, Daniel Marriott (Conchita), Debbie Ouellette (Richard), Donna Marriott, and Diana Hawley (Jerry). Rita loved her eight great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grand children. She is also survived by her two sisters, Theresa Leblanc and Sophie Gracie. Mom will be sadly missed by her children and her grandchildren, her many nieces and nephews from near and far but also the many friends she met throughout her life. The family would like to thank the nursing staff and her doctors at the Inverary Manor Nursing Home in Inverness who cared for our wonderful mother for the last several years. We would also like to thank Dr. Ritter and his assistants for caring for her this past year. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held at St. Michael's Church, East Margaree on Saturday, July 28th, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations in memory of Rita can be made to the Inverary Manor, or the Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacEACHERN

Lawrence MacEachern, Creignish, 88: Angus Lawrence MacEachern was born on July 16th, 1935, and passed away, surrounded by his family, on July 14th, 2024, three days after a stroke and two days before his 89th birthday. We feel that heaven just gained a new handyman. Dad was born, and lived most of his life, in Creignish. His parents were Alex Angus and Bessie MacEachern and he had a younger brother Joseph (Ruth). He grew up in a fishing and farming household and his early education was in Creignish and Judique. He left home at age 16, got a welding trade in Halifax and proceeded to work on some of Canada's major infrastructure projects of the '50s: the Canso Causeway and the Saint Lawrence Seaway. He returned home to work with Stora Forest Industries and worked in various capacities as a stationary engineer until his retirement. He married Clare MacDonald, from Long Point, in 1962, and started a new adventure that lasted the rest of his life. Dad rarely had an idle moment. He inherited his father's lobster license and fished until the age of 80. He would leave work at the end of the day and come home to fish in the evening. He was also dedicated to service of family, faith, and his community. He was active in church repairs. He was a member of parish council and was very involved in decisions and construction of the Creignish Recreation Centre and the pastoral centre. He was passionate about cars and kept the

family cars running, and those of friends, while finding time to fix a series of antique cars. He was self-taught and resourceful. Dad had many interests. He had a deep love of Scottish music and aspired to be a fiddler. He and Mom attended many concerts and enjoyed many square sets over the years. He also took up bowling and golfing as he neared retirement. His hole-in-one certificate is still hanging in the den. Dad was one of those die-hard Leafs fans and Saturday nights were often spent in front of the TV. If not, it is likely that he and Mom were at a card game. Mom and Dad were serious contenders and would compete in seniors games and at their club. They were active members of the Evergreen Club in Port Hawkesbury. He even found time to play the occasional bingo game and helped operate them for over 30 years as a member of the Creignish Men's Club. In the midst of all of this activity, he found time to be a great husband and father to six kids. Dad was a quiet man and his love shone brilliantly in his actions. He leaves his wife Clare; six children, Larry, Elaine (Richard) Pellerin, Garry (Shelley), Shelley (Ian) Graham, Todd (Jen) and Donna (Trevor) McLeod; 14 grandchildren, Crystal (Stephen), Simon, Julia, Isaac, Megan, Kaleb, Kate, Rory, Callum, Jamie, Sloane, Alec, Liam and Kendra; and three great-grandchildren, Conrad, Jessie and Lizzie. Dad lived a great life and is a true example of maximizing your time on earth. We are proud of him and the example he set of taking initiative, pursuing your interests, giving to your community, showing kindness, humility, and quietly caring for those you love. We are thankful for the wonderful care and support Dad received from Dr. Howard and the entire palliative care team at St. Martha's Hospital. Visitation was from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., on July 19th, at Haverstocks funeral home in Port Hawkesbury. Funeral was at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 20th at Stella Maris Roman Catholic church in Creignish; Rev Barrett Clare-Johnson officiated. In recognition of Dad's dedication to the upkeep of the parish, those who wish to make donations in his memory could contribute to the Stella Maris Cemetery Fund or Stella Maris Parish, Creignish.

MacISAAC

Kyle Jeffrey MacIsaac: December 18th, 1975 – January 5th, 2024: Kyle Jeffrey MacIsaac, 48, of Inverness passed away in the Antigonish Regional Hospital on January 5th, the result of a snowmobile accident. Born in Halifax, Kyle was a son of Bill and Joan (Arsenault) MacIsaac, Kyle will be forever missed by his parents; his only brother, Jason; sister-in-law, Karen; his beloved niece Riley; also by uncles, Neil and Don Arsenault; aunt Margie MacNeil; grand-aunt Martha MacMillan; and many cousins. Kyle was predeceased by his grandparents, Billy and Simone (VanVolsen) MacIsaac and Walter and Margaret (MacNeil) Arsenault; also uncles, Joe MacNeil and Earnest Arsenault. Kyle started his career as a CNC Machinist and worked in Ontario, Alberta, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. He started upgrading at NSCC in 2013 and continued on to Cape Breton University to earn his nursing degree. He graduated in 2017 and had worked at both Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital and the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. He had just moved back to Inverness and had started in Home Care on January 2nd. Kyle loved his nursing career and had a strong work ethic, deep compassion, and was a gentle, caring soul. He made so many terrific friends with the people he worked with. He loved to laugh and tell stories. He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends. Kyle's family would like to thank sincerely the two skidooers who found him and called for help, also the N.E. Margaree Volunteer Fire Department, EHS, local snowmobile club, and the RCMP for all you did to rescue Kyle. There can't be enough said for the care and compassion Kyle and us received from the doctors, nurses, and staff of ICMH. Also the OR staff of Antigonish Regional for their excellent care and compassion during and after his surgery. Many thanks also to Bruce MacArthur, Eugene Fraser, Pauline Doucett, and Shane Cameron for making the trip with us, Cremation has taken place and there will be visitation, August 1st from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow in Stella Maris Church, Inverness. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations in Kyle's memory may be made to The Ladies Auxiliary of The Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital or to a charity of your choice. On line condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. "Fly with the Angels Kyle."

MacNEIL

The hardest thing in life is to say goodbye to the person who cared for you throughout life. July 17th, 2024, we had to say that to our mother, Theresa Glencoe MacNeil (91 years young), who had faith, perseverance, and what we thought would be immortality. She has joined her husband Francis MacNeil, her son Kevin MacNeil, her adoptive parents Duncan Peter and Maggie (MacEachern) Campbell, and her

adoptive brother John Hughie and wife Mary (Young) MacDonald in eternal life. Theresa spent her life growing up in Glencoe Mills and began working at a very young age. She later needed to spread her wings and moved to Windsor. She really enjoyed Windsor and Detroit and all the antics that took place. She later moved to Toronto to work. This is where she met her future husband Francis – maybe some days, not the love of her life – but they shared 42 years of marriage that was full of dance, laughter, and entertainment. They moved back to Glencoe where their family grew to four, Kevin, Blaine (Donna), Debra (Ron) MacDonell, and Terrence (Mary). Mom started to work at Mary's Hill Home after her youngest started school. This is where she was employed until the home closed in 1997. She has many fond memories spending time with the residents and there was much laughter with her co-workers. Theresa was head cook in the kitchen and was very proud of her certification later in life. Theresa managed to convince Francis to move to Mabou and they both enjoyed this new adventure. This is when their children started having children: Justin, Travis, Marissa, Emily, Duncan, Dylan, Malcolm, Clayton, and Terryn. This was where the happiest times were, always celebrating Theresa's birthday in a unique way! Then in recent years, Theresa got to enjoy the blessings of great-grandchildren: Cooper, Georgia, Bentley, Colson, Thomas, Nicholas, and Paisley. Theresa enjoyed life and every stranger became her friend. She welcomed everyone into her home, which became known as the "Little Shoe" where she would hold "happy hour" every day at 5:00 p.m. Theresa enjoyed feeding all her guests with two drinks (because you can't fly on one wing) and, of course, tea and biscuits. Please join us in celebrating the life of one heck of a lady. There will be visitation from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24th, in Saint Mary's Vestry Mabou. Funeral will be held Thursday, July 25th, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Parish Glencoe Mills with burial to follow. In the honour of Mom's special love for Mary's Hill Home, donations may be made to L'Arche Cape Breton (www.larchecapebreton.org) or to St. Joseph's Cemetery, Glencoe. Although she was our mom she was a mom to many. If you knew Theresa Glencoe, now your life is blessed with one special angel. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

BEATON

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of John William Beaton, July 11th, 2024, surrounded by his loving family at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. Born in 1956, in Niagara Falls, and raised in Port Hood, John William was the oldest of eight children of the late Donald Angus Beaton and Mary Florence (MacIsaac) Beaton. John Willie (JW) was well known throughout the island and touched a much wider circle throughout the horse community. JW's lifetime career was working in the construction industry as a masonry labourer and primarily worked for Brimac Masonry, but outside of work his real passion that never waned was for harness racing. Since he was a youngster, JW started attending the races in Inverness with his father. He would then begin going to the racetrack in Port Hood where he would help groom and jog horses and would spend many of his summers at Donmar Farms in Balls Creek under the guidance of Donald Rankin Senior. After graduating high school, JW travelled abroad to Pompano Park in Florida to work with the racehorses and would later receive his driver's license while working in Saint John, NB. After working away for some time, JW returned home to Port Hood and started driving in Inverness. Since then, JW raced at all the tracks around the Maritimes, especially at Tartan Downs, Northside Downs, and Inverness Raceway, and has owned and trained standardbreds with his wife Kim for many years. JW continued to catch drives for various other owners, totalling 993 lifetime wins, until his health issues began the last few years. JW has been inducted into the CB Horseman's Hall of Fame and has enjoyed his racing passion as it truly was a lifelong experience right up to his passing. JW is survived by his wife, Kim (Robertson) of 37 years; son, Johnathan (Colleen) Beaton; two granddaughters, Isabel and Abigail Beaton; two brothers, Donald Francis, Port Hood, Anthony (Lisa) Beaton, Waterdown, Ontario; and five sisters, Caddy (late Harold) Pond, Louise (Greg) MacInnis, Anita (late Danny) Gillis, Judique, Marcella (Brian) Ingraham, Port Hood, and Colina (Paul) Galan, Brampton, Ontario, as well as his many nieces and nephews. JW will be remembered for his story telling, humour, fullness of life, and love for the dance floor. JW will be immensely missed by all his family and friends. The family would like to thank the many staff of the Cape Breton Regional Hospital and VON for their dedicated kindness and care. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to T.J. Tracey Cremation and Burial Specialists, 6 Churchill Drive, Sydney, 902-539-7175. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 17th, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at The Port Hood & Area Resting Place, 267 Main Street, Port Hood, and Thursday, July 18th, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at TJ Tracey Funeral Home in Sydney. Funeral mass will take place on Friday, July 19th,

11:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney River. Donations in JW's memory may be made to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to family by visiting www.tjtracey.com.

BERNARD

Diamond Jacob Bernard, age 27, We'koqma'q First Nation: It is with heavy hearts that we, the family, announce the passing of Diamond Jacob Bernard on Sunday, July 7th, 2024. Born in Inverness on February 11th, 1997. Diamond is lovely remembered and cherished by his parents Sandra "Draw" Bernard and the late Donald J. Bernard; siblings, Wasuek Googoo, Desmond Bernard, Cecelia Bernard (Aleksandar Davidovic), Sondra Brenard; his only son, Daxton Bernard (Elizabeth Johnson); five nieces, four nephews, and three Godchildren; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends; Godparents Morley Googoo, Frankie Googoo, Sheila Williams, and Wasuek Googoo. Diamond was predeceased by his grandparents, Alexsander "Alex R" Googoo, Jacob Bernard, Pauline (Gould) Googoo, Bertha (Googoo) Bernard; great-grandmother, Ellen (Sylliboy) Googoo; great-grandfather, Michael P. Googoo; great-grandmother, Mary Jane (Denny) Gould and great-grandfather, Frank Gould; adopted foster grandparents, Levi and Bridget Denny of Eskasoni; uncles, Terrence "Terry" Googoo, Noel (Chief) Bernard; aunts, Cecilia Bernard, Glenda Googoo and cousin, Francesca Lynn Googoo in infancy. Diamond had a great short life, he wasn't afraid of anything, always giving an helping hand. He had a heart of gold and took pride in his work. Visitation will be after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16th in the family residence, 64 Subdivision Road, We'koqma'q. Funeral mass will be held 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 18th, in Blessed St. Kateri Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, We'koqma'q. Burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in memory of Diamond to his family. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

DESVEAUX

Therese Desveaux, age 91, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 4th, 2024, in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. Therese was a daughter of the late Patrick and the late Josephine (Roach) Boudreau. Mom was loved by everyone. She was always available to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. She loved being around her children and grandchildren. She was a very loving mother to her three boys. Mom worked for many years at the Carmel Centre in New Waterford, cooking many wonderful meals for the nuns, until her retirement. She had the biggest heart you could ever imagine. Therese is survived by her sons, Robert and Roger (Connie); sisters, Marie May, Zabeth (Leonard), Marie Rose (Yvon), and Marie Alice (Roger); grandchildren, Craig, Colin, Natasha, and Nicole; great-grandchildren, Kyptin, Bentley, Ryder, and Hudson. Besides her parents, Therese was predeceased by her husband, Raphael Desveaux; son, Raymond; brothers, Leo, Charles, Henrie-Joe, Willfred, Paulite, Joseph-Levis, and Eddie; sisters, Marie-Louise, Lucienne, and Judy. The family would like to thank the many family and friends that came to visit her at the Foyer. She enjoyed visiting with everyone. A very special thank you to her niece, Geralda, and her sister, Zabeth, who went above and beyond to make sure Mom had everything she needed. We would also like to thank all the staff at the Foyer Père Fiset for their kindness and compassion they showed towards our mom. We deeply appreciate it. Funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, July 10th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp, with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery, New Waterford. Memorial donations may be made to Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacEACHERN

Catherine Mary "Kay" MacEachern: It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our mom on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, at age 85 years. Born in Inverness, NS, on December 10th, 1937, she was a daughter to the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Larade) Harper. She was a devoted wife and loving mother. Her family was her life and she will always be in our hearts. Family cruises, playing auction 120, 45s, and cribbage was her favourite pastime. We all love you and will miss those special times we spent together. Left with many loving memories are her children, Allister (Darlene) of Newfoundland,

Debra Reid (late William), Stephen, Michael (Sherry), and Catherine (Chris) McKenzie all of Lower Sackville; cherished grandchildren James, Adam, Brett, Scott, Drake, Angus, Sarah, and Emily; adored great-grandson Joshua. Kay will also be sadly missed by her brother Stanley Harper (late Theresa); sister Ann (Alex) Spears of Inverness; also by many nieces, nephews, and extended family. Predeceased by her devoted husband Allister Joseph; loving son Bruce Craig; siblings from the first family, John Joseph, Peggy, Mary, Albert, and Phyllis; siblings from her immediate family, Dorothy, Josephine, Shirley, Clem, Elise, Mona, Johnny, and Sandra. In keeping with Kay's wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in Broad Cove, St. Margaret's Parish, at 1:00 p.m. on July 26th, with visitation from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m. Special thank you to the staff of the QEII Palliative Care Unit for their care and compassion shown to Mom and our family. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Kay can be directed to the Canadian Cancer Society.

MacINNIS

Winnie MacInnis, March 31st, 1946 – July 8th, 2024: It is with deep gratitude (what I mean is gratitude for her, her life, and what she was to us) that we say goodbye to Winnie, a grand woman, who loved and lived life to the fullest, with a huge and generous heart that reached family, friends, patients, and many others she met from all walks of life at home and around the world. She had a unique gift of making one feel loved, special, understood, heard, and for maintaining these lifelong friendships. Winnie was the first of four children born to Marie (Fogarty) and Frank MacInnis in Inverness, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. She is survived by her siblings, John (Theresa) Judique, Louise (Dudy, deceased) Inverness, Leo, Kingston, stepchildren, Daniel Suboski, Viki, William and Lisa (deceased), and her much loved MacInnis, Poirier, and Suboski nieces, nephews, grandnephews, grandnieces, and many cousins. Winnie had a long and varied nursing career. After completing studies for bachelor of nursing in Antigonish, she began working in Inverness and then moved on to Montreal and Sioux Lookout. She later obtained a BA in Psychology at Queens University, which led to working at the Kingston Penitentiary as a psychiatric nurse until she retired. It was in Kingston that she met the love of her life, Milt Suboski, professor at Queen's University with whom she had adventures, companionship, and later lovingly cared for him at home during a long illness before his death in 2008. Spirituality was an integral part of her life with connections to Christianity, Buddhism, Life Energy Fundamentals, and she was a Jin Shin practitioner. Winnie remained an avid reader, and a lifelong learner with interests that included yoga, her book club, and most recently helping with a pollinator garden, Irish dancing and playing the ukulele. Lover of fiddle music and square dancing, she enjoyed many a night at the Cape Breton square dances. She also enjoyed swimming at the beach in Inverness and visiting with her family and many friends on her vacations back to her hometown. The family would like to thank her friends, and the staff, nurses and doctors at Kingston General Hospital and Providence Care for their professional and caring support. Towards the end of her life, she suggested to a friend that she did not have enough time for dancing, laughing and visiting her hometown. To remember her, take a moment to do something you love, whatever it may be, and may Winnie now laugh and dance with the angels. As per Winnie's wishes there will be no formal service.

TIMMONS

Ralph Edward Timmons, August 24th, 1954 – July 8th, 2024: Ralph Edward Timmons, beloved husband, father, brother, and friend passed away suddenly. Born in Inverness on August 24th, 1954, he was the son of the late Eddie and the late Mary Catherine (Finn) Timmons. Ralph was known for his unwavering selflessness and passion for camping, hunting, fishing, and his love of music. Ralph touched the lives of all who knew him and left everyone smiling. Ralph passed away doing what he loved to do most: camping with his wife of 46 years, the person he loved most, Denise. Ralph grew up in Inverness before going on to follow his university studies at St. F.X. in Antigonish. After two years of studying and partying, he moved to Toronto where he began working as a lab technician for Lever. This is where he met the love of his life, Denise (of Grand Étang) in 1976. They were married two years later and decided to move back home to Cape Breton to start a family. There was no better place for Ralph to live than Cape Breton Island; the ocean, the wilderness, and the music called to him and it showed in how he spent each and every day. Upon arriving in Cape Breton, he started as a helper on a few fishing boats throughout the '80s before purchasing his own fishing boat: the "Flying Swan" in the early '90s. That was eventually replaced with the "Peter Pan," the "Cory and Kiel," and finally was able to have his dream boat built,

“L’Écossois,” where he and Denise could fish in luxury and comfort until they decided to sell the gear and retire. Throughout his entire fishing career, he graciously shared the fruits of his labours with any visiting family members who thoroughly enjoyed his perfectly cooked crustacean cuisine. As much as Ralph loved being on the ocean, he was equally in his glory in the Cape Breton wilderness; camping, trout fishing, hunting, skiing, snowshoeing, blueberry picking, and anything else involving nature. When he wasn’t enjoying the outdoors, nothing made Ralph happier than playing the guitar and singing songs. Even though he kept himself busy, there was always time for others. He volunteered with plenty of organizations around town including being on the board of AMAC, he was a member of the Cheticamp Search and Rescue for over 30 years, helping new hunters with firearm safety and map and compass classes, and of course he was always willing to sing a tune or seven for any event around town. This cheerful outdoorsman will be remembered forever by his loving wife Denise, his incredible sons Cory and Kiel (Mandy), and his adored dog, Ila. Survived by his loving siblings, Ralph is remembered by his brother Donnie Timmons (Theresa), and sisters Edna MacNeil (Jimmy), Kathleen Timmons, and Jean MacDonald (Finley), and all of his loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Besides his parents, Ralph was predeceased by his sisters Mary Jesse Gallant (Doug) and Catherine (in infancy). Cremation has taken place and everyone was welcome to join the family at La salle des Retraités – Senior’s Hall in Cheticamp on Saturday, July 13th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for a celebration of life and sing-along. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (<https://www.heartandstroke.ca/>) or a charity that would be dear to Ralph’s heart.

MAILLET

On December 10th, 2023, our loving mother, Ann Gloria Maillet (Gillis), 78, was received into the loving arms of our Saviour. Ann was born on April 1st, 1945, in Southwest Margaree in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia to Peter and Catherine (MacKinnon) Gillis. Ann left her beloved island at the age of 18 and immigrated to the United States, landing in Waltham, MA. Ann quickly found her calling as a nurse’s aide, immeasurably touching the lives of her many patients with her endless kindness and generosity. Ann also had great wit and a wicked sense of humour, as evidenced by the stories she would share about growing up in a small rural community in Canada, attending a one-room schoolhouse as a child. It is there that she so often found herself sent to the corner after instigating mischief. To know Ann, was to love her and we hope that her spirit of kindness, love, and joy of life will inspire those she knew to find the beauty in the benign and to never be too shy to tell someone you love them. Ann is survived by her children, Karen Saisa, Shawn Maillet (Gina), Cheryl MacMillan (Craig); grandchildren Olivia (David), Ben, Athena, Natalie, Shania, Jack; and great-grandson Leo. Also survived by siblings Lorraine Gillis Jones, Donald Gillis (Florence), Jimmy Gillis and Margaret Maillet; as well as many cherished nieces and nephews. In eternal life she joins her loving parents; sisters, Mary, Caroline and Sandra; brother-in-law Lawrence; nephews Stephen and Roger; and niece Corrina. Her funeral mass and burial will take place at St. Josephs Parish in Southwest Margaree on Monday, July 29th, at 11:00 a.m.

MORRISON

Edward William Morrison, aged 56 years, of Port Hood, passed away suddenly, surrounded by family at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, on July 4th, 2024. Born in Inverness, NS, to the late Sterling Morrison and Patricia Pond, he was the oldest child of five. Eddie lived in Port Hood for the majority of his life, but spent a few years in Fox Creek, Alberta, working as a swamper and then as a poker dealer in White Court. He returned home and spent the last few years fishing with his brother, Robert. Eddie was predeceased by his father, Sterling Morrison; his nephews, Joel and Jacob; his maternal uncles, Harold and Jackie; and his paternal aunts, Aileen, Matilda, Margaret, Lorna, and Janet. He was also predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Esther (MacPhail) and John T Pond and his paternal grandparents, Laura (Burke) and Edward Morrison. Eddie is survived by his mother, Patricia (Al); his siblings, Kathi (Teddy), Sandy (Charmaine), Beulah (Herman), and Robert; and nephews Jesse, Isaiah, Noah, Peyton, Jude, Isaac, and Sterling; and nieces Maggie, Moriah, Rowan, and Eden. Eddie also leaves behind grand nephews, Luca and Koda; and grandnieces, Cali and Daisy; aunts, Norma and Eloise; and uncles; George (Bev), Clifford and Kent, plus many cousins. Throughout his life, Eddie was an avid biker and was lovingly referred to as “Ninja Ed”. He was also very keen on his crossword puzzles

and eagerly looked forward to Saturday's editions of the New York Times. He was a huge fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs and an even bigger fan of carrot cake cream cheese icing! He loved to play Assassin's Creed and would often seek help from his nephews to help him beat a level. He will be deeply missed by his little dog, Baby, who has been his comfort for many years. Eddie's family wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the amazing staff at Inverness Hospital, where Eddie spent so much time during the past few years. We are incredibly grateful for the patience and compassion the staff showed towards Eddie. The family also wishes to express their gratitude to the Port Hood first responders, who made numerous trips over the years, helping to alleviate Eddie's medical emergencies. Visiting hours will take place on Friday, July 12th, 2024 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Port Hood and Area Resting Place and burial will follow in the Union Protestant Cemetery, Port Hood. Funeral is under the direction of the Inverness Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.invernessfuneralhome.com. Donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Society or to the Inverness Palliative Care. "Never, never, never give up." – Winston Churchill

DEBAIE

We are saddened to announce the death of Angus DeBaie at the age of 79. He passed away on June 26th, 2024, at the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home with his sister Shirley by his side. Angus was born in Halifax on November 8th, 1944, to Nelson and Annie (Campbell) DeBaie. He grew up in North East Mabou and as a teenager enjoyed setting snares for small animals, drying the skins, and selling the pelts for pocket money. He loved to play checkers and liked to join in and play a game of cards. He moved to Ontario and worked at the Chrysler Car Plant. While living in Ontario he married Gloria (Kennedy) where they started their family. After Carolyn and Mark were born, he moved his family back to Mabou. He fished for a number of years after moving back; eventually he sold his fishing license and gear to his brother Albert. Angus is survived by his daughter Carolyn; sons Mark, Warren and Wade; grandchildren Emily, Breagh, Nathan, David, Kaylan, Ceira and Sophia; his brother Albert; his sisters Shirley and Catherine (Francis); brother-in-law Gary Nowlan; nine nieces and nephews, plus many cousins. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife Gloria; second wife Mary Jane; sister Marilyn Nowlan; nephew Allan DeBaie and grand-nephew Walter Francis MacDonald; brother-in-law Donald and sister-in-law Elizabeth. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the staff at the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home for their excellent and compassionate care given to Angus the last year and a half. Visitation will be held from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Thursday, July 4th, in St Mary's Visitation Room, Mabou. Funeral will be at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 5th, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Andrew Gillies officiating. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. Donations in memory of Angus may be made to St. Mary's Parish Cemetery Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

GILLIS

Natalie Gillis (April 29th, 1990 – June 17th, 2024): Where does one begin to describe Natalie Gillis? One could start by listing some of her remarkable accomplishments: A professional wilderness guide with over 1,000 days living, sleeping, and caring for clients in the remote areas of the world. An acclaimed wildlife and landscape photographer. A poet. An academic. A pilot. But that would not capture her independent spirit that fueled her passion for learning, exploring, and constantly discovering new limits. It would not capture the immense compassion and kindness Natalie brought to the world. She had a deep love and curiosity for the wild and natural places, which led her to seek out the breathtaking moments that so many of us miss in the busyness of our day-to-day lives. Natalie shared her passion through her camera lens and her storytelling. Her generosity was vast, taking many of us along on her countless adventures as she explored the world: observing narwhals breach from the floe edge in Nunavut, trekking through the valleys of Baffin Island, encountering penguins and icebergs while sea kayaking in Antarctica, and experiencing the world from the bird's-eye view of her favourite plane, the Twin Otter. (To name just a few). Never thwarted by limitations that would stymie most, she always followed through on her dreams. In short, Natalie was epic. She was loved. She lived life to the fullest. We've never been so grateful for the odyssey she left behind, giving us access to her unique perspective of the world through her meticulous record keeping of her photos and poetry. Natalie released her first book of poetry in 2021 titled *This is Where Atlantis Sank*. In her 34 years, she did not waste a second. *This is Where Atlantis Sank* –

June 17th, 2024, 8:15 a.m., 42.724997° N 073.790118° W. Natalie is survived by her mother, Mary Yap, brother Matthew Yap, 11-year old rescue dog Stikine, and many cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends. She will be deeply missed by the thousands of lives that she touched, on all corners of the globe. Natalie's celebration of life was held on Sunday, June 23rd, 2024, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Kane-Jerrett Funeral Homes 6191 Yonge Street, Toronto.

GOOGOO

Chief Alexander Brian "Sandy" Googoo, 60, of We'koqma'q First Nation, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, June 19th, 2024, in Victoria County. Born in Baddeck, he was the son of the late Gordon James Sr. and Christie Ann (Poulette) Googoo. Sandy was a loving father, husband, brother, uncle, and friend. Sandy was chief from 2002 to 2006; he was also councillor for a few terms. Sandy played in various music bands like Silver Moon, Sky hawk and The Relatives. Many nights of practices in his mother's basement he rocked the house with his band crew of many. Sandy could stand on stage with his guitar and rock the joint. Everyone dances, starting from the chairs to the dance floor. Also, remembering past and present musical family and friends. Sandy was a member of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, We'koqma'q First Nation. Surviving are his wife, Norma Jean; son, Ashton; daughter, Bonita; brother, Rod; sister, Karen (J.W. Tiny) Cremo, both of We'koqma'q; brother, Gordon; sisters, Eva, Charlotte and Margarite, all of Toronto; numerous nieces, nephews, and god-children; and an uncle who he was named after, Alexander Poulette Beeko (Karen). Sandy was predeceased by his parents, Gordon James Sr. and Christie Ann Googoo; sisters, Mary Rose, Norma; brothers, Gordon Patrick Jr., Mattio; son, Colton in infancy; godchild, Chrissy Christine Ann Bernard; and uncle, John Noel Poulette. Visitation will be held in the Wagmatcook Elder Center, 65 Fishery Road, Wagmatcook on Thursday, July 4th, after 3:00 p.m. until 11 a.m. on Friday, July 5th. From there, Sandy's remains will be taken to We'koqma'q Community Centre, 15 Reservation Road, We'koqma'q, where visitation will begin after 3 p.m. Funeral mass will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 6th, from Blessed St. Kateri, Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church with Father Joby Augustin officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh.

MacISAAC

Stella Maris MacIsaac, 74, formally of Inverness, passed away on June 27th, 2024, in the Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow. Stella was the daughter of the late Ernst and Mary (White) MacIsaac. Stella grew up with a love for the outdoors. She took great pride in maintaining her gardens and property. Stella had a property of 40 acres, which she cared for herself. She spent many hours on her ride-on mower cutting the grass and tending the gardens. It comes at no surprise, she also had a green thumb with over 400 plants on her property. Stella also enjoyed travelling throughout her life. Stella is survived by son, John (Margaret) Keachie; brother Melvin; sisters, Helen, Beverley, Janne, and Erna; grandchildren, Autum and Fae; as well many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by brothers Willard and Malcolm; sister Mary and twin sisters Margaret and Lucy. A celebration of life for Stella will take place on Thursday, July 4th, at 2:00 p.m. at Eagles Funeral Home, Westville.

BEATON

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mary (Mae) Ann (Smith) Beaton. A beloved wife, mom, sister, nanny Mae, aunt, cousin, and devoted member of her community, passed away peacefully on June 24th. Her unwavering faith, dedication to her family, and selfless service to others have left an indelible mark on all who knew her. A devout Catholic, mom lived her life guided by her faith, always ready to lend a helping hand and offer support to those in need. For over 50 years, she was a pillar of her parish community, as a long time member of the St. Peter's CWL, actively participating in church activities, and serving others with grace and humility. Her greatest joy was her family, whom she cherished deeply. Mom was a loving mother, grandmother, and step-great-grandmother, whose nurturing spirit and boundless love provided strength and comfort to all. She created a welcoming home for all, that was filled with warmth, laughter, and the delicious aroma of her home-cooked meals, biscuits, and sweets. A true Montreal Canadians fan, mom shared her passion for hockey with her family and friends, celebrating victories and many enduring defeats with unwavering loyalty. She also found joy in playing cards, where her sharp mind and competitive spirit shone brightly, creating countless cherished memories.

around the card table. Mom's legacy of selflessness, love, and devotion will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know her. She is survived by her children, Kathleen, Finley, Charlotte, Wayne (Karen), Anne Marie (Derek) Stewart, Bernadine, Stephen(Robin), Brenda, Kevin (Linda), Melanie; seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, four step-great-grandchildren; sister, Donna (Wesley) MacLean as well as many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and extended family members who will forever hold her in their hearts. She was predeceased by her husband, John Finley Beaton; parents, Catherine Ann (MacDonell) and John Angus Smith; three children in infancy: Gerard, Mary, and Bernadette; sisters, Kay Sexton (Vernon), Mary (Dougie) Campbell, Sr. Marie Smith, Hughena, Margaret, and Theresa; brothers, Charlie, James, Donald (Josie), Peter, Alexander, and Harold. Visitation will be held in Port Hood and area Resting Place Monday, July 1st, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be held in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Port Hood, on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. followed by a burial at St Peter's Parish Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Lung NSPEI or the Cape Breton Southwestern Food Bank in her memory. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. Rest in peace mom. You will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

BEATON

Colleen Jessie (Moore) Beaton (November 14th, 1954 – June 17th, 2024: It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Colleen Jessie (Moore) Beaton, a loving mother, wife, sister, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. Mom passed away surrounded by her family in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Mom spent her early years in Pleasant Bay, she had whimsical memories of her childhood there, which was spent outdoors and underfoot, picking fresh berries, using cattail torches, swimming and eating goodies from her mother's restaurant. The family later moved to Inverness. Mom met her life partner and devoted husband, Charlie Beaton, when she was 18, together they shared more than 50 years and built a full life, raising their family on "the hill" in Northeast Mabou. Mom dedicated many years working at the Chowder House in Inverness, Mary's Hill Home, St. Joseph's Convent, and the arena canteen in Mabou; she was known far and wide for her fries and gravy. Mom was a devout Toronto Maple Leaf's fan, an avid reader, and talented artist. Mom had a love for the moon and stars, she was known for being the best listener, even as her hearing declined. Her kind heart, sage advice, and gentle nature touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. She had a knack for ghost stories and delighted in giving others a playful scare, often bringing laughter to those around her. Growing up, summers with Mom were spent on Mabou Coal Mines Beach, with her siblings, children, and many beloved nieces and nephews in tow. There are so many of us, all close in age and we were raised as a 'wild pack' together and it is because of this we have volumes of memories and stories that bring us all laughter and smiles. Together our parents, aunts, and uncles instilled in us a love and appreciation for our large family. Mom was a beloved Gramma/Nannie, she was a night owl and cherished her late-night talks with her grandchildren over snacks, listening, sharing stories and advice, just as her children, Mom knew each of her grandchildren individually and celebrated their uniqueness. Colleen is survived by her loving husband, Charlie and children, Amanda (Wayne), Dylan (Melanie), Jaime (Jess), and Steven. She was a proud grandmother to Jaymus, Evran, and Síne May. She is survived by her sisters, Marion MacEachern (Dougal), Terri Moore (Leonard), and Murdell Moore (Jim); and brother, Kevin Moore (Karen), who will cherish her memory. She is also survived by her brothers- and sisters-in-law, Doug MacInnis (Sylvia), Jimmy Beaton (Sarah), Olga Everson-Beaton, Leonard Beaton (Terry), Donna Cameron (Dave), Johnny Paul Beaton (Leslie), Camillus Beaton (Shelly), Michael Beaton, Janice Marshall (Craig), Richard Beaton (Norma), Wendy Kline-Fraser, Marilyn Reil, and Larry Cook. Mom is also remembered by her many special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Mom was predeceased by her parents, Marcella (Fraser) and Percy Moore; her siblings, George Fraser, Johnny Ryan, Hector Ryan, Danena Ryan, Sheldon Moore, and Connie Moore. Mom was also preceded in death by her nephew, Shane Moore; nieces, Candy Fraser and Katie Margaret Beaton; and in-laws Annie Jane (MacInnis) and Alexander Beaton, David Beaton, Ron Everson, Elaine MacDougall, Janine Brunken, and Sonny Walker. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the health care professionals who skillfully cared for Mom, and the staff at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for providing the beautiful respite of the palliative care room. In accordance with Mom's wishes, cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society in her memory. Visitation will be held in St. Mary's Church,

Mabou on Thursday, July 4th, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Father Andrew Gillies officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Mom's kindness, humour, and loving spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Mom's legacy of love and compassion will live on in the hearts of her family and friends forever. Online condolences may be made to:

www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

In the hush of twilight's gentle veil,
Where the elm tree stands stately on the hill,
Warm memories gather on the salty breeze.
The memories of you give our broken hearts ease.
As the moon rises and the stars ignite,
Our hearts, though heavy, are full,
As we know that your love, like nature's light,
Is eternal, ever present and beautiful.

You are loved beyond earthly measure and have earned your rest dear Mother, fly high and watch over us.

CAMERON

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mary Anita Cameron, a loving wife, mother, sister, and cherished grammie, who left us peacefully on Thursday, June 20th, 2024, surrounded by her family, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Inverness on August 17th, 1953, to the late Mary and D.D. Cameron of Black River, Anita grew up in a vibrant household with seven brothers, Alex, Donnie (deceased), Francis, Ray, Stanley, Gary, and Dennis; and her sister, Trish. Anita is survived by her devoted husband, David MacIsaac; her children, Tanya (Andy) and Adam (Maya); stepchildren, Perry, Jamie, Troy, and Amber; her beloved grandchildren, Jake and Mia; and step-grandchildren, Nicolas, Alexander, Teyah, and Aurie – all of whom brought immense joy to her life. She also leaves behind a vast, loving extended family, including in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and an uncle, all of whom will miss her dearly. Her legacy of love and devotion will be forever cherished by all who knew her. Anita dedicated her career to the Strait Regional Centre for Education (formally Strait Regional School Board), where she was respected for her passion and commitment. A lover of her native Cape Breton and its beauty, she enjoyed its culture to the fullest, engaging in socializing, music, and laughter. Mom's passions also included home decorating, gardening, horses, outdoor adventures and travel, which she pursued with her soul mate David throughout their time together. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the caring staff at Inverness and Victoria General hospitals, where Mom spent considerable time during her final months. Mom was incredibly grateful for the care and compassion she received, and for the friendships that were built during her treatment. True to her genuine love for people, she remembered not only the names but also the personal details of each one of her caregivers until the very end. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 27th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Port Hood & Area Resting Place. A funeral mass will be held in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood, on Friday, June 28th, at 11:00 a.m., where friends are invited to say their final goodbyes. Interment to follow at a later date. Anita's life was a testament to her dedication to her family and community, and she will be deeply and forever missed. Memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or to Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

DORTON

It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of Colleen Marie Dorton of Dagger Woods, formerly from Port Hawkesbury, at the young age of 37. She is survived by Father, Daniel Robert Dorton (Port Hawkesbury); siblings, Crystal Dorton (Joshua Knocton) Dagger Woods; Diane Dorton (Johnathan Kennedy) Port Hawkesbury; nieces, Sophia and Arabella Dorton, Port Hawkesbury; Rielle Knocton, Dagger Woods; aunts, Crystal (Clifford) Hawley; Cynthia Smith; Wanda (Joey) Chaisson; Glenda (Bobby) Clark; Yvonne Dorton; Donna Dorton, Diane (Malcolm) Matheson; Estell Dorton; uncles, Paul (Jeannie) Dorton; John (Sharon) Dorton; Donald (Faith) Dorton; Brent (Bernice) Timmons; Jeff Timmons; Kirt Timmons; Dexter Timmons; Johnny (Rose-Mary) Richard; Linda Timmons. She is predeceased by her mother, Marsha Dorton; grandparents, Dan R and Pearl Dorton; Donald and Colletta Timmons; uncle, Jim

Dorton; godfather/uncle, Hughie Dorton; uncle, Gordon Smith; godmother, Peggy Roach; special grandmother by choice, Viola Fraser; great-uncle Walter Dorton. Colleen had the gift to gab. She could spark up a conversation with anyone. She had friends everywhere. During her life she overcame obstacles, no one else thought possible. She was very strong willed and determined. Colleen enjoyed her life and impressed many who had the pleasure of meeting her. She had worked at Walmart in Port Hawkesbury for 16 years. She brought so many smiles to peoples' faces who stopped by to have a chat. She fought hard those 16 years, giving her all even through her tough days, always showing up with a smile. Colleen enjoyed the simple things in life. She was her happiest heading out on the weekends with her mother to enjoy late nights at the Port Hawkesbury Legion or the Carriage House, sitting around and gossiping with her friends. She loved listening and dancing to the music. She would never turn down an opportunity to dance the night away. Colleen was always daddy's girl. The first born to steal Danny's heart. He took so much pride in all her accomplishments. He was Colleen's private taxi, making sure she got out on the weekends to enjoy herself, giving her the opportunity to go to Granville Green, work at Walmart, taking drives to see family and making sure she had the best Christmas possible. She had her father wrapped around her fingers. Colleen's whole life revolved around her three nieces. The days they were born, she was the proudest. Sophia – the oldest, her goddaughter, spent endless days and nights never being apart. They enjoyed going out shopping together and Snapchat filters. Always being each other's listening ears and can't forget the love they shared with cuddles, kisses, and hugs. They were each other's rock. The bond these two shared will never be broken and will live on in Sophia's heart forever. Arabella was Colleen's sidekick. She enjoyed being snuggled so close to Colleen and sharing endless laughs while scrolling through Snapchat, finding the silliest filters and bursting out laughing. Bella also enjoyed and took part in doing anything possible for Colleen. She would be the first to the kitchen to make Colleen a coffee, some toast and an egg. Colleen was the absolute best aunt to Sophia and Bella, giving them anything and everything. She spoiled those girls at Christmas time, birthdays, you name it, she never hesitated to spend a dollar on them. She was the proudest aunt you could ever ask for. She will be missed, so dearly. While growing up in Port Hawkesbury, she always had her twin sisters. Crystal and Diane grew up always having the respect and drive to appreciate people of all abilities. Colleen was their hero. They looked up to her and made sure she was always included. Crystal and her brother-in-law, Josh, had a special bond with Colleen. Taking her into their care after her mother passed away. From the day she moved in, she knew she was safe. She had so much love for both. She always said she was treated like a queen. She enjoyed her hot dogs and her Pepsi. Josh treated her like his own. She was so loved. It was never a dull moment being an aunt to five dogs, she loved each and every one and they made her so happy. She will be missed by Porky, Benji, Remi, Sasha, and Scotch. Her newest niece, Rielle, came early at 27 weeks. She wanted to make sure Colleen got a glimpse of her with pictures and FaceTimes. Colleen was so proud of Rielle. Always making sure she was doing okay. She couldn't wait to hold her and spoil her too. Colleen and her sister Diane loved each other immensely. She was so proud of the mother Diane became. Diane made sure Colleen always had the most beautiful pictures, and aunty gifts. She made Colleen feel so blessed. She will also miss her fur nephew Harley, who always put a smile on her face. Colleen's most favourite pastime was talking on FaceTime, seeing her friends and family light up with each call. It got Colleen through some dark days. She was the happiest talking to Harriet Timmons. She could never get enough. She would enjoy every minute of their chats four or five times a day. Harriet kept Colleen calm, happy, loved, and adored. The family can't thank her enough for her support. If she wasn't talking to Harriet, she would be FaceTiming her cousin Irene, aunt Linda, or Sophia and Bella with Harley in the background. The family would like to thank everyone who supported Colleen, including friends, Sheila MacNeil and Tanya DeCoste, who went above and beyond for Colleen during her hospital stays. Her aunt Sharon and aunt Crystal, who never left her side when the scary times came. Her cousin Dakota for being her hairstylist. The Knocton family for their love and support, especially Seraya, who made Colleen feel the most beautiful she had felt in years. A special thanks to, Evelyn MacRae for visiting her at her bedside and enjoying some songs and letting Colleen have one last dance. Colleen will be forever missed by everyone. Fly high with Momma, Colleen. She needed you! A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

MacDONALD

John Hugh MacDonald, Broad Cove, Inverness County, passed away at home on June 18th, 2024, at the

age of 73. John was born in Inverness to the late Donald and Anne (Gillis) MacDonald, the sixth of eight children, on March 14th, 1951. On December 28th, 1973, John married Lorraine in East Margaree; shortly thereafter, they started their family and raised three daughters together in Broad Cove, where he lived his entire life. John attended the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology in Halifax to become a plumber and pipefitter. He was a member of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 682 for over 50 years and worked across Canada and within Cape Breton on many major construction projects that were central to the communities they operated in, such as hospitals, schools, universities, oil and gas, and more. In addition to his career, his real love was hobby farming which involved many animals, making hay, and selling sods. John loved his community of Broad Cove and the parish of Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. He was a fixture in the planning of the annual Broad Cove Scottish Concert and always looked forward to this main event of the year, and the preparations with good friends, family and neighbours that led up to it. John's family was most important to him, and with Lorraine always by his side, they welcomed everyone to the family home in Broad Cove. Full of hospitality, it was a place where people connected over conversation, tea and good food, always. He loved it most when the house was full of his family and grandchildren and loved hearing about everyone's accomplishments and adventures. His keen interest in people saw him with friends from across generations; everyone was a "good buddy" and he loved sharing a good story and joke. He had a quest for information; there wasn't a newscast missed, by radio, print, television, or the internet. Harness racing was a love of his, he regularly attended the races in Inverness and watched the ones from far and wide online. John had many other interests including politics, sports, sawmills, and loved being educated by his grandchildren who shared with their grandpa about the world they are growing up in. John is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lorraine (nee LeBlanc); his three daughters, Jennifer (Steve Ashton) of Halifax, Jocelyn (Dan Jackson) of Halifax, and Joanne (Matt MacIsaac) of Yarmouth; as well as his grandchildren, Maya Ashton, Charlotte, and Flora Jackson, Luke and Sarah Burns. He is also survived by his siblings, Effie Rankin (late Joe), Rona MacLean (late Neil C), Mary Peddle (late Albert), Randy MacDonald (Eleanor), Jake MacDonald (Laura), Dolores Chapin (Paul), Michael MacDonald; cousin, Anne MacLeod; as well as his LeBlanc in-laws and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. John was predeceased by his infant daughter, his parents, and his in-laws, John Joseph and Annie Rose LeBlanc. As we move forward without him, we are left with many cherished memories of his kindness, generosity, faith, humour, and devotion to his people and community. There will be many reminders of him, ensuring that his presence is always felt in our lives. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, June 25th, in Inverness Funeral Home, 45 MacIsaac Street, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral mass took place on Wednesday, June 26th, in St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Broad Cove at 11:00 a.m., followed by burial in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations in Dad's memory can be made to the St. Margaret of Scotland Cemetery Fund, Broad Cove. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MUNRO

Connie Lisa Munro: It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Mom/Nanny Connie Munro. Born in Inverness and raised in Whycocomagh, she was the daughter of the late Bobby and Norma Munro. Connie is survived by her three children, Robbie, Marissa (Abhishek), Heidi (Matthew); her two granddaughters Hannah and Mylah, whom she called the loves of her life; her niece, Erin Munro; and her beloved dog Winston. She is predeceased by her brother Gregory Munro. Connie was an animal lover and free spirit who never missed an opportunity to travel. She was a thoughtful, caring, compassionate, and dear friend to many. Always lending a hand or a shoulder to lean on to help anyone who needed it. Growing up with a family of cooks and bakers, Connie was a hard worker who took great pride in whipping up lots of delicious meals during her years of working at Charlene's Restaurant. She spent the last three years working at the Mawi Ta'Mk Society in Waycobah, building long lasting relationships, sharing a laugh, giving compliments, and making sure their bellies were full with tasty home cooked meals. Our dear mother and grandmother put up a strong fight until the end. She will be greatly missed. A visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28th, in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. A graveside service will be on Saturday, June 29th, at 11:00 a.m. at Stewartdale Cemetery with Margie MacIntyre LM officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

PLANTE

Mary Catherine Plante passed away peacefully in Inverness on June 15th, 2024, at the Inverary Manor. Mary was born in Inverness on December 15th, 1936, to the late Domithilde (Tilly) Aucoin and Patrick (Paddy) Roach. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Serge (Sam); her sisters, Judy, Theresa, Vonnie, and Peggy; and brothers, Bill, Peter, Larry, Gerard, and Gerard "Tboy." She will be missed by her children, Pierre, Joseph, Francis (Shirlee Davidson), and Simone (Brian Killian); her beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her many nieces and nephews. She will also be missed by her brothers Simon and Jackie (Ann) both of Ontario, brothers-in-law Claude (Andrée) Plante and Luc Plante both of Quebec, and Ron Gallant (Ontario). Mary loved her family, friends, bingo, and music. She enjoyed a rousing kitchen party where she played her favourite instrument – the spoons! You could always count on her for a quick joke or a hug, whichever one you needed most. She loved knitting and gifting both the hospital and friends with her works of love. We, the family, want to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to the staff at Inverary Manor for your compassion and quality care over the past months. Your kindness and care not only for mom but our family is so very much appreciated. The late night coffee, snacks, and chats made all the difference. Cremation occurred as per her request. Funeral mass will be held June 28th, 2024, 11:00 a.m., at Stella Maris Parish in Inverness with Father Daniel Tshimbanga officiating. Burial to follow at Stella Maris cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Inverary Manor. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

BEAUDRY

Élizabeth "Isabelle" Beaudry, age 87: It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our dear mother, Isabelle, on Thursday, June 13th, 2024, at the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp, surrounded by her family. Isabelle was a daughter of the late Léo and the late Béatrice (Poirier) Larade. Mom was devoted to her family, especially her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Eveline (Theo), Marc (Michael), Leo (Christine), Robert (Henny), René, Lise (Nosa), Nicole (Leon), and Guy (Terri). She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Christopher, Justin, Corey, Paige, Sonja, Shane (Megan), Kayleigh, Jules, Johnny, George, Alex, and Julia; her great grandchildren, Maddison, and Maiselyn; brothers and sisters, Thérèse, Yvonne, Marie Hélène, Georgette, Gordon, Claude, and Gérard. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, George; her son, Jules; and brothers and sisters, Marie Cécile, Eveline, Joseph, Robert, and Alphonse. Visitation was on Monday, June 17th, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Cheticamp Funeral Home. A funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, June 18th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Foyer Père Fiset. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DEVEAU

Lorraine Deveau, age 72: It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Lorraine Deveau on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, sister, and friend to many. Lorraine was born on September 18th, 1951, to the late Placide and the late Eva May (Covin) Poirier. Lorraine's greatest treasures were her family and friends. She was a strong and determined woman with a huge heart. The greatest gift that she shared of herself was the warmth with which she opened her home and heart to everyone. There was always enough to eat for one more at the table and always enough room for one more in the house. As much as she loved her children, the love that she had for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren was two-fold. Her faith and her love were a driving force in everything she did for others. She lived fully and enjoyed many laughs with her friends when she would go to Bingo, to TOPS, and played Rummoli. She'd never pass up the opportunity to go on a good shopping trip. To many, she wasn't only known as "Lorraine" but as "Lorraine the beautiful" as she named herself. In spite of dark days she may have experienced in her life, like the owl, she found her way through the night. Lorraine is survived by her devoted and loving husband, André; her two children, Barbara Deveau, and Terry (Melissa) Deveau; her grandchildren, Evan (Daffney) Deveau, Damian Deveau, Hayley Foti, Dallas Deveau, and Ryder Deveau; her great-granddaughters, Kinsley Deveau, and Layla Clements; her sisters, Marina Poirier, and Judy (Roy) Larade; her brothers, Dannie (Joan) Poirier, Everett (Annette) Poirier, Michael (Darlene) Poirier, Roy (Jillian) Poirier, Charlie (Lorraine) Poirier, Andrew

(Ashley) Poirier, and Alex (Donna) Poirier; and many nieces and nephews. She left us to join their daughter, Judy and their son, Lee. Besides her parents, she was also predeceased by her brothers, Arthur, and Jo-Jo. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but the memories she has left us with, have now become treasures which we hold close to our hearts. A funeral service was held on Monday, June 17th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Deacon Gerald LeBlanc officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Lorraine's memory to a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

FITZNER

It is with the utmost sorrow that we announce the passing of Rita Fitzner, our wife, mom, and mama. Rita passed on Thursday, May 30th, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. For those who knew Rita, you will remember her as a wonderful, caring, person who loved to laugh and take part in whatever her family and friends were up to. She loved to watch all the athletic competitions that her sons or husband were taking part in – and she didn't mind letting any referee or umpire know when they made a bad call. Rita was an avid bingo fan, and she was thrilled when she won. She was a loyal Maple Leaf's fan much to the disappointment of her husband, who is one of the biggest Habs fan ever. Before Rita's illness, she loved to sing and dance to the music of the 60s and she could put anyone to shame when she did the jive or the twist. Right to her last days, she loved singing to her great-grandsons "A bushel and a peck." She loved the colour yellow and anything that could be coloured, would simply become yellow. This meant her clothing, her flowers, even that one time she won the battle with her husband and the kitchen was painted sunshine yellow. Rita was the heart of her family, and she will always be remembered by her family and friends as a person who gave willingly of herself to make someone else happy. We will all miss her tremendously, although we know that after a long battle with cancer, she is now at rest in the hands of God in whom she truly believed. Rita is survived by her husband, Johnny Fitzner and two sons, Billy (Jody) and Chris (Eva). She was a proud Mama to her four grandchildren, Angelica, Alexandria (Ryan), Elizabeth, and Wade; along with her two great-grandsons, John Ainslie and Lauchlan. She has one remaining sister, Josie (Paul) along with many nieces and nephews. Rita was predeceased by her parents, Nellie and Charlie Cormier; two sisters, Angeline and Joan; and three brothers, Charlie, Patrick, and Philip. She was also predeceased by three brothers-in-law Herbie, Butchie, and Brian. Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 23rd, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Inverness Funeral Home. Funeral mass will take place on Monday, June 24th, 11:00 a.m. in Stella Maris Church, Inverness. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences can be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

LEVERT

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Patrice Albert LeVert on June 14th, 2024, at the age of 93 years old. Patrice was well known in Inverness County as a farmer and businessman. Patrice was born in St. Joseph du Moine, NS, on June 30th, 1930, to Francis LeVert and Sophie (Sophique) AuCoin. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 68 years, Doris (Aucoin); by his daughter-in-law, Géraldine (Shomphe) LeVert; by his brothers, Wellington, Ferdinand, and John Joe; and sisters Sophie and Thérèse. Patrice is survived by one brother, Bernard, of Sydney, NS. Patrice leaves behind five children, Bobby (Lucie), Nicole, Yolande, Marcel (Paulette), and Jacqueline (Bruce). He is fondly remembered by his 10 grandchildren, Clayton (Kim), Joel, Serge (Jessica), Isabelle (Ank), Janelle (his favourite hairdresser), Angèle, Jacques (Samantha), Pierre (Stacy), Gabriel (Kelsey), and François. He also leaves behind six great-grandchildren, Violet, Victoria, Benjamin, Vivienne, Avi, and Arya. He also had many nieces and nephews: Peggy, Richard, Janet, Francis, Thelma, Gisele, Daniel, Alfred, Carmelle, Michelle, Monique, Sophie, Lise, Lucille, Laurelle and Laurier, and Yvette, Jeannine, André, Robert, and Rhéal. Patrice had a long life that was well-lived. With the help of his wife Doris and his children, Marcel and Yolande, he made a successful endeavour of LeVert's Meat Market for more than 30 years. Patrice bought beef cattle from farmers across Inverness County and, from 1987, had the only licensed abattoir in the county. Customers still speak of how good the cuts of meat bought at LeVert's Meat Market were. Patrice was very community-minded and was always ready to give a helping hand to anyone in need. The LeVert family wants to give special thanks to Dr. Paul Sonier and Dr. Amelie Maillet, the staff of Foyer

Père Fiset and the Palliative Care Unit of Sacred Heart Hospital for the compassionate care given to him in his time of need. Special thanks to Paulette Chiasson, Marcel's partner, for her great generosity to our father. A celebration of life and burial was held at St. Joseph DuMoine Catholic Church on Tuesday, June 18th, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Silvichan officiating. We invite donations to Foyer Pere Fiset or Saint Joseph Du Moine Church in memory of Patrice.

MATHESON

Anna Margaret Matheson, 85, died June 7th, 2024, at the Foyer Pere Fiset. She will be dearly missed by her children Debby (Harold Gale), Edmonton, Alberta, and Ian (Joanne), Perth, Ontario; her grandchildren, Brett (Danusia) Gale and Erin (Albert So); her great-grandsons Matheson Gale, Tao So, Finn Gale, and Keo So; sisters Marilyn (Bruno) MacNeil, Kingsville, Janet (Aldie) MacInnis, East Lake Ainslie; sister-in-law Joan MacLellan, Southwest Margaree; brothers Peter (Vicky) MacLellan, Wilmington, Massachusetts, Gerald (Barbara) MacLellan, Port Hood; brother-in-law John Mullaney, Frankville; and numerous wonderful nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Donald and her daughter Betty; by her sister Allana and infant sister Mary; by her brothers Herbie, Eugene and his daughter Lisa, Jack ("RJ"), and his wife Geraldine. Anna was a teacher for 37 years and loved every minute of it. She referred to each of her students as her children. She always beamed with pride upon hearing of their life's accomplishments. Anna was deeply involved in community and parish organizations. Often heading up several committees at one time, always willing to give of herself to better her parish and community. The family would like to thank the health care team, the palliative care team, and Coleen and Patrick Lewis, who, collectively, made it possible to fulfill Anna's wish to remain in her own home for as long as possible. Further thanks to the wonderful staff at the Foyer Pere Fiset for their outstanding professionalism and caring. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m., June 24th, at Saint Michael's parish, East Margaree, Father Silvachin officiating. Visitations will commence in the church at 10:00 a.m. Funeral under the care of Sunset Funeral Coop.

MURPHY

Mary Mae Murphy, April 12th, 1952 – May 16th, 2024: Born in Inverness on April 12th, 1952, she was the daughter of Johnnie and Angeline LeLievre. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mary Mae (LeLievre) Murphy, 72, of Sydney, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by members of her family, she was a devoted, wife, mother and grandmother and her greatest passion was for her children and grandchildren. Besides being a longtime volunteer at the Cancer Center at the Regional Hospital, she worked for Mabou Gardens and the Central Supplies Garden Center, and was a member and supporter of Her Tops Group and the Cape Bretoners Dragon Boat Team. She is survived by her husband, Cliff Murphy, her husband of 54 years, Sydney; her daughter, Michelle Murphy, Sydney; sons, Timothy (Verna) Murphy, Fort McMurray, AB, Craig (Nancy) Murphy, Fort McMurray, AB; grandchildren, Shalyn, Tessa and Shayleen, Fort McMurray, AB, and Alyssa, Sydney, Mitchell, Cold Lake, AB, Nathaniel (Kayley) Fort McMurray, AB, and Ethan, Sydney; sisters, Beatrice (Leonel Cormier), East Margaree; Annette (Francis MacLellan), Inverness, Angie LeLievre, Inverness; brothers, Paul (Marie) LeLievre, Inverness, Clifford (Debbie) Sydney; sisters-in-law, Ellen MacIsaac, Dartmouth; Janet Murphy, Denman Island, BC; brothers-in-law, Floyd (Gloria) Murphy, Richmond, BC, and Danford (Debbie) Murphy, Mabou; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Dina (Paul MacInnis), Louisdale; brothers, Johnnie Boy, Inverness, and Joe (Denise) LeLievre, Kitchener, ON; sister-in-law, Lyndsey (Janet Murphy) Jennings. Cremation has taken place. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care and direction of Inverness Funeral Home, Inverness, with a wake being held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on June 21st, 2024, at the Inverness Funeral Home. The funeral will take place at Stella Maris Parish Church in Inverness on June 22nd, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hospice Palliative Care Society of Cape Breton County or a charity of your choice.

POIRIER

André A. Poirier, December 28th, 1937 – June 2nd, 2024: It is with great sadness the family announces the sudden but peaceful passing of our husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, André A.

Poirier, Sunday, June 2nd, 2024, at the age of 86 at QEII Health Science Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Born in Chéticamp, December 28th, 1937, to the late Hypolite 'Polite' and Clothilde (Deveau) Poirier; he married the love of his life, Marie Hélène, September 26th, 1959. His passing occurred just a few months shy of their 65th wedding anniversary. André began his career with the Royal Bank at the Chéticamp branch in 1955. His career progressed, moving the family throughout Nova Scotia and eventually to Montreal where André worked his way up to vice-president of Montreal Core region. André retired in 1994, and he and Marie Hélène returned to their beloved Chéticamp a year later. Even after retirement the financial world was a large part of André's life; investing, discussing the markets and assisting others with financial activities. In addition to spending time with his family (as "Diddlee" to his grand children and "Didi" to his great granddaughter) and banking, he found purpose and happiness delivering "meals on wheels", playing bridge with friends, playing and watching golf. Their life together will forever be cherished by his wife, Marie-Hélène (née Boudreau); his children, Denise (Daniel), Monique (Andrew), Marc (Josephine 'Jo'), and Nicole; grandchildren, Alex, Kayla (Matthew) and André, and his new sunshine, great-granddaughter, Bianca. Also surviving is his brother, Gordon; and brothers and sister-in-law, Ernest, Louis-Lévi (Réjeanne) and Marie-Lorraine; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family and dear friends from all over. The family would like to thank the first responders from the Cheticamp Volunteer Fire Department, Dr. Amelie Maillet and all the staff at Sacred Heart Hospital, Chéticamp, Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney and the nurses of the CCU and Cardiac Day Unit of the QEII Halifax, as well as the Cheticamp Funeral Home, for their care and compassion in the last few days of André's life. A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, June 8th, 2024, in St. Peter's Church, Chéticamp, with Père Pierre Antoine St. Cyr and Deacon Gerald Leblanc officiating. Family flowers only. Memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation, Paroisse Saint Pierre, Chéticamp, "Sauvons Notre Église," Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department or a charity of your choice.

WYRWAS

Rev. Dr. Gerald Wyrwas (September 28th, 1934 – May 2nd, 2024): The Rev. Dr. Gerald "Gerry" Wyrwas, a Presbyterian minister who was the long-time director of pastoral care at Bon Secours Hospital (now called the Holy Family Hospital) in Methuen, Massachusetts, died May 2nd, 2024, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was 89. Those who knew him well describe Wyrwas as a family man of deep faith who embraced the many facets of his career in addition to being director of pastoral care, minister and licensed psychologist. In the 25 years he was the director of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Holy Family, almost 600 participants, called "interns," from 43 countries participated in the hospital's program. CPE is a multicultural, interfaith approach to teaching doctors, lawyers, hospital administrators, and educators how to more effectively deliver spiritual care to seriously ill patients and their caregivers. "To say that Gerry Wyrwas is a visionary is an understatement," a hospital colleague said when he retired from full-time work in 1999. "His work inspired CPE interns to join the ministry or to further theological education, as well as refreshing and revitalizing the work of missionaries throughout the world." Other colleagues said his integration of theology and psychology was a "unique gift" that gave him an in-depth understanding of people. "He invites people forth, into being the best they can be, and does so with a delightful sense of humour. He is a deeply compassionate and warm person." Family members and graduates of his CPE program often recall favourite aphorisms he relied on to perk up interns. One was: "Whenever we fail to acknowledge our God-given talents, we lie, cheat, and steal." Another: "How are you feeling? Are you mad, sad, glad, or fearful?" Gerald Grant Wyrwas was born September 28th, 1934, in the small, remote coal-mining village of Inverness, Nova Scotia. He was the youngest of six children of Edward Theodore Wyrwas, an electrician, and Mary Agnes (MacKenzie) Wyrwas, a Sunday school teacher. After graduating from high school, he briefly worked for his father, then took a job at the Royal Bank of Canada. After being promoted to assistant accountant and assigned to the Halifax branch in 1955, he met his future wife, Ethel M. Bowman, on a blind date. They married in May 1957. Around that time, he decided to leave banking and join the ministry. "I liked banking and...had more than doubled my salary while I was with it," he wrote years later, "but I was not satisfied. I felt there was more to life than handling other people's money." He enrolled at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and philosophy, with a minor in Greek. He then earned a Bachelor of Divinity at Pine Hill Divinity College in Halifax. He was a student missionary in

Alberta and assisted the ministers at the Brunswick Street United Church, Truro, and Guysborough-Canso Pastoral Church. While at Pine Hill, he served as Old Barns Pastoral Charge and Maitland Pastoral Charge. After ordination, he served as Winsloe Pastoral Charge, P.E.I., and then assistant minister of Trinity United Church in Charlottetown, P.E.I. He was ordained a minister of the United Church of Canada in June 1960 and began his ecclesiastical career as the pastor of four rural churches in the village of Winsloe, Prince Edward Island. In 1967, Wyrwas moved with his family to Massachusetts and was called into pastoral ministry in the Presbytery of Boston to serve as pastor with the First Presbyterian Church of Lynn. He also was named director of the Department of Spiritual Care (Pastoral) Services at Holy Family Hospital and maintained a pastoral counseling center in Lynnfield, Mass. In 1980, Wyrwas was Moderator, or senior leader, of Boston's presbytery, the regional governing body for Boston-area churches. A year later, he was the presbytery's minister commissioner to the 193rd General Assembly in Houston. A Boston Presbytery colleague described him as "an articulate and calming presence" at presbytery meetings and "invaluable" as chair of the Committee on Ministry. He was a founding member of the presbytery's Honorably Retired Ministers group. Wyrwas remained the pastor of the Lynn congregation for 20 years, finding time to earn two graduate degrees – Master's of Sacred Theology and Doctor of Ministry – from the Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Mass. He also was a long-time adjunct faculty member of the school. In addition to his ecclesiastical training, Wyrwas was a licensed psychologist and was a member of both the American Psychological Association and the Massachusetts Psychological Association. A natural raconteur, he also enjoyed sharing humorous stories and indulging his children. His daughter Margaret said he delighted in impishly treating her and her siblings to soda and candy when they accompanied him on errands without Ethel, who frowned on her children indulging in junk food. "Family was most important in Dad's eyes," his son, David, said. "The second most important thing was education and knowledge. He continually was trying to enhance his knowledge and wanted to share it with everyone he came in contact with." His musical tastes ran from Frank Sinatra to Rod Stewart, and he had a treasure chest of amusing stories to share with his family, students and parishioners. "Dad was a man of deep faith, devotion to his family and friends, and dedication to helping others," his younger daughter, Susan Lynn, recalled. "He was willing to listen and give advice, and would surprise people who didn't know him with his dry wit." Susan Lynn's son Daniel, using his nickname for the pastor, said, "Grampie had a story for everything with a knack for telling them to others. At the end of each story, he would typically share a good laugh with everyone he was telling the story to." Wyrwas was a lifetime member of Clan Mackenzie Society of the Americas, a Master Mason for 20 years with the Lynnfield-Zetland Lodge, chaplain for the Daughters of Scotia, and president and chaplain of the Scots' Charitable Society. He is survived by his wife, Ethel, a retired Registered Nurse Practitioner; daughters Margaret (Peter Thorner) of Westport, Conn., and Susan Lynn (Kevin Winters) of Easton, Mass.; son David (Myoung Hee) of Merrimack, N.H.; and grandson Daniel B. Winters of Philadelphia, PA. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Leonard, Margaret (Banks), Raymond, Maxwell, and Harold; and grandsons Thomas Ryan Winters, John David Wyrwas, and Edward Gerald Wyrwas. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road in Bedford, N.H. on September 28th, 2024, which would have been his 90th birthday. The Rev. Dr. John Sawyer will conduct the service. Interment will occur in the Sand Hill Cemetery, Upper Nine Mile River in Nova Scotia at a later date. It has been suggested that those who wish may make memorial contributions to one of these groups: the Alzheimer's Association, Presbytery of Boston, Scots' Charitable Society Scholarships and the Bedford Presbyterian Church. The Wyrwas family gives special thanks to Gerry's caregivers: the memory care staff at the Bedford Falls Assisted Living Facility, clinical staff members at Brookhaven Hospice, both in Bedford, N.H., and the Rivet Funeral Home and Crematorium in Merrimack, N.H.

GILLIS

It is with profound sorrow and disbelief that we announce the sudden passing of Joseph Daniel "Danny" Gillis, March 15, 2024. Born January 23rd, 1968, Joseph Daniel "Danny" Gillis is predeceased by his parents, John Archie and Mona (Harper) Gillis, as well as his brother, Johnny. Danny is survived by his two children, Quarrie Alexander (Abbey); Keisha Este Maria; and his grand dog, Tucker. He also leaves behind his brother, Roy (Kimmy); niece, Abby; nephews, Luke and Johnathan; sister in-law, Colleen; the

mother of his children, Kathleen; along with several people that he holds close to his heart, Kevin, Donnie, Donald, Greg, Mark, Joey, Chad, Johnny, and many more. Danny possessed a heart of pure gold and an unwavering dedication to helping others, traits that endeared him to countless individuals from coast to coast. Throughout his lifetime, he forged deep connections and cherished friendships while tirelessly lending his carpentry skills and assistance to those in need. From his years working in the mines, to his ventures in steeple chasing alongside Kevin, and his endeavours in building and renovating homes across the province, Danny's commitment to hard work and generosity knew no bounds. His passion for harness racing, where he proudly supported his late brother, Johnny and had fun with friends, was matched only by his devotion to his family. As he watched his children thrive in the rink, the ball field, and the volleyball court, the memories they shared became cherished treasures. The echoes of laughter and friendship resonated within the walls of the Dr. Bernie MacLean arena, where Danny not only cheered on his children's hockey games but also showcased his exceptional talent as a curler, participating in the annual Rannie Bonspiel. Amidst his countless adventures, Danny cultivated a special bond with Quarrie and Keisha's grandmother, Mary. Their moments together over tea and biscuits were cherished, punctuated by heartfelt conversations, and shared laughter. Danny's legacy is one of compassion, hard work, and a profound commitment to those he held dear, leaving a deep-rooted mark on all who were fortunate enough to know him. Visitation will be held in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, on Saturday June 15, 2024 from 10:00-10:45 am with funeral mass to follow at 11 a.m. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations in memory of Danny may be made to Stella Maris Parish Cemetery Fund. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

HAVERSTOCK

Dennis Haverstock was the proud owner of the Dennis Haverstock Funeral Homes Ltd. and a proud father, grandfather, and long-time resident of Port Hawkesbury. He was the son of Earl and Weilder (Romans) Haverstock and grew up in Hammonds Plains, but established a strong love and sense of connection with his chosen home in Cape Breton. Dennis passed away suddenly in St. Martha's Hospital in Antigonish, NS on Saturday, June 1st, 2024, at the age of 86. Dennis was a big man with a big personality who had a strong sense of community and how his business should be run. Underneath a sometimes boisterous exterior, his heart was the biggest part of him. He was a no-nonsense person when it came to the funeral profession; he believed everyone deserved to receive respectful and professional service. Outside of the funeral service, he loved to torment others and loved nothing more than to be one-upped with a clever comeback. He was a colorful storyteller and loved to see the humour in everyday life. He had a full mental catalog of great jokes and often marvelled that he could remember anything funny but couldn't remember anything of importance from school! He rooted for the underdog and prided himself in helping those that needed help and didn't want any recognition or acknowledgment for it. Dennis was also known for his ability to sing (loudly) and was often asked to sing in the choir for many funeral services. He took his first job in the funeral profession at Halifax Funeral Home in 1957 at the age of 18. While working in Halifax in 1958, he met Carol. Carol and Dennis were married a year later in September 1959. In 1966, they moved to Amherst, NS, to work at Campbell's Funeral Home. In 1967, Carol and Dennis purchased a funeral business and ambulance service in Port Hawkesbury. This would be a pivotal moment in their lives; Port Hawkesbury is where they started a family and solidified their commitment to the funeral profession and the community. There were challenging times in the early days, but with perseverance, hard work, and a lot of personal integrity, the business grew. John Langley was the very first employee and was instrumental in this. Through the years, the business would grow from having one visitation room in the family house in Port Hawkesbury to five different locations: Port Hawkesbury, Whycocomagh, Guysborough, Canso, and St Peter's. One of Dennis's proudest accomplishments was designing and opening the funeral home in Port Hawkesbury. This was his way to give back to the families and community that supported his family and his business. He also owned and operated two ambulance services, one in Port Hawkesbury and one in St. Peter's. He employed many loyal employees and was not only a boss to them, but formed many long-lasting friendships. Dennis was the first to bring funeral homes to areas where none existed previously, and this was a source of great pride for him. Another point of pride in his professional life was that Dennis Haverstock Funeral Homes "served all faiths." In a way, Dennis was breaking down barriers in a time when it was challenging to do so. Dennis volunteered on many boards and was a member of many community groups through the

years. In his early days, Carol and Dennis were involved in the Kinsmen/Kinettes and loved to attend local dances and church suppers. He was a past president of the Funeral Service Association of Nova Scotia and a past member of the Funeral Service Association of Canada. He also was a member of the Nova Scotia Board of Registration of Embalmers and Funeral Directors and of the board of directors of the CJFX radio station. Dennis and his wife Carol raised three children while balancing a business, maintaining two careers, volunteering in the community, and remaining closely connected to friends and extended family. Garth, their second child was born with muscular dystrophy. Knowing his life would be shorter than most, Dennis and Carol worked together to fill Garth's life with many positive experiences. In turn, Garth had a profound and positive impact on their lives and the lives of many others. Dennis is survived by his wife of almost 65 years, Carol Haverstock (nee Dennis), their two children, Grant (Jessica Klein Herenbrink) and Gina (Sean Myles) of Wolfville, Nova Scotia. He was predeceased by two sons, Garth and Dawson. He was the very proud Grampy of Nate (13) and Audrey (11), both of Wolfville and many beloved nieces, nephews and dear friends. He has two loving sisters, Ida Boutilier of Halifax, NS, and Viola Mason of Ottawa, ON. He was predeceased by his parents Earl and Weilder (Romans) Haverstock, by his dear brother Garvie Haverstock (Lynn Durling), brothers-in-law Donald Boutilier (Ida), and Gordon Mason (Viola). Many thanks to Dennis Haverstock Funeral Homes' past and present employees, and the good people of Port Hawkesbury and surrounding areas for the love and support through the years. A special thanks to John Langley, Glenn and Jeanette Diggdon, Ida Boutilier and Jill Haverstock, Marcie Mason of the Maples Supportive Living Community and the doctors and nurses of the Progressive Care Unit and St. Martha's Hospital in Antigonish. Visitation took place at Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home at 724 Granville Street, Port Hawkesbury, on Thursday, June 6th, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. A funeral to celebrate Dennis's life was held on Friday, June 7th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 138 Granville Street, Port Hawkesbury, NS with Rev. Susan Slater officiating. A reception and private burial followed. Donations in Dennis's memory may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada, the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Cemetery Fund (Port Hawkesbury), Camp Tidnish or a charity of your choice. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

MacDOUGALL

Joseph Bernard MacDougall, December 9th, 1937 – May 30th, 2024: We are heart broken to share that Joe passed peacefully at home on May 30th. He is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Ann (Trask) MacDougall and their three children, Katherine, Halifax, Sarah (Alan), Toronto, and Dougald John (Heather), Halifax. Tap Tap was loved by his two treasured granddaughters, Elizabeth Coffin-MacDougall (Toronto) and Meredith MacDougall (Halifax). Joe was a son of Dougald and Christy MacDougall of Mann Ave, Inverness. Joe left his adored Red Rows in 1955 and headed to Halifax with two dollars in his pocket. A chance encounter while walking his cherished sister Betty to work through the train yard resulted in a 39-year career with CN Rail. Joe loved his work as a rail roader and believed that if you loved your work, you didn't work a day in your life. At CN he met many lifelong friends including Butch "Frenchman" Fougere whose phone calls and visits to the end meant so much to him. Joe liked to joke that he had to leave Cape Breton to find a wife. He met his "Valley girl" in Halifax and he and Ann married in 1964. They moved to Waverley and spent many happy years in Frame Subdivision raising their children. Joe loved the horse races, working in his wood pile, worrying about everyone getting their hay in on time and getting a good deal at the Sears Bargain Basement. But mostly, he was a kind and caring father, always the softy while mom held the line – always with treats for all including many trips to Sunnyside for Long Johns and the chicken burger for ice cream. He made his kids believe that there was nothing they could not do and was our biggest cheerleader. Joe and Ann retired to Cape Breton and built a home in "Beautiful West Mabou" (Dad's standard telephone greeting). Here they tended their substantial gardens, worked on the beach committee and enjoyed the beauty of Cape Breton, often hiking followed by a meal in one of their favourite restaurants. It would not have been possible to keep Dad at home without the support of a wonderful community. A heartfelt thank you to Dad's special cousin Mary Catherine Rankin and her family and neighbours and friends Betty Jane Cameron, Nadine Hunt, and Jean Hubbard for their ongoing support. We would also like to thank the many friends and neighbours for their ongoing help with trips to appointments, hair cuts at home, snow removal, internet installation, and an endless supply of cookies. A special thank you to Sally Graham for her Gaelic songs and keeping

Dad's beard so sharp in these last months. Thank you to the Palliative Care team, community nursing and everyone at Inverness County Home Support for their kind care of Dad. We are forever grateful. Cremation has taken place, a Celebration of Life to follow at a later date. We will make sure Dad takes his last trip to Cape Mabou on a nice summer day, where we are sure he is helping to bring in the hay and looking for a cup of tea and a biscuit. In memory of Joe, please consider a donation to the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Charitable Foundation - www.icmhfoundation.com or the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia <https://alzheimer.ca/ns/en/donate>. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacINNIS

Myles Curtis MacInnis, Whycocomagh, age 82: It is with heartfelt sadness that our family announces the peaceful passing of Myles on Monday, June 3rd, 2024, in the Victoria County Memorial Hospital, Baddeck. Born March 16th, 1942, in Truro, Myles was the son of J.P. and Viola (Wellwood) MacInnis. Myles and his siblings, Frank and Beatrice, were raised in Whycocomagh, growing up in a family that valued hard work and started two successful businesses, Vi's Restaurant and J.P. MacInnis Trucking. With his natural driving and mechanical ability, Myles dedicated his life's work to the continuation of his father's company alongside his brother. Myles could be found on the road trucking, loading pulp, working in the shop, or enjoying a good conversation with his valued friends that he made over the years in this line of work. After meeting on a blind date arranged by friends, Myles and Evelyn celebrated a long marriage just shy of their 60th anniversary on her birthday on June 13th. Myles and Evelyn raised their family Annette, Jennifer, and Jamie and enjoyed time spent together on family trips and boating out on the water. Myles was especially proud of his grandchildren and great-grandson and was always a big part of their lives. Myles was an involved community member, most significantly with the Whycocomagh Volunteer Fire Department, which he joined at the age of 14 and served for over 50 years. During that time he served many roles as captains, fire chief, and president of Maritime Fire Chiefs Association and was deservingly awarded an Exemplary Service Award by the governor general. Myles will be lovingly missed by his wife, Evelyn; his children, Annette (Bruno), Jennifer (Gary), Jamie (Lindsey); his grandchildren, Myles (Cathy), Kelsey, Molly (Ryan), Rhylyn, Anthony, Ben; great-grandson, Jet; brother, Frank (Verda), sister, Beatrice, brother-in-law, Brian (Pat), nieces and nephews. Myles was pre-deceased by his parents, brothers-in-law, Robert and Roddie; uncles, aunts, and special cousins. The family wishes to send our gratitude and thanks for the care Myles received during his brief illness; especially to Dr. Genge, Dr. Ritter, and Paulette; to the nursing staff at VCMH and ICMH and to the CB Cancer Centre. Visitation was held Friday, June 7th, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Funeral service was held Saturday, June 8th, at 11:00 a.m. from Stewart United Church, Whycocomagh, with Rev. Karen MacNeill officiating. Burial in the Stewartdale Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Whycocomagh Volunteer Fire Department or Hospice Society of Victoria County. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

MacNEIL

Shirley Mary Ann MacNeil: Shirley was sitting in her favourite armchair by her window on Scotch Hill overlooking the Margaree Valley when she passed away on Sunday morning, May 26th. Shirley was born into the Karley family in 1936. Her parents, Henry and Philomena, had a large working farm in Perth East near Kitchener, Ontario. Together with her four brothers Pat, Clarence, Laval, and Ray (who predeceased her) they raised crops, tended to the farm animals, and enjoyed the life that farming can bring and teach. These early lessons embraced by Shirley, catapulted her ahead of her time in her awareness of valuing and preserving natural resources. As a young student, she attempted to educate others in an eloquent and informative essay titled "Tomorrow's Timber." From that early farm life came a love of growing vegetables and flowers. Later in life, after her arrival on Scotch Hill 30 years ago, she worked with her late husband Hugh John, and her brother-in-law Sam, to continue cultivating the gardens and landscaping around the family home. Shirley had many vocations and excelled in all of them. She worked for Bell Canada, she was a nursing assistant at a retirement home, and she managed a transportation business in Hamilton with Hugh John. Along with her love of work, Shirley had a very playful side. She loved to be by the ocean and the lakes. Swimming and sunbathing delighted her. She had always loved music and when she came to live in Cape Breton, she immersed herself in Celtic music and soon became

knowledgeable, discerning, and as vibrant attending the music scene as the music itself. Shirley had a natural curiosity about the world. She followed international events very closely. She loved to read; and Fletcher at the Harbour would set aside for her, her favourite authors from the mini library of donated books he kept at the store. Shirley has left many nieces and nephews to mourn her passing. The Karleys, the LaRusics, the Coadys, and the MacNeils. The family wishes to thank Leo Paul for all the assistance and friendship he gave to Shirley over the past two decades. In memory of Shirley you could have a special adventure with your canine friends today. Shirley always had a dog friend in her life. They gave her such joy. A graveside service was held on June 6th at St. Michael's cemetery with Father Silvichan officiating.

"The southern sky darkens; a soft mellow wind awakens the slumbering buds and snowdrops beneath the soft blanket of snow. A warm rain falls, melting the snow which now forms lacy patterns beneath the trees. Old man winter turns over, yawns and falls asleep. Spring has returned with its banners and flourishes of leaves, flowers, and happiness." – Shirley MacNeil

MacDONALD

Charles "Charlie" Robert MacDonald, age 79, of the Inverary Manor, Inverness, Nova Scotia, peacefully passed away Friday, May 31st, 2024. He was born on August 8th, 1944, to the late Robert and Mary Ann MacDonald. Charlie then married Claire and remained happily married for 57 years, until her passing in January of this year. They raised their family in Nevada Valley where Charlie was an active member in the community and church. He worked at the Little Narrows Gypsum plant for more than 30 years and was happy to hear that it will be running again. He is survived by two sons, Brian (Kim) MacDonald and Donald MacDonald; and three grandchildren, Brianna (David), Tamara (Ryan), Jessica (Logan); and great-grandchildren, Kayden and Lochlan. He is also survived by brother-in-law, Finley Beaton; Donald Mac Isaac, Willie (Louise) Mac Isaac, Allan (Mariss) Mac Isaac, Robert (Sadia) Mac Isaac; sisters-in-law Edna Suitor, Catherine (Bill) Mac Gillivray, Grace (Mike) Tapics, Lillian (Cecil) Dunlap, Martha (Richard) Gillis, Monica (George) Goodall; Carm Mac Isaac, Gerri Mac Isaac; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his wife Claire; brothers Johnny (Mary) MacDonald, Allan MacDonald; sisters Anna (Jack) MacDonald, Josie Beaton; sisters in-law, Mary (Angus) Beaton, Theresa Gillis; brothers-in-law, Angus Mac Isaac, Byron Mac Isaac, Donald Francis in infancy; John Suitor. Also predeceased by nephews, Blaise Gillis, Henry (Carla) Snow, Blaise Mac Isaac, and Glen Mac Isaac. The visitation will be in the vestry, St. Mary's church, Mabou, Thursday, June 6th, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph's church, Glencoe, Friday, June 7th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. On line condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

DEVEAU

Marie Lorraine Deveau, age 86, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Monday, May 20th, 2024, at the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. Lorraine was a daughter of the late Joseph and the late Marie Helene (Chiasson) Deveau. Lorraine loved music of all kinds. She loved dancing and singing. She left her hometown of Cheticamp when she was 17 and moved to Halifax for many years. Later, she moved to Toronto where she worked in a factory, until she moved back home to Cheticamp and worked at the fish plant until she retired. Lorraine is survived by her sisters, Marie Diane Cormier, and Marie Stella Doucet; nieces and nephews, Amanda Cormier, Darlene Doucet, Kevin Doucet, David Deveau, Irvinna Deveau, Wanda Chiasson, and Celina Deveau Thomas; as well as many grandnieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Lorraine was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Irvin Deveau; nephew, Wendel Doucet. Her remains rested at the Cheticamp Funeral Home on Thursday, May 23rd, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A funeral service was held on Friday, May 24th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp, with Deacon Gerald LeBlanc officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Lorraine's memory to the Foyer Père Fiset or the Alzheimer's Society. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LeFORT

Marie Julia LeFort, age 82, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Monday, May 20th, 2024, in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. Julia was the daughter of the late Amédée and the late Henriette (Poirier) Bourgeois. Julia loved to travel and she loved music. She made a few trips to the United States

over the years, but her favourites were her many annual trips to New Brunswick to spend time with her precious grandsons. Julia worked 30 years at the Co-opérative de Poisson de Cheticamp, and then went on to work at Laurie's Motel as a bookkeeper for numerous years. Julia is survived by her daughter, Francine Scott (Stephen); brother, Roger Bourgeois (Diane); sister, Madeleine Chiasson (late Alphonse); grandchildren, Ryan Scott (Cassidy), Alexander Scott (Whitney), and Jeffrey Scott (Jamie); and great-grandchild, Harlow. Besides her parents, Julia was predeceased by her husband, Simon Charles (Simis) Deveau; brother, Réal Joseph Bourgeois (infancy). A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, May 25th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp, with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Foyer Père Fiset or a charity of choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

SMITH

J. Harry Smith, Welsford: On a beautiful spring day, one of the kindest men that lived and absolutely the best chosen father, ever, left us to go home to be with his mom and dad and his sisters. Harry was a very quiet man, but he was always up for a good trucking story or a coffee and treat at Meh's store. During his life, he did many things. He was first and foremost a farmer, farming the large dairy and then beef farm that had been his parents and his grandparents and great-grandparents before him in Hillsborough, Mabou, Cape Breton. When his father had a heart attack at a young age, Harry took over the daily running of the farm, still giving his mom and dad the monthly milk cheque. He then took a job with his cousin, Keith Smith, driving big trucks and doing long haul trucking, which became his love. He often told the story of trying to negotiate a huge 18-wheeler down a very narrow road with a hairpin curve on the way to Meat Cove, Cape Breton. If you didn't like driving on the edge, that would not have been a trip to be on! Harry had two lives; the first in Mabou, where he grew up and farmed and worked in the woods and enjoyed the company of his cousins and school friends. Harry started his second life in August of 1999 at the age of 53 when he married his wife, Heather (Mulholland) and they began running a large B&B at the farm in Mabou; and looking after Harry's mother, Eva and Heather's two sons, Patrick and Josh. Harry and Heather had a love for old homes (well maybe her more than him!!) but they set out to save a house or two in Mabou that was ready to fall down; and Harry discovered another talent, his ability to see what something could be and so he would pick up his tool box and say to his wife, "What's next?" In 2009, Harry and Heather set out on a new adventure; after restoring a 200-year-old home in River John, they decided to move there, and so a new life began. Heather started a singing group (The West Branch singers) after the death of their son, Keith Barnard in 2010 and Harry discovered he could SING!! And sing he did; as the group grew from 18 members to over 40. But his real love was also discovering he loved doing carpentry work; and when son, Josh, decided that was what he intended to do, Harry joined him and in 2010, they began roofing and restoring old houses and Harry became Josh's best friend and instructor and together they combined the best of experience and youthful energy! Every day was a new adventure and later, son Patrick moved to River John and became part of the daily: "Can Harry give me some advice?" or "Is Harry around?" Then son, Matt, came and needed Harry's sharp eye to look at jobs that he might do. Harry and neighbour Warren Jollimore made lots of trips to pick up things needed to work on the newest house project and together they travelled in Harry's truck listening to the radio and enjoying the time together. Harry loved his grandchildren and particularly the youngest ones, Violet, Veya, Sophia, Keith, and Sam, Faith Anne and Trey. His face would light up when they would arrive for a visit. He enjoyed George Jones and Meryl Haggard and loved singing along with them as he travelled in his truck getting supplies for the next work day. Harry loved to fish and so last summer, son Josh took him to Newfoundland supposedly to "fish" however on the day they planned to go out it was very rough and as Ian Maclean stated, "I knew we were in big trouble when Harry took his teeth out and put them in his pocket!!" and so ended the big fishing adventure (they caught several seven-inch trout in a brook!) Harry is survived by his loving wife, Heather; her children, Amy (Mark), Becky (Phil), Paul, Matt (Francine), Patrick (Kayla), Josh (Nicole); beloved grandchildren, Violet, Nevaeh, Sophia, Keith, Sam, Faith Anne, Trey, Rachel, Nathan, Ben, Cairo, and Jordan; Harry's daughter, Kimberly (Eugene); son, Stacey (Melissa); their children, Darrienne, Nathaniel, Mason, Zackary; whom he loved dearly; his brother, Sonny (Tootsie); and many cousins and nieces and nephews. He leaves also his good farming friends in Mabou, Danford, David, Malcolm and Naomi, and many more. He was predeceased by his

mother and father, Eva and Nathaniel Smith, of Hillsborough, and his sisters, Jean, Ruth, and Carol; and his stepsons, Mark and Keith Barnard. A celebration of Harry's life was held at the West Branch United Church on Monday May, 27th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm. Rev. Dr. Glen Matheson officiated. There was food and friendship, and reminiscing. At 8:00 p.m., those who wished walked with the family across the road to the West Branch Cemetery and took Harry home. He was much loved and will never be forgotten. He was every one's friend and as Lewis Wright said it so well, "Just seeing him at Meh's in the morning, made the day start right." He brought Joy into our lives with his kind and gentle ways and great sadness now that he is gone. Donations in his memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. He is under the care and direction of McLaren Funeral Home, Pictou. There will be a second committal in Hillsborough, Mabou, Cape Breton, at a later date.

LeBLANC

Leonel Patrick LeBlanc, age 74, of Mabou, NS, passed away Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Born in Cheticamp, NS, on January 1st, 1950, to Francis Paddy and Adelaide LeBlanc of Belle Cote, Leonel was one of 10 children. He grew up in Belle Cote and attended elementary and junior high school in Belle Cote/Margaree Forks. He spent numerous hours outdoors, learning everything there was to learn about fishing, hunting, and nature, which would serve him well in his later years as he embarked on his career as a conservation officer with DNR. At the age of 16, Leonel transferred to Mabou Consolidated School, where he continued his education and also met his high school sweetheart Margaret. Their shared love of music brought them together and became the foundation of a beautiful marriage that lasted over 51 years. Leonel and Margaret were known far and wide in the musical community and frequently volunteered their musical talents to anyone in need. In addition to being a devoted husband, Leonel was also a very loving and dedicated father to his two daughters and their husbands, Jennifer and Scott and Ashley and Millan. But nothing made him more proud than being the grandfather to his three grandchildren, Meagan, Callum, and Ayla. He never missed an opportunity to be their biggest cheerleader, praise their successes, and impart his wisdom to help guide them through any challenges. They meant the world to him! Leonel had a passion for all things music. He loved visiting, chatting, and playing music with his brothers, sisters, family, and numerous friends throughout the years. There was always lots of conversation, laughter, and song at every get-together. Not only was he a very talented musician, but also a beloved skilled craftsman and luthier. He built and repaired instruments of all kinds. If you own a musical instrument, likely Leonel played it, built it, or repaired it! His connection to music forged many a friendship in his lifetime and he never once took any of those friendships for granted. He was only too happy to share his knowledge and craftsmanship with anyone who was interested and he was the biggest source of encouragement to everyone wanting to give music a try! He was the "go to" expert for many musicians in need of a repair, advice or just great conversation. Time spent with Leonel left you feeling wiser, happier, and appreciated. Leonel was a very well-respected member of the Mabou community. He was a friend to everyone and never said "no" to anyone. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. His passing leaves a huge void in our hearts. He will be forever missed, but always lovingly remembered. Besides his parents, Leonel was predeceased by his brother Edward and his sister Noella. Leonel is survived by his wife Margaret; daughters Jennifer (Scott) and Ashley (Millan); three beautiful grandchildren, Meagan, Callum and Ayla; sisters Anita (Robert), Elaine, Laura (Donald); brothers Richard (Yvonne), George (Mary Frances), Paul (Carol), Mark (Cecilia); as well as many wonderful nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends. His family would like to thank Dr. John Ritter and the Palliative Care team at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for the wonderful care given to Leonel. We would also like to thank his dedicated family doctor, Dr. Holly Zwicker, as well as the team of specialists involved in his care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of your choice. Funeral mass was Monday, May 20th, 2024, in St. Mary's Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. with Father Andrew Gillies officiating. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

PATUREL

On Sunday, May 12th, 2024, Margaret A. Paturel passed away peacefully at the Foyer Pere Fiset, Cheticamp, NS. She was the daughter of the Late Alfred Ingraham and Annie Phillips. She is reunited

with the love of her life and husband, Michael H. G. Paturel, to continue their long love of dancing. She is survived by her children, Barb Phillips (Francis), Michael Paturel, Robert Paturel (Kathy), Emile Paturel (Louise), Jean-Marc Paturel (Darlene), Marie Paturel (Liz), Daniel Paturel (Tammy); sisters, Alice Swords (Jerry) and Della Jefferson; sisters-in-law Olive Ingraham, Marlene Bursey, and Grace Ingraham; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by brothers, Reuben, James, Bevis, Alex, Bud; and sisters Laura, Ella, and Doris. She was a hardworking woman who was well known for her baking (especially her cream puffs and apple pie). She enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting, bowling, playing bingo, and many games of Skip-Bo. We all know how infectious her smile was, how she loved to laugh, how she loved unconditionally and that is how the family would like her to be remembered. Visitation was held at the Belle Cote Community Centre on Friday, May 17th, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral was held at the St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph Du Moine on Saturday, May 18th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. with Father Silvichen Dominic officiating. Internment immediately following the mass at the St. Joseph Du Moine cemetery. Donations may be made to the Margaree Meals on Wheels program, Belle Cote Community Centre, or a charity of choice. Family flowers only by request of the family.

AUCOIN

Marcellin Aucoin, age 86, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 8th, 2024, at the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. Marcellin was the son of the late Christophe AuCoin and the late Emma Roach. Marcellin is survived by his wife, Ethel (Bourgeois); son, Claude (Kelly); daughter, Lise (Claudie) Aucoin; grandchildren, J.R. (Carly), Riley, Brady, Nova, Jayden, and Lucas; sister, Laurette (Eugene) MacGillivray; brothers-in-law, Albert Nugent, Joe Breininger, and Bill McCue; and sister-in-law, Claudette Aucoin. Marcellin was predeceased by his brothers, Wilfred and Albert; sisters, Marie-Helene, Elizabeth, Rita, and Thérèse. Marcellin was an employee of La Paroisse Saint-Pierre, and worked at Le Centre Acadien for 40 years. He was a member of the Cheticamp Volunteer Fire Department and also, on the Palliative Care Team. A devoted father and grandfather, he was very proud of his family's accomplishments. His love for them was unconditional, as they were his pride and joy. He was a friend to all. To know him was to love him. Marcellin was regarded as a master at filleting fish, enjoyed "running" and hosting La Mi-Carême. Marcellin was fond of gardening, hunting, and fishing. He loved spending his evenings watching his favourite hockey team, Les Canadiens de Montréal. Throughout his illness, he was cared for by his wife of 60 years before becoming a resident of Le Foyer Père Fiset, where he adapted very well to his surroundings, and always greeted staff with a huge smile. The family invites you to L'Église St. Pierre on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, where they will be accepting condolences at 1:00 pm until time of funeral mass at 2:00 pm with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society or Le Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

CAMERON

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Bruce Francis Cameron, aged 79, of Mabou, Nova Scotia. He passed away on May 6th, 2024, at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital after a brief period of illness. Born in Inverness, Nova Scotia, he was the son of John Angus and Kaye Cameron (Katherine Downes). Bruce's early life in Mabou alongside his cherished siblings Walter (Eva), Donald (Lorna), Gayle Williams, Jackie, Barbara (Malcolm), Celia (Edmund), and Theresa (Johnny) was filled with love, laughter, and the bonds of close-knit family ties. Bruce was a hardworking and skilled jack of all trades. In his early years, he travelled and worked afar, from Ontario to India, with his brothers in pursuit of mining. Throughout Cape Breton, he worked as a talented and innovative Red Seal Welder. Bruce could create and fabricate a solution to the most unique problems, not easily solved in any other way. Bruce's true passion of 53 years was lobster fishing from the Mabou Coal Mines wharf, with an always steadfast and dedicated crew that included his brother, numerous nephews, nieces, friends, and dogs. There were many sweets, lunches, and cups of tea shared by all aboard his fishing boat the "My Caddy". When he was not working and getting his hands dirty, Bruce could be found in his big chair cheering on the Detroit Red Wings beside his brother and best friend Jackie (who was not cheering for the Detroit Red Wings), or they could be found together on the 18th green of a golf course. He loved touring on his beloved Gold

Wing motorcycle, listening to music at many local venues, and dancing a square set or two in West Mabou. It was Bruce's love of music that drew him to an Easter Ball in Port Hood, where he met his lifelong partner, Caddy MacDonald. They spent 51 loving years together enjoying life with travel, music, dance, and Caddy's wonderful home-cooked meals. Bruce was loved and cherished by his partner, siblings, nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and the community of Mabou and beyond. All who knew Bruce will fondly remember that hearty laugh, his telling expressions, and his endless ability to share and appreciate a great story, always keeping us entertained. Bruce was predeceased by his parents, John Angus and Kaye; his brother Donald, sister Gayle; nephews Trevor Gillis and Kenzie MacDonald; and grand-nephew Alex McIver. Visitation occurred on Friday, May 10th, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Mabou, NS. The funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11th, 2024, at St Mary's Parish in Mabou, NS, where we said goodbye to a true Legend! In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Foundation or the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation – Intensive Care Unit. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

KENNEDY

Donelda Marie Kennedy: December 15th, 1936 – May 6th, 2024: It is with great sadness that we, the family of Donelda (Donna) Marie Kennedy announce her passing at the Inverness Consolidated Hospital at the age of 87 on May 6th, 2024. She passed away the way she wanted, peacefully and surrounded by her loved ones. Born in Inverness on December 18th, 1936, to Bernard and Vivian (MacMillan) MacLennan. She is survived by her only daughter Diana (Donnie). Nanny Clennan had a very special place in her heart for her grandchildren, Lesa (Bobby), Joanne (Randy), April (Jason), Tanya, and Stephen; her great-grandchildren, Frankie and Abby, Noah and Jakob, Jacey, Isabella, Carter, and Kennedy, Rebecca, Wilson, and Brandon, Emma and Isabelle; and her one and only great-great-grandson Bennett. Mom will be remembered for her quick wit, her love to tell stories and her never-ending gift to gab. She will be missed dearly by her two fur babies Daisy and Megan. We would like to thank her darling Bernie for always being there for both mom and Ernest. Also, a special thank you to Ethel for always checking in on her. Donelda (Donna) was predeceased by her first husband Alex Joe and the love of her life Ernest, as well as her siblings Frankie, David, Jean, and Diana. Funeral mass was held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 10th, 2024, in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove. Burial followed in the church Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacDONALD

A visitation for Alexander J. "Buddy" MacDonald, of Watertown, was held on Saturday April 6th, 2024, at the MacDonald Rockwell & MacDonald Funeral Home in Watertown, MA. Buddy was born in Inverness, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada, to the late Alexander J. and Mary Catherine (MacIsaac) MacDonald. Buddy passed away on Sunday March 31st, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 73. Alexander, who most knew as "Buddy," was a proud US Army veteran and a member of the 1st Infantry Division known as the Big Red One. He loved to take trips to his hometown of Inverness, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. He would get down home any chance he could every summer and for Celtic Colours in the fall. He could be seen all over Inverness, Glencoe, and Port Hood and made every effort to visit all of the many cousins. Everyone looked forward to his visits. He would attend the Inverness Gathering, the Broadcove Concert, and Chestico Days every summer. He made a point of attending all of the horse races including the Port Hood races to kick off Chestico Days. He was a regular at his sister's restaurant, The Coal Miner's Café, and helped out every summer. Buddy could always be seen taking photos at all of the events and chasing the beautiful Cape Breton sunsets every night. He was always in search of the perfect sunset shot and his photos could be seen in many local spots. Buddy always enjoyed watching the Boston's sports teams. He was an avid Boston Bruins and Boston Celtics fan. Buddy was also very proud of his Canadian and Scottish roots and Celtic heritage. You could find him almost every weekend at the Canadian American Club in Watertown listening to the fiddle music and sometimes bartending. He loved a good time and he loved to dance. Anyone who was lucky enough to know Buddy loved him. He was kind, thoughtful, and full of fun and leaves behind so many relatives and friends. His service was very well attended and a tribute to how many people loved him. Many relatives in Canada watched the service

virtually. A celebration of his life was held after his service at The Canadian American Club. His favourite musicians played all of his favourite songs. The club was filled with people and music just how Buddy loved it. Our hearts are broken by his loss and he will be missed by everyone who knew him. His many cousins and friends in Cape Breton will miss his presence every year. Buddy loved them all so very much. This summer will be especially difficult for everyone as it will be the first summer without him in Cape Breton. Buddy left behind a legacy of love and his beloved family. He was the devoted husband of Carol (Manfredi) MacDonald, loving father of Keith MacDonald, and Papa to his beautiful granddaughter Bristol. Dear brother to Allan MacDonald, Patricia Marks, Anne Stoupakis, and Elaine MacDonald Manfredi. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. We will remember Buddy with every beautiful sunset and keep his memory in our hearts forever. Gone but never forgotten. We love you Buddy!

MacINNIS

Donald Cecil MacInnis, age 87, East Skye Glen, Inverness County, passed away peacefully at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, after a short illness. Born in Inverness, he was the son of the late John Angus and Janet (Young) MacInnis. Donald Cecil is survived by his daughters, Lisa MacInnis (Lou), Sandra Surell; sons, John MacInnis (Josie), Glenn MacInnis (Charlene); sister, Margaret; sisters- and brothers-in-law, Laura (Beattie) MacInnis, London, Helen Boutilier (Melvin), Little Pond, Marguerite Leyte (Rollie), Millville, Norm MacIntosh (Dianne), London, David MacIntosh, Millville, Donnie MacIntosh, Millville. He was predeceased by his parents, his loving wife of 48 years, Anna (MacIntosh) MacInnis; daughter, Karen LeBlanc; brothers and sisters, Ninian (Kay), Allistair, Florence MacLean (Donald), Agnes McVey (Richard), Peter (Annie Mae), Beattie (Laura), George (Evelyn), Isaac (Ann), and Grace MacLean (Richard). Donald Cecil was loved by his many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and loved his family. He worked for Goodyear for 25 years before moving back to East Skye Glen in 1988. He was the local handyman, he loved to laugh, he played crib every Tuesday at the Skye Glen Hall, he regularly attended indoor curling and was often present for cards at the Waterfront Centre in Whycocomagh and with anyone that stopped by the house for a visit. He enjoyed his trips to Ontario to visit with family. His nickname was Donald "Stop" due to his love of pranking his neighbouring cousins. He was a member of the AOTS Club, Brotherhood, and Masons. He was such a wonderful gentleman who will be greatly missed. Cremation has taken place and there was no visitation. A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 4th, from Stewart United Church, Whycocomagh. Burial followed in the Skye Glen Cemetery followed by a tea at the Skye Glen Hall. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Stewart United Church or the Skye Glen Cemetery. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

MacISAAC

John MacIsaac of St. Thomas, and formerly of Aylmer, passed away peacefully with his family by his side at Valleyview Home on Sunday, May 5th, 2024, in his 80th year. Beloved husband of 58 years to Bev(Kennedy) MacIsaac. Dear father of Neil MacIsaac (Cindy) of Delhi, Kim Cattrysse (Rob) of Port Burwell and Gerrard MacIsaac (Angie) of Aylmer. Loving grandfather of David (Megan), Dylan (Jenna), Haven (Adam), Marina (Jesse), Emma, Katie, and Aiden; great-grandfather of Charlie, Nora, Adaline and Oliver, brother of Malcolm MacIsaac. Predeceased by his brothers Paul, Joseph, Wilfred, Ambrose, Neil; and sisters Mary, Rose, and Effie. He will be missed by a number of nieces and nephews. Born in New Waterford, Nova Scotia, on February 5th, 1945, he was the son of the late John and Maggie Belle MacIsaac. John was a tractor mechanic and drove transport for many years. He was an avid Toronto Maple Leafs fan. A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date. Donations to the Parkinson Society of Southwestern Ontario would be appreciated. Share memories or condolences at kebbelfuneralhome.com.

McEWEN

Patricia Ann "Patti" McEwen, age 64, of Calgary, Alberta, passed away April 27th, 2024. She was the chosen daughter of the late Keith and Ruby (Marple) McEwen, Stratford, Ontario. Patti attended schools in Stratford and was a graduate of the Stratford Central Secondary School. She is survived by her son, Michael Keith, whom she loved unconditionally; sister-in-law Shirley; nieces, nephews, cousins, and their

families. Besides her parents, Patti was predeceased by her brother Lorrie Douglas (2008). Among Patti's qualities, she was deeply committed to her position of employment with the Government of Canada (Revenue Canada Agency) since the year 2000. Patti was fearless when sharing her opinions on whatever subject; frugal and resourceful; enjoyed leisurely times camping with Michael and friends as well as taking a number of cruises. She was especially fond of her labernese dog, Abby. In keeping with Patti's wishes, cremation has taken place. Burial in the Avondale cemetery, Stratford, Ontario, at a later date. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

HARQUAIL

Laura Alexandra Harquail (nee MacDougall), 78, of Saint John, NB, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 27th, 2024, at Bobby's Hospice, close to her beloved family home and Assumption Church, both of which meant so much to Laura. The family is profoundly saddened by her loss, but take solace knowing that Laura is reunited with her loving husband of 51 years, Raymond Joseph Harquail, parents Alexander Duncan MacDougall and Laura (Walker) MacDougall, her near life-long stepfather Duncan MacArthur, as well as her sister-in-law Sylvia MacDougall. Laura was born and raised in Inverness, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, by loving parents Alexander, Laura, Duncan, and siblings Hugh (Anne) MacDougall, and Alec (Margaret) MacDougall, whom Laura liked to care for. Her caring nature eventually led to a career in nursing. Laura moved to Saint John, NB, after completing her studies, where she met her adoring husband, Raymond, while taking care of him in hospital. Caring, loving, and nurturing are three words that Laura (lovingly called Sandra or Sandy by family and friends) was the embodiment of. Sandra's beautiful soul was evident to everyone that met her. Love, nurture, and care were hallmarks for Sandra's parenting which she showered on her three loving sons, Kelly Harquail, Scott (Vibhuti) Harquail, and Kyle (Sarah) Harquail, all of Saint John; and five precious grandchildren Jamie, Zoe, Andrew, Isabelle, and Emma. A visitation was held on Wednesday, May 1st, 2024, at Castle Funeral Home, 309 Lancaster Avenue, Saint John, NB, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024, at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church at 12:00 p.m. Interment took place at Holy Cross Cemetery.

MacDONALD

Malcolm Alexander MacDonald, 81 Eastern Passage, passed away after a long battle with cancer. He was the son of late Mary C. (MacLellan) and Archibald MacDonald of Blackstone, Cape Breton. Malcolm was predeceased by wife Rita (MacDonald), daughter Karen Rehberg, and niece Adrienne Power. He is survived by daughter Tanya (David Naugle); son, Shawn (Teisha); son-in-law, Scott Rehberg; grandchildren Brett and Jenna Rehberg, Chelsea, Erika and Jamie Naugle, Grayson, and Spencer; brothers, Angus (Catherine), John J. (Joan), Lawrence (M.C.); sisters, Anna (late Louis Beaton), Marguerite (Jimmy MacNeil), Catherine Ann (Sander Beaton), Lexena (Don Johnson); sisters-in-law, Eileen Sampson, Reynolda, Anna, and Judith MacDonald; as well as many nieces and nephews. Dad was a hardworking man who served on the Dartmouth Police Department for 32 years. After retirement, he worked as a returning officer for Elections NS. He was also an active member of the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Lion's Club, where he served his community and enjoyed time with friends. Dad had a love of sports, especially when watching his teams, the Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Blue Jays. As long as a game was on, he was happy. Thank you to all the staff on 5W at the Dartmouth General Hospital and at the Ocean View Continuing Care Harbourside for the care he received. We also appreciate his friends Jack, Peter, Tom, Elaine, Ada, Kaye, Lila, and many others who would pop in for visits. Funeral mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 3rd, 2024, at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Passage. Burial will be in St. Andrew's Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Lion's Club, Hornes Road.

RAMARD

On Sunday, April 21st, 2024, Marguerite Ramard passed away peacefully at the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. She was a daughter of the late Ernest and the late Hélène (Chiasson) Chiasson. Although Marguerite was in failing health, she was so looking forward to celebrate her 98th birthday...and she did it! On April 6th, all "dolloed up" by her caregivers at the Foyer, she enjoyed her day with family and friends. Mom was a very resilient lady. She demonstrated her strength of character when she was

diagnosed with TB, and subsequently spent 18 months at the sanatorium in Point Edward, leaving behind four infant children. She was a “stay at home” mom until the age of 40, when she took employment at the Credit Union in Grand Etang, where she worked until she retired to look after her own mother. Throughout her long life, Mom remained involved in church, and community, serving on numerous committees. However, Mom’s main concern was always the well-being of her family. Marguerite is survived by her son, Roger Ramard (Bernice); daughters, Helena MacDougall (Mike), and Bernice Campbell (Dan); brother, Marcel Chiasson (Laurette); brother-in-law, Joseph Henri AuCoin; sisters-in-law, Laurette Chiasson, and Marie Jeanne AuCoin; grandchildren, Suzanne (James), Deanne (Blake), Joel (Rachael), Sonya (Mike), Krista (Jim), Jamie (Jen) and Luke; great-grandchildren, Ainslie, Jacob, Sophie, Aidan, Nathan, Josie, Kara, Jenna, Krista, Nolan, Cody, Avery, Charlie, Jonah, Sadie, Nora, and Nate. Besides her husband, Jim Dan Ramard, Marguerite was predeceased by her sons, Ernest and Alvin; son-in-law, Chris Campbell; brothers, Joseph, Felix, and Daniel; and sisters, Yvonne, Lucy Jane, Therese, and Stella. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 11th, 2024, in St. Joseph’s Church, St. Joseph du Moine, with family accepting condolences from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral at 11:00 a.m., with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph’s Church, St. Joseph du Moine. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

ROSS

Carl Tanner Ross (86), August 16th, 1937 – May 1st, 2024: On Wednesday May 1st, 2024, with love, gratitude, and sadness we said “see you later” to our dad, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. Carl was born August 16th, 1937, in Inverness, Cape Breton, to William Milford Ross (Willie Walter Donald) and Gladys Mildred (Burton) Ross, their first born and only red head. Carl lived on the homestead in Portree, where he resided until his death with a few side trips along the way. He went to the one-room red school house across the river in Rivulet. As he got older, he drove the conveyance for all the school children (horse and wagon) today called a bus driver. Carl finished school at grade 11 and headed off to community college, where he learned auto body repair. It was while in North Sydney he met our mother Maryon Louise Hillier at Young People’s group. He was 17, she was 15, and under the watchful eye of her father George, she was not allowed to marry until she turned 21. They dated, went to young people’s, Dad got a job with Archie MacKinnon, where he learned to run heavy machinery, carpentry, road repair, and building construction. Mom and Dad married at St. Matthew Wesley United Church on October 15th, 1960 (she turned 21 September 27th), on her own terms as she always said she would never ask permission. Carl bought a small parcel of land at the end of the lane (land that once housed his great-uncle Joe’s blacksmith shop) and built their first home from the foundation to the logging, milling the lumber and making the shingles. It is here they welcomed their first born Ruth Elizabeth (Ross) Kennedy (JD), North Rustico PEI. Work was hard to come by in the early ’60s. They moved to New Glasgow, where he worked on roads and infrastructure; they moved back to Portree, where he did carpentry work and buildings with Baxter Ingraham (they put the basement in at the Margaree Valley Baptist Church, where he attended services. Next they moved to Halifax, where he worked putting in sewer lines and infrastructure in the South end of Halifax; back to Portree, where Gregory Kenneth Ross (Loren) Grande Prairie, AB, was born. It was then that Ralph Black took a chance and hired Carl as a fisheries technician (today’s term) then it was labourer. Carl worked to learn the ropes and was a quick study. In 1967, a job came up in Maitland Bridge in Kejimikujik National Park at the fish culture station. Carl applied, well Rusty did on Dad’s behalf and with Rusty Peverill’s blessing off the family moved first to Kempt where David John Ross (Nadine), Portree, was born. The next year, they bought a farm bordering the park for \$3,000. Dad worked under his manager Kenny Carmichael (another Margaree) and on his off hours he farmed and trained oxen. One favourite pair was Freckles and Speckles, where he showed and attended the Queens County Exhibition and parade with the team. It was in Kedgie that he became the shop steward and not only worked beside his peers, he was a voice for them. In 1973, an opportunity arose and the family was off to Northern NB, where they lived first in New Mills. Carl transferred as a fisheries technician, but shortly his manager Ralph Watts retired, no one wanted to move to Charlo, NB, so Carl became the interim manager and moved the family to the housing provided on the hatchery site in Charlo. He learned to speak French, continued to learn and share his expertise in managing the welfare of Atlantic Salmon. He travelled the back roads of Southern NS, NB,

Eastern NS, and Cape Breton seining for brood stock, raising the stock to be released back into the waters and tributaries over the Maritimes. Farming was still in his blood so he fixed up a building and brought his two cows from Portree to Charlo. Here he worked the land with Dr. Ron Barriault, travelled for hockey with Manley Petersen and talked cows with Pierre Laviolette, and did his civic duty as a member of the School board. It was in Charlo he started to breed his cattle to the Limousin breed. As time progressed, in order to become manager it was mandatory to get a university degree to continue. Carl longed for the Cape Breton air and with three teenagers chose to not proceed with a degree. He requested a transfer back to Margaree and was denied. With much discussion, it was decided they would move back and farm full time. They moved by numerous truck loads with bags, baggage, furniture, and animals (only hit one moose) back to the homestead in Portree. After his leave, he returned to fishery technician at the Margaree Fish Culture Station, where he remained until he retired. He worked full time and managed a herd of 40 Limousin cows and 40 North Country Cheviot ewes, many he had bred to full blood and pure bred. He was a board member of the Inverness County Federation of Agriculture, NS Federation of Agriculture, was a co-founder of the Maritime Limousin Association, and sat on the board where he travelled the Maritimes/Gaspe meeting farmers. He was a member of the Canadian Limousin Association, as well as being on the Council of Leaders, where he attended meetings across Canada. He was a member of the Sheep Breeders association. He showed animals at the Cape Breton County Exhibition winning showmanship awards and promoting his cattle and sheep. He attended the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto and Agribition in Regina, the last trip he and mom would take. Mom passed away August 25th, 1997, leaving Dad to manage the farm and now the bookkeeping on his own. We closed up the bed and breakfast, one thing Dad enjoyed, having great breakfast spreads, and chatting and telling stories to people from all over the globe. Dad was a board member of the North East Margaree Credit Union, MADA, and when the fish hatchery closed was a founding member and president for ADAM (Aquatic Development Association of Margaree). A few dedicated people took over the hatchery and through volunteerism and hard work ran the hatchery and continued to raise and stock the rivers with Atlantic salmon. With that, Carl continued to farm and then became founding board member of the Sunset Funeral Co-op and later was president of the board of directors. He helped with funerals by driving vans, placing the greens, and building rough boxes. He enjoyed tea once a week with his friend Johnena. We thank her for being a friend and keeping Dad in baked goodies and attending events with him, so he didn't have to go alone. At his passing, Dad still managed his farm albeit with a smaller stock. He still repaired the equipment and still remained a member of the Federation of Agriculture, Sunset Funeral Co-op, and a steadfast liberal. He was a historian and was the "go to guy" for genealogy, especially with the Ross family and the history of the land and property from Forest Glen to the North East. As he said "I'm the oldest man on this side of the river." Another quote "I have come to realize we are stewards of the land while we are here, what happens after we are gone we do not control." Besides his children, he leaves behind his grandchildren, Allison (Joey) Whiffen and Amy (Josh) Phillips, Portree; Jenna Ross, Sydney NS; Justin (Barbara) Ross, Kevin Ross, Hillary (Grady) Rhyno, all of Grande Prairie, AB; William Ross, Glace Bay, NS, and Frederick Kennedy, North Rustico, PEI; great-grandchildren, Samuel, Bethany, Avery, Kyle, Kenzie, Lexi, Ava, Kate, Kingsley, Olivia, Callum, Brylee and Bowen. He also leaves behind his three siblings, Robie (Cathy) Sackville, NS; Willena MacIsaac Dartmouth, NS, and Alma Hutchinson, Surrey, BC. Although Dad finished school in grade 11, he was well read and a wealth of knowledge and experience in many, many things. He could plan and engineer buildings and machinery. He remained a quietly spiritual man, watching his show daily "Faith to Live By" and attending church at Margaree Valley Baptist Church. One of our earliest memories is Mom and Dad on each side of the bed kneeling, saying their prayers before bed. It is in this faith and belief we know he did not fear death but looked forward to seeing his Lord and his beloved wife and family once again. Visitation was on Friday, May 3rd, at the Margaree Valley Seniors Hall. Funeral service was at the Margaree Valley Baptist Church Saturday, May 4th. Internment was in the Methodist Cemetery Margaree Valley next to the love of his life, Maryon. Donations in memory may be made to a charity of ones choice. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Sunset Funeral Coop.

SUTHERLAND

Dorothy "Joan" (Caudle) Sutherland of River John, NS, passed away May 1st, 2024, at the Aberdeen Hospital surrounded in her final days by family. She was the daughter of the late Percy and Isabel (Read)

Caudle of Truro, NS. Born and brought up in Truro, she attended Alice Street School and Colchester Academy. She graduated from the Victoria General Hospital School of Nursing in 1953, then worked in the Neurosurgery operating and recovery rooms at the VG. She married our father, Rev. Donald R. Sutherland in 1957 and they moved to Oakhill NB, the 8-point, St. James Pastoral charge. They enjoyed their three years there, and two years ago we travelled back to see their former home and churches, reminiscing of their early years together in that area. In 1960, they made the move to Cape Breton and the Whycocomagh – East Lake Ainslie Pastoral charge. They lived in Whycocomagh for 37 years until retirement in 1997. Whycocomagh and area was a wonderful place to live and bring up a family, lifelong friendships were made. It was difficult to say goodbye to the community and friends when retirement came. They moved back to Donald's childhood home in River John, where they enjoyed a busy church and community life. Faith was an important aspect of Mum's life, whether it be scripture, or music and singing in the church choir. She was a member of both the Inverness County Singers and the River John and Area Community Choir. Joan was well-read on a variety of subjects and was always up to date on local and worldwide news. She was a weaver, knitter, seamstress, and avid gardener. She found real joy in her gardening, especially in growing roses and other flowers. She looked forward to the annual Truro and Pictou Exhibitions, exhibiting her handiwork each year. She was also a member of the Canadian Association of Clan Sutherland and the Clan Sutherland Society of Scotland. She was a lifetime member of the United Church Women (UCW) and an honorary member of the St. Andrews Society of Pictou County. She and Dad enjoyed their times of travel with Fred and Pat making many more friends during travel. She learned to weave at the South Haven Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers, South Haven, CB, then helped start the Lake Ainslie Weavers and Craft Guild in Scotsville CB, assisting others in learning to weave. She was presented with the Democracy Award in 2008 and was awarded the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II Medal in 2012. She leaves behind three children, Mary Beth (David) Sutherland of River John; Robert (Kim) Sutherland of Truro; and James (Faith) Sutherland of Whycocomagh; grandchildren, Margaret (Sam) Cripps, Sandy, Emily, Bethany, and Adam Sutherland; great-grandchildren, William, George, Isabel and Charlotte Cripps; sister-in-law, Pat Caudle of Truro; and her children Glenn (Mary) and Cathy Walter of Saskatchewan. She was predeceased by her husband, Rev. Donald R. Sutherland; brother, Fred Caudle of Truro; and niece, Gayle Caudle Turnbull. Visitation was held Monday, May 6th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Salem United Church, River John. The funeral was held on Tuesday, May 7th, at 2:00 p.m. at Salem Church; following the burial, there was a time of fellowship and conversation with the family at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 108, River John. If you so wish, donations may be given to Salem United Church River John, Stewart United Church Whycocomagh, Pictou County VON, Aberdeen Hospital Palliative Care Unit or a charity of your choice. www.mclarenfuneral.ca.

GILLIS

Simon Joseph Gillis, Dartmouth, passed away peacefully on April 28th, 2024, at Dartmouth General Hospital, with his family by his side. He was born in Gillisdale, on Cape Breton Island, almost 91 years ago, to the late John Alex and Maria (MacRae) Gillis. He was the youngest and last remaining member of his immediate family and was predeceased by his brothers, Patrick and Allan; and sisters, Josephine and Loretta (both in infancy), Effie Helen Jasinski, and Margaret. He was also predeceased by his loving wife of 58 years, Helen (MacNeil) Gillis. He is survived by brother-in-law, Gene Jasinski of Fairview; and sister-in-law, Amilda MacKenzie of Beaver Cove. He is also survived by daughter Arlana of Gloucester, Ontario; two sons, Lloyd and his wife Jiah Son of South Surrey, British Columbia, and Mark and his wife Laurie of Halifax. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Mariah of Vancouver, Joey Ha of Atlanta, Georgia, Alix of South Surrey, and Cormack of Halifax; as well as many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He grew up in the Margarees and attended MacFarlane School in Upper Margaree, St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, and Nova Scotia Technical College in Halifax. He was a lifetime member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia. His employment experience included work in the mining industry in Northern Québec, highway construction with the Nova Scotia Department of Highways, and concluded as a principal with CBCL Limited. He was a long-time member of St. Thomas More Church and the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Dartmouth, Dartmouth Toastmasters, and the Canadian Cancer Society. He was a consummate community volunteer, particularly with the East Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club, DASC (Dartmouth Adult Service Centre) Industries, and the Archdiocese

of Halifax-Yarmouth. He was recognized for his community building efforts by both the Province of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Regional Municipality. His leisure time was spent researching his family tree and walking with his buddies on the trails of Shubie Park, re-telling the same stories every day. The family thanks the staff of Dartmouth General Hospital (5 West in particular) and of Laurel's Lake Residence for their love and care during his stay at their facilities. Thanks also to VON, Drs. Tien, Duplisea, Lori Wood, and Jeremy Wood, as well as nurse practitioner Susin. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Christ the King Parish (St. Thomas More Church) in Dartmouth. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be at Atlantic Funeral Home – Dartmouth on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian burial will take place at St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Road, Dartmouth, on Friday, May 3rd, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., followed by a reception. The mass will be live streamed, but registration is required. Registration and online condolences may be made by visiting: www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com, Dartmouth Chapel. May his soul rest in peace.

MacLEOD

Marilyn (Mimi) MacLeod (1939-2024), Whycocomagh, NS: With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Marilyn (Mimi) MacLeod of Whycocomagh, NS, at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital after a brief illness. Marilyn's life was one of service as a physiotherapist, a public health care administrator, and as an important contributor and leader in her church and her community of Whycocomagh. Although work would take her to other parts of Canada in her career, her heart and energy was always strongly connected to Whycocomagh and Inverness County in Cape Breton. Marilyn was born in Whycocomagh on October 27th, 1939, the 3rd of four sisters. Her father, the late Dr. Murdock Gordon MacLeod, passed away suddenly in 1947 and she was raised by her mother Ima MacLeod along with her three sisters. She attended elementary school in Whycocomagh, then after one year in high school in Baddeck, she was accepted in the physiotherapy program of McGill University in Montreal. She spent the next four years in Montreal earning her Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy. While it is difficult to understand today, there was a time when health care jobs were not so plentiful in Nova Scotia. She spent the first decade of her career working in various locations across Canada. Eventually, Nova Scotia pulled her back and she took the major step of returning to school to earn a Masters degree in Public Administration from Dalhousie University. After this, she was fortunate to be offered a position at the Department of Public Health, based in Sydney, Nova Scotia, so she could spend weekends at the family home in Whycocomagh. When she retired and returned full time to Whycocomagh, Marilyn directed her energy and organizational experience in support of the community. She was a long-time member of the Development Commission, serving in several positions, and most recently contributing to the development of the new signage created for the village. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, she served on the board of Management for over 20 years, including 18 years as board chair. Under her leadership and guidance, many major maintenance and renovation projects were completed. She was also a key member of the Ways and Means Committee for many years planning and ensuring the success of many fundraising projects. Marilyn also found time to develop creative interests. She was an avid gardener, and not straying far from her practical side, she favoured vegetables. She grew a wide range, adapting to a raised garden when a leg injury temporarily made working her garden plot difficult, and always sharing the fresh and tasty results. Quilting was both a creative and social outlet as she joined local quilters in Blue's Mills and created beautiful and very practical gifts for many of her family. Invisible to most, Marilyn faced several very serious health challenges throughout her life. She took on each with incredible resilience, actively engaging her doctors with her deep knowledge of the condition, its symptoms and treatment. These challenges may have slowed her for a short period, but she always kept pushing forward, not letting them stop her. Marilyn could always be counted upon for a passionate debate, particularly about politics and her chosen political party, or in support of Whycocomagh, Inverness County, Scottish culture in Cape Breton, and Canada, probably in that order. She was well read and one could not enter into a debate with her unless appropriately prepared. Her opinions, passion, resilience, and drive to get things done will be sorely missed. Marilyn is survived by her sisters, Ella (Ily) Connell, (Perth, Ontario), Patricia MacRitchie, (Whycocomagh), and Frances MacLeod (Whycocomagh), and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. Cremation has already taken place. Visitation was held in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel in Whycocomagh on Monday, April 29th, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Whycocomagh at

11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30th, 2024. This will be followed by interment for immediate family at Stewartdale Cemetery. Many thanks to the tireless efforts of the care team at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital with their assistance and care for Marilyn over the years. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marilyn's name can be made to the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Charitable Foundation or St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Whycocomagh.

AUCOIN

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Catherine Suzanne Aucoin, age 89, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp on April 16th, 2024. Born in Saint-Joseph-du-Moine on October 25th, 1934. She was the daughter of the late Pat (à Joe) and the late Minnie Aucoin. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Placide Aucoin and is survived by her daughter, Mona LeBlanc (Chester); and her grandson, Blaine. She also leaves behind her brother, Philias Aucoin (Laura) of Chertsey, Quebec; and many members of our extended family. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Elizabeth, Lucy May, Therese, Hermine, Celina, and Stella; as well as her brothers, Freddie, Léo, and Gerard. Mom was a resident of Foyer Père Fiset in Chéticamp. She resided in RCF. She loved her new place where she felt right at home from day one. She was a generous, loving, kind, and caring mother. She appreciated the small things in life and never asked for much. Mom always said – "It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy that makes us happy." Mémère enjoyed quality time with her family, especially with her grandson, Blaine. She was also loved by many friends. She enjoyed the outdoors and believed in staying active and she did for as long as her health allowed her to. She was a jolly, fun loving person who loved to laugh. No one's eyes shone so bright in the presence of children. Her bond with young and older children was special. She loved to sing and listen to music. Mom always had her radio on the local station, CKJM. She was a devoted catholic and had much faith in God. Mom, we will always carry your memory in our hearts. So, rest in peace my beloved mom. Myself, Chester, and Blaine thank you for all you've done. You will be greatly missed by your loving family. Until we meet again...xoxoxo. Cremation has taken place. At her request, there was a private graveside ceremony at St. Joseph's Cemetery, St. Joseph du-Moine. Memorial donations may be made to Foyer Père Fiset or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

BOUDREAU

Raymond Leonie Boudreau, age 83, Cheticamp, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. He was a son of the late Charles Henry and the late Mary Rose (Roach) Boudreau. Raymond will be dearly missed by his best friend, Carolyn and her family; sister-in-law, Hilda Boudreau; and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Raymond was predeceased by his brothers, Clary, Frank, and Andrew. Raymond could be found playing guitar at the AMAC, having coffee with the coffee group, where he shared his jokes and they swapped stories. Raymond was an avid fisherman, enjoying trips to Cheticamp Lake. He loved hunting, snowmobiling, and ATVing. He was always happiest with family and friends, and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. The family would like to thank the funeral home, Drs. Amelie, Chiasson, and Sonier, and all the hospital staff who took such great care of him during his illness. A special thank you to Dr. Ritter, Moira, and Jean, from Palliative Care. Funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Cape Breton Cancer Patient Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

CAMPBELL

Anna Marie Basker Campbell, March 30th, 1960 – April 13th, 2024: It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dear mother, Anna Marie Basker Campbell, after a battle with cancer. She showed such strength, bravery, and grace in her illness, and passed on April 13th, 2024, surrounded by her family. Mom was born on March 30th, 1960, to Theresa and Colin Basker in New Waterford, NS, before the family relocated back to Inverness in her early childhood. Mom showed her truest self to every one she met, stranger or friend. Always greeting you with a smile, her kind and gentle nature became well

known. Anna valued the simple things in life. Walking the beach looking for new additions to her impressive beach glass collection, tending to her garden, and enjoying the tranquility of a cup of tea on her beloved deck, where she would take in the sounds of the waves on calm summer days. Her greatest pride in life was her children, and her family was finally complete when she became a grandmother to Jackson, who brought her such joy and brightened her world. You can look for her in the sunsets that she loved so much, as we know her warmth will be forever felt. Growing up, we were always nurtured, comforted, and guided by her unconditional motherly love. She had a love for children that led to her providing child care for many families over the years, and she created lifelong bonds with all of the children who came to her care. Predeceased by her parents, Colin and Theresa Basker, infant brother Galen Benedict Basker, stepmother Mary Basker, and nephew Garrett Basker. She is survived by her children Janna Basker (Ryan), Trent Campbell (Charlee), Colin Campbell, and Gaelyn Campbell (Clinton). Her brothers Stephen Basker (Linda), Colin Basker (Kathy), Norman Basker (Ann), Chris Basker (Lesa), her half brother Colin "Chickie" Cyr (Linda), as well as the entire Campbell family, and her grandson Jackson Bayler Crowell who was the bright light at the centre of her universe. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Funeral will take place at Stella Maris Parish on May 1st at 11:00 a.m. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CAMPBELL

It is with heavy hearts that the family of the late Reneanne Campbell announce her sudden passing at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on April 13th, 2024. Left to mourn are her loving children Coralee (Jason) Spears, Amanda (Derek Campbell) Killam, and Jenna Campbell; her precious grandchildren Jansen, Ethan, Liam, and Jaxon; siblings Hubert (Cubby) Poirier (late Vange), Bernie (Heather) Poirier, Louise (Robert) Miller, Terry (Marlene) Poirier, Francis (Lori) Poirier, Darryl (Karen) Poirier, Paddy (Cathy) Poirier, Sarah Poirier; as well as mother-in-law Barbara (MacPhail) Campbell; siblings-in-law Richard (Lisa) Campbell, Jean Campbell; her Aunt Rita Bourque; as well as many nieces and nephews. Reneanne was predeceased by her first husband Donald Killam and second husband Scott Campbell; her parents Hubert and Patricia (LeBlanc) Poirier; her parents-in-law Everett and Mary (Morrow) Killam and Donald "Buck" Campbell. Reneanne spent her life focussed on her family, raising her three daughters surrounded by family and friends. You never had to wonder what was on Reneanne's mind! She always let you know! She also always welcomed you into her home with a warm hug and a hot cup of tea. Reneanne's house was the hub with many visits by family and friends. Christmas was a very special time at her house, where everyone gathered on Christmas Eve to sing songs and Christmas carols. Scott and Reneanne's was also the "second home" to many of her nieces and nephews and friends of her daughters. Reneanne had many hobbies including knitting and crocheting, fretwork, and many other arts and crafts. Reneanne loved camping with her children and grandchildren as well as going for ATV and motorcycle rides. In years past, she was a member of the CB Club (Ladybug) and enjoyed playing bingo. Many will remember her delivering the Chronicle Herald with her mother always by her side. Visitation took place Wednesday, April 24th, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. with a memorial service presented by Pierre Chiasson at St. Matthews United Church in Inverness. Burial followed at East Lake Ainsley Cemetery. Also, all were welcome to join the family for a light lunch and tea, and maybe a chat or two at the East Lake Ainslie Fire Department following the burial. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Inverness Volunteer Fire Department or East Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department. On line condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CARCONI

Jean Elizabeth Carcone (MacLennan), born in Inverness, NS, on October 18th, 1939 – April 7th, 2024. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Aunt Jean. She passed away peacefully at Trillium hospital in Mississauga. She was the daughter of Bernard and Vivian MacLennan (MacMillan). She is predeceased by her brothers Frankie and David and sister Diana. She leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews, two granddaughters, her son, Shane and daughter-in-law, Jan. We will miss our special occasions together Aunt Jean. We love you and hope you are now resting in peace. Aunt Jean missed her sister Diana so much, she passed on Diana's two year anniversary of her death. Now they are together forever. Cremation has taken place, a celebration of life will take place at a later date.

CHIASSON

Rose Marie Chiasson, age 80, Cheticamp: It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our dear sister, Rose Marie on Saturday, April 13th, 2024, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. She was a daughter to the late Joseph Albert and the late Yvonne (AuCoin) Cormier. Over the past year, Rose Marie faced many health challenges, but her easy-going nature helped her persevere with great optimism and positiveness through it all. Rose Marie always led a very simple and modest life, and her deep loyalty to family and friends was remarkable. She was a very reliable person with strong work ethics who acquired many different types of jobs throughout her lifetime and always approached each one with great pride and satisfaction. She was the second child born into a family of ten who dedicated several years of her life helping to raise her brothers and sisters. Some of the happiest years of her life were spent with her devoted and loving husband, Charlie. Rose Marie was very fond of bingo and cards. She was also an animal lover and provided a happy home for many lucky cats during the course of her life. Rose Marie will be remembered as a kind-hearted and loving person with a gentle soul and she will be deeply missed. Rose Marie is survived by her brothers, Arthur Cormier, Leon Cormier (Kathy MacArthur), and Richard Cormier; sisters, Marie Delia Cormier, Priscilla Cormier, and Sheila Cormier; as well as many nieces, Suzanne and Nancy; and nephews, Dale (Jessica Munian), and Andrew. Besides her parents, Rose Marie was predeceased by her husband, William Charles (Charlie) Chiasson; brothers, Joseph Bernard Cormier and Norman Cormier; sister, Jeannine Cormier; and nephew, Wallace Cormier. The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to all the physicians who cared for our sister during her prolonged stay at Sacred Heart Hospital. The family feels very comforted in knowing that she was attended to with great care and compassion especially during her final hours. A special thank you to all the nurses who also nurtured Rose Marie with loving kindness. There was no visitation. A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 20th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp, with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Diabetes Association. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

POIRIER

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Shawn Russell Poirier. A beloved son, grandson, and friend to most who had the opportunity to meet him. Shawn passed away after a short battle with cancer at the age of 41 in Hope, BC, on April 9th, 2024. At a distance from his hometown and most relatives, in the few weeks prior to his passing, Shawn was blessed with time with both of his parents, his aunt Camella, good family friend Neil, as well as visits from cousins Garrett and Nathan. As many young Cheticampers do, in Shawn's youth and teenage years, you'd have often found Shawn on the ice...or in the penalty box. It was with his love of hockey that he earned his nickname of Big Show – one that lived on for decades thereafter. The bond that grew between the boys on that team still is strong and everlasting – especially after becoming 2001 provincial champions in Shawn's grade 12 year. After high school, Shawn was invited to continue his Big Show legacy at St. Francis Xavier University, where he became part of their football team! A year later, he found himself in Halifax. It is then Shawn became the protector of many while working as a bouncer at bars in the city. Years later, he moved out to Edmonton and worked on pipelines for a number of years. Though Shawn was born in the small town of Cheticamp, it didn't stop him from seeing the world through his work and travels in his 41 years of life. The map hung up in his apartment in BC showed dozens of pins throughout the country and into the US of places he was able to visit. The last few years of his life were spent in beautiful Hope, BC. Though he would have loved to be amongst his relatives in Cape Breton at the time of his passing, the breathtaking views from his hospital window brought some peace and comfort during the hardest days. From Halifax to Edmonton to Hope, Shawn may have been far from his hometown but not far from love and support. With his best friend at his side through it all, John Michael MacEachern, wife Alora, and their three lovely children, Laila, his godchild Sienna, and Ella – Shawn was with family. There will not be a day that will go by where Georgina and Amedee John will not feel the loss of their beloved son. Shawn was everything to them, and they were everything to Shawn. Not an evening would go by without Shawn calling home for a chat or Facetime with his parents. Shawn also had a deep love and adoration for his furry companions, making sure his pups were treated like royalty. In Shawn's passing, we have no doubt his little kings Lincoln and

Grumpy will be racing over to greet him. And his beautiful Eddie will be cared for by his parents in Cheticamp, assuring that he will be equally spoiled and loved. One cannot think of or talk about Shawn without a smile on their face. Shawn's gift to the world was his humour and laughter. With a knack to effortlessly lift people's spirits, Shawn always had something up his sleeves and a joke around the corner. Children, in particular, adored him affectionately calling him Menoncle Shawn or Uncle Big Show. Countless little ones were blessed to have him in their lives. Shawn leaves behind his loving mother, Georgina (Roach) and devoted father, Amedee John; his grandfather Stanislas (Lionel); his aunts Yvonne, Yvette, Germaine, Marguerite Marie, Francine, Lucie Anne, Marie-Cecile, Lisette; his uncles, Joseph Charles, Daniel, and Emile as well as an extended family of cousins. Shawn is also predeceased by his grandparents, Joseph à Charlot and Marie Anne Roach and Marguerite Poirier; uncles Russell, Claude, and Nazaire; as well as aunts Paticia and Brenda. Visitation will be held Friday, April 26th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Cheticamp Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday morning, April 27th, at 10:30a.m. at St Peter's Church, in Cheticamp. Interment will follow in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Care Fund. In this time of mourning, let us remember Shawn's laughter and good spirit. Let's celebrate the profound impact he had on all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his memory be a blessing and may he rest in peace. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

ANDERSON

Allen Bradley "Brad" Anderson October 30th, 1966 – April 6th, 2024. It is with deep sadness that the family announces the passing of Brad after a long battle with PTSD. As a child, Brad was very involved in Scouts Canada, where he found his love for nature, achieved his Chief Scout Award, and remained active for many years as a leader. He was also recognized by the Governor General and received a Diamond Jubilee Medal for his quick action during a camping trip with his Scout troop in 1995. Brad joined the Metro Toronto Police Force in 1988 and spent his career there working in 51 Division. He served in many capacities including the Public Order Unit, Forensics as well as many other achievements. While in the Toronto Police, he along with several colleagues, volunteered with Care Canada in Zaire in 1994 to support Rwandan refugees, after which he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. After his beautiful daughters came along, he transferred to the Cape Breton Regional Police force in 2000 and brought his family home to be closer to extended family. They stayed in Cape Breton for several years in which time, he was also a member of the Emergency Response Team. He went on to work with the RCMP in Iqaluit, Nunavut, in 2004. During his time in the North, he made impactful and lasting connections with his RCMP family, who remain to this day extended family for his children. He returned to Cape Breton in 2007 to serve Victoria and Inverness counties. He had a special place in his heart for the community of Waycobah, where he was a highly-respected member. The level of respect and compassion that he showed to the people he encountered in the line of duty was reflected in the high regard and gratitude they had for him. After returning to Cape Breton, he met the love of his life, Paula. After he retired in 2021, they settled in Valley Mills where he found solitude in exploring with his beloved dog, Gibson, hosting sleepovers for his grandchildren, niece and nephew, and continued to explore his passion for music. Brad was pre-deceased by his mother, Jane Anderson. He is survived by his beloved wife, Paula; father, Allen; children, Anne (Etheridge), Erica (Donald); stepdaughter, Grace; sister, Jennifer (Mathieu); brother, Chris; nieces, Lily and Kenzley; nephews, Orrin and Logan; and his grandchildren, Eleanor and Maeve (Anne) and Kio (Grace). Cremation has taken place under the care of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. A visitation took place Sunday, April 14th, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Greenwood United Church, Baddeck. Funeral service will be held from Greenwood United Church in Baddeck on Monday, April 15th at 2:00 p.m., followed by a reception at the Baddeck Masonic Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Scouts Canada (Say Yes! And Donate to Scouting! (scouts.ca)), Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (Donate to CPAWS) or to Whycocomagh Campground through the Friends of Whycocomagh Park Committee, PO Box 130, Whycocomagh, NS, B0E 3M0 or to a charity of your choosing. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

LeBRUN

Sylvia LeBrun, age 76, Cheticamp passed away on Sunday, April 7th, 2024, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Sylvia was a daughter to the late Joseph P. and the late Louisa

(Poirier) LeFort. Sylvia was trained as an LPN and loved her time working at the Foyer Père Fiset in the 70s. She had to stop working when she got sick in 1978. This allowed her to become a full-time mom to her daughter Jessica. Sylvia led a simple but meaningful life, often volunteering over the years when she could, and singing in the church choir. She loved the simple things in life, like walking outside, being able to put clothes out on the line on a nice sunny day, and going for drives with her husband, Joseph. Sylvia loved spending time with her grandson, Liam. She loved watching his hockey and volleyball games online. Sylvia was loved by all who crossed her path and will be fondly remembered as a soft spoken, but strong woman. She was never one to complain and always saw the positive in every situation. Despite her physical limitations due to lifelong illness, she was thankful and proud of her accomplishments. It is very fitting that she left us on a calm and sunny spring morning, her favourite season, while the early morning birds sang. Sylvia will be missed by all who knew her, but especially by her family, her husband of 53 years, Joseph; her daughter, Jessica; son-in-law, Jim; grandson, Liam, of whom she was very proud; her siblings, Gerald (Dawn) LeFort, Yvon (Linda) LeFort, Pauline Wuest, Carmelle (Mike) Todd, and Madeleine LeFort. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Charles Henri LeFort; and brothers-in-law, Rene Wuest, and Hector LeBrun. A private memorial service will take place for family and friends. Burial will follow in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Angus Howard MacDonald, 83, of Port Hood, Nova Scotia, on April 14th, 2024. Howard left behind his beloved wife of 47 years, Yvonne, his much-loved sons Jason (Ann), and Jeffrey (Amy), and his two adoring grandsons Clark and Arthur. Growing up on Company Road, Howard completed his education at Port Hood Academy, and he immediately began working for the Royal Bank in Port Hood. His career took him to Truro, Amherst, Halifax, Edmonton, Calgary (where he met his beautiful bride), New York, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Ottawa. He and Yvonne ultimately returned to Port Hood to enjoy the ocean view, their family, friends, and wonderful summers, while winters were well spent in Florida. Over the last few years, Howard's dementia cruelly forced him to give up his red Ford truck, golf, the horseraces, and lawn tractor – all of which were a big part of his happy life. Howard passed peacefully in the Palliative Care unit of Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. The family would like to extend their deepest appreciation to the doctors, nurses, and palliative care team for the care he received. In lieu of flowers, donations in Howard's name can be made to the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Palliative Care Unit or a charity of your choice. Howard, the 7th of 13 children, was predeceased by his parents, Willie and Marie (MacIsaac), his two sisters, Rita (Roddie), and Mary (Donnie), and his older brother Donald. He is survived by his siblings Frances (Alex Duncan d.), Bernadette (Jerry d.), Anne (John Francis d.), Carmelita (John Angus d.), Gerald (Judy), Rosie (Sandy d.), Georgie, (Alex Dan d.), Cecil (Mary Janet), and Lloyd (Helen). Visitation will take place at Port Hood Resting Place on April 18th from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on April 19th at St. Peter's Parish Church, Port Hood, where we will say goodbye to a loving husband, proud father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. One of Howard's last complete sentences in hospital, while thinking he was in a hotel, was "I think we can afford an upgrade." We believe he has been granted that wish.

MacLEAN

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Paula Marie MacLean (nee LaRammée). She left us suddenly, yet peacefully, at home in her sleep on April 13th, 2024. Paula was the daughter of the late Guy and the late Anne Margaret LaRamée. She was born in Toronto in 1954, but spent the majority of her upbringing in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Inspired by her father's service in the Canadian Air Force and Navy, from a young age, Paula had an adventurous spark and a life-long love of travel. Paula met the love of her life, Frank, while spending summers in Creignish, Cape Breton, with her parents and her six siblings Marie-Anne (Ivan) Toronto, the late Inez, Celeste (Bill) Florida, the late Stephen, Nicole (Henrik) Dartmouth and Leone (Ken) Dartmouth. Her summers were also filled with time spent with the MacMaster family and her extended "Sheumais" family on Creignish Rear. After graduating from Dartmouth High

School, she began to follow her passion for photography, working alongside Sherman Hines as an assistant. After studying for her LPN, she graduated in 1974. Later on, she began drafting at CRVS (Nautical Institute) in Port Hawkesbury. Yet she never gave up her passion for photography, drafting, drawing, cooking, and gardening. When Paula and Frank decided to settle in Long Point, Cape Breton, at the "old farm house," they got married on December 14th, 1974. Together they created a loving and nurturing home where they raised their five children: Kelly (Raúl), Port Hawkesbury; Cheryl (Adrian), Toronto; Garrett (Sable), Toronto; Kirk (Lynsee), Long Point; and Keane, Long Point. In addition to her husband and five children, she is survived by six grandchildren: Ronan, Fiona, Cosima, Cadence, Alistair, and Elsie. Paula was a mother extraordinaire; always ready to lend support or find anything you need somewhere in her purse. She was in fact a mother and grandmother to many, for she was always ready and willing to offer motherly advice to anyone, including her children's friends, her nieces and nephews, her extended family and even total strangers! And she was not afraid of engaging in deep conversations with strangers in passing. Paula extended herself to all in her role as a wife, sister, mother, grandmother, sister-in-law, aunt, cousin, neighbour or friend. She cared deeply for her nieces and nephews through marriage, always remembering to acknowledge birthdays and special occasions for (Lindsay, Adele, Michelle, Natalie, Mark, Marisa, Sasha, Jarrett, Beth, Eric, Ashley, Kevin, and Samuel). Paula had a zest for life and adventure, and was always up for a good time. She rarely missed a good party. Indeed, she loved inviting people over to the old farm house just so she could practice her amazing hospitality skills. Tea and home-baked goodies were soon on the table for anyone who walked into her kitchen. She dearly loved all her nieces (Shanda, Jennifer, Adrienne, Julia and Andrea) and nephews (Nicolas, Brenden, Logan, Cameron and Adam); sister-in-laws HelenAnn (Gordon) Long Point; the late Yvonne (Richard) Long Point; Kathleen of Long Point; Marie (Dave) Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON; Sarah (Jere) Whitecourt; and brother-in-laws Hugh, St. Paul, MN; Winston, Chillawack, BC; Richard, Long Point; Gerry, Calgary; and Stanley (Jessica) Daegu, S. Korea. In remembering her, we appreciate Paula's favourite refrain of The Beatles, "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da....Life Goes On." Visitation to take place at Green's Funeral Home in Port Hawkesbury, NS, on Thursday, April 18th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday, April 19th, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Funeral will be held at Judique Parish Saturday, April 20th, at 11:00 a.m. Burial to take place at a later date. Family flowers only please. Donations can be made to the Judique Parish Cemetery fund or charity of choice.

MacDONALD

It is with broken hearts that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved sister and aunt, Allyson MacDonald. Born in 1946, to Mary (MacDougall) and Donnie K. MacDonald, she was fifth in our family of six. In addition to our parents, she is predeceased by her sisters Sandra Taggart (Roy) and Paula Purcell (late David). Mourning her loss are her siblings, nieces, and nephews. Joan Butt (late Ted), Eddie, Tim, Jana and Natalie, Elizabeth MacPhee (Keith), Natasha, Claudia, and Audrey, Kenneth and Diane MacDonald, Courtney, Jacqueline and Ashley Purcell and Kim, Kara, Kelly, and Kristen Taggart. Also surviving are four great nieces and 11 great nephews. Allyson's early education was at Tulloch School in West Lake Ainslie and she completed high school and a Commercial Certificate at St. Joseph's Convent Boarding School in Mabou. During her early employment years she studied Certified Industrial Accounting at St. Mary's University. Following graduation, she made her home in Halifax. Her first employment was with Charles Farquhar Accounting Services. She later joined the staff at Employment Canada and remained there until she took early retirement in 1997. Allyson's summer cottage at West Lake Ainslie was the setting for many happy gatherings over the years, where hospitality and laughter were always in great supply! Gardening and antiquing were some of her favourite summer activities and she took pride in her flowers and the treasures sourced from local shops. Notification regarding final arrangements will be provided at a later date. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Cooperative. Rest in Peace Allyson.

MacKINNON

Angus Leo MacKinnon passed away peacefully at Inverary Manor, Inverness, on April 1st, 2024, at the age of 86, surrounded by loving family. He was born on May 12th, 1937, in Margaree Harbour, NS, and was the son of the late John Lauchlin and Rebecca (Dunn) MacKinnon. Angus L. is survived by his wife of 58 years Anne (Chiasson) and his pride and joy, five children, Darlene (Don MacDonald) of Dartmouth;

Daniel (Charlene) of Margaree Harbour; Darren of Lawrencetown, Annapolis; Donna (Adam Cameron) of Lawrencetown, Halifax; and David (Melanie) of Lower Sackville; four grandchildren, Sarah Anne MacDonald, Garrett Myles MacKinnon, Rory Angus MacKinnon, and Norah Grace MacKinnon. Angus L. is also survived by his sister, Marie (Jim Guilford) of Dartmouth; brother-in-law, Roy Cameron of Antigonish, as well as an extended family of in-laws, nieces, and nephews. In addition to his parents, Angus L. is predeceased by his siblings, Myles (Marge Dee), Carmella (Michael LeBlanc), John (Mary Clarke), Chris (Roy Cameron) and Sally. From the early age of 12 years, Angus L. enjoyed spending his time salmon fishing with his father and continued fishing lobster up to the age of 70. He received his schooling at the Margaree Harbour School and later at Margaree Forks High School. From 1955-1957, he attended St. F.X. University. In 1957, he chose to go back to fishing for the next 10 years. In the winter of 1966-67, Angus L. was hired by Department of Fisheries of Canada for snow crab explorations at three ports in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. This research was foundational for the establishment of today's crab industry. In 1967, Angus L. returned to university, this time to Teacher's College in Truro from which he obtained his teaching license. He began teaching at Margaree Forks District School in 1968 and spent the following 26 years teaching industrial arts, health sciences and social studies. He was known for his blunt, nonetheless funny comments and for extreme patience. For safety and the sake of his sanity, there was no fooling around in Mr. MacKinnon's shop. He was proud to lead the Reach for the Top team at MFDH. After retiring in 1994, he took great pride in meeting former students who shared how much they valued and benefited from lessons and skills learned in his industrial arts classes. Angus L. served the community as a member of the Margaree Volunteer Fire Department for 24 years. Angus L. practised his religion with deep faith and conviction dedicating time to support St. Michael's Parish and various community groups. Angus L. kept active and busy playing cards, gardening, and taking early morning walks along the Shore Road. Affectionately known to his family as Angie or Gus, he enjoyed frequent visits from his children and grandchildren. He could often be found mowing lawns or maintaining the "old house" in preparation of summer visits from the family. He created many memories with family travelling to California with Myles, family trips to PEI and Dundee with the Chiassons, and Disney World with Sally. Dad joined his adult children on various adventures including driving across Canada and road trips to various provinces and states. He was an avid sports fan who enjoyed travelling to watch a live game: from baseball games in Boston, Chicago, New York, and Toronto to a chilly football game in Green Bay. Always a fisherman at heart, many a vacation included a stop at the local wharf to talk to fishers as Anne waited patiently in the car. The family would like to thank Dr. Susie Egar for her counsel and care during the years of Dad's illness, as well as the nursing staff of Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Much gratitude and many thanks to the dedicated staff at Harbour Lights Villa at Inverary Manor for their exemplary care. You went above and beyond to learn Dad's preferences and treated him with dignity. Your support to our family and compassion will not be forgotten. Visitation was held Thursday, April 4th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in St. Michael's Hall, East Margaree. A funeral mass was celebrated on Friday, April 5th at 11:00 a.m. in St. Michael's Church, East Margaree, with Father Silvichan Dominic (Silvan) presiding. Interment will follow in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Michael's Parish, Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia, or charity of choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

BEATON

With equal measures of sadness and gratitude for a life well lived, we announce the death of Gregory Wilfred "Greg" Beaton on March 21st, 2024, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Born in New Waterford on May 4th, 1932, he was the oldest son of the late Angus and Kathleen (MacKinnon) Beaton. Dad went to work as a coal miner when he was 18 years old. After a work accident that most people wouldn't have survived, he left New Waterford to find work in the Boston area. Over the next 20 years he met and married Theresa (Gillis), became a father to his two daughters, K.C. and Florence, worked as a truck driver for the Port Oil Company, made good friends everywhere he went, and helped to grow The Canadian American Club in Watertown, Massachusetts. Dad moved his family to Mabou in 1981. He continued working as a truck driver and became active in the community. He was an active member of the Mabou & District Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years, served on several community organizations, actually... probably all of them. He was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a charter

member of Council 13734 in Mabou. If funds needed raising, tables or chairs needed moving, tea needed pouring, roasts needed cooking, or potatoes needed mashing in Mabou, Dad was always there to help. He believed very strongly in community and worked hard to see that Mabou had everything needed to grow. He was equally devoted to his family. Dad loved us without question, supported us without judgement, and taught us all we needed to know about being good people. When his only grandchild, Siobhan arrived in 1998, he offered everything to her as he had to us... including developing math skills by way of Scat and Cribbage. Dad was a quiet and gentle man who had a big presence in our family and in the community. He had a quick sense of humour, a love for storytelling, and a sharp memory. He had a way of connecting with people that was kind, warm, and usually funny. Greg is survived by his daughters, K.C. and Florence (Mark Russer); his granddaughter, Siobhan; sisters Florence, Dawn, Agnes, Sandra, and Lynn; brothers, Angus and Raymond; nieces, nephews, and many good friends. He's reunited in Paradise with our mom, Theresa, his parents, sister, Isabel, brother, Eugene, and several of his in-laws. Dad had a special bond with and was incredibly proud of his nephew, Christopher (Brittany and Carter) and his niece, Allison (Sabrina). We are deeply grateful to the doctors, nurses, first responders, paramedics, home care providers, friends, and colleagues who offered help and support over the last year during Dad's illness. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Inverness Funeral Home. We will celebrate Dad's life with visitation on Thursday, May 16th, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Mabou. Funeral mass follows on Friday, May 17th, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the Mabou & District Volunteer Fire Department, Mabou Food Bank, or Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Foundation. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CARMICHAEL

Murdoch Benjamin Carmichael, age 100, passed away peacefully at the Inverary Manor on March 27th, 2024, surrounded by family. Born in Frizzleton on November 4th, 1923, he was the son of the late David and Christine Carmichael. Murdoch spent most of his early years in the lumber industry and later became the post master of the Margaree Valley Post Office until his retirement. Murdoch was the last surviving founding member of the NE Margaree Volunteer Fire Department, he was a member of the Wilson United Church, a member of the Masonic Order and the NE Margaree Senior Citizens Group. His retirement was spent mowing lawns, splitting wood, gardening, doing odd jobs to help his family and drinking tea by the wood fire. Murdoch is survived by his children Heather, Margaree Valley, Clayton (Faye) Port Hawkesbury and Sharon (Shawn) Margaree Valley. He has six grandchildren, Derek (Cindy), Kevin (Bernice), Craig (Lisa), Tabitha (Rick), Christopher (Ashley), Todd (Cooper), and 14 great-grandchildren Julia, Joshua, Grace, Gavin, Carissa, Lucy, Peyton, Brody, Claire, Chase, Harlow, Reese, Carter, and Sloane. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Olive May Ingraham and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret (Hart), siblings: John, Kenny, Matilda, Marjorie and Lillian, his infant granddaughter Lucy and his son in law Carl. Murdoch's family would like to thank the amazing staff at the Inverary Manor for their exemplary care of their father over the last five years. The funeral was held Tuesday, April 2nd at the Wilson United Church at 11:00 a.m. with Rev Alicia Cox officiating. Donations can be made to the Wilson United Church or the Inverary Manor in Murdoch's honour. Cremation has taken place and the funeral arrangements are under the care of the Sunset Funeral Cooperative, Margaree Valley. Online condolences at www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

FELIX

Wayne Joseph Felix, age 56, Cheticamp, passed away on Monday March 18th, 2024, at home. Wayne was the son of Clarence and Cecile (Roach) Felix. Wayne was known as a jack of all trades. He not only excelled as a welder, carpenter, plumber, electrician – you name it – he mastered it, leaving his mark all over our little village and beyond. He was always eager to show us pictures of his latest creative project. Wayne was proud of his 19 years of sobriety and made it his goal to guide and inspire those who were also fighting similar battles and coping with mental health issues. His strong faith helped him push through many trials and tribulations. "Lord Guide Me" was tattooed on his back as a reminder to let go of the things he could not control. He always put others' needs before his own and never said no to anyone. We could count on him to check-in on us, no matter the distance or how busy he was. Always the last one to leave a party, as the designated driver, Wayne always made sure people made it home safely. He

enjoyed spending time with people and telling stories more than anything. He also loved playing hockey, golfing, snowmobiling, fishing, practising guitar and listening to fiddle music. Wayne, being a big kid at heart, was often found playing on the floor with kids and pets, watching cartoons, rolling around and laughing from the heart. He had no shortage of Donald Duck impressions, jokes, “baby” high fives, little tunes to hum and steps to dance. He’ll always be remembered for his ingenuity with gadgets, contraptions and various inventions. Big or small, Wayne never strayed from a challenge – he’d say there was “Nothin’ to it!” and find the most unconventional and resourceful “Newfie style” solution to the problem. Often working through the night and into the early hours of the day, we always knew Wayne had been around by the lingering of his signature cologne and the trail of half-empty RedBull cans. His absence will be felt by his family who loved him the most. He had a way of keeping his immediate family on their toes and doing so non maliciously – it was just Wayne being his true self, and doing it his way! For his numerous friends and co-workers, he leaves a huge void. We are forever grateful to all his close friends who helped mold a desirable model of a caring, kind, humorous, and lovely soul...a diamond in the rough with a heart of gold. “C’est ça, pi c’est ça!” Besides his parents, Wayne is survived by his son, Jaron Michael Felix; sister, Roseanne Marie Felix; and niece, Cynthia Lynn Fraser. A funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, March 26th, 2024, at 10:30 am in St. Peter’s Church, Cheticamp, with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Wayne’s memory to Mental Health or Addictions. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

Christina “Tina” Marie MacDonald, 64, of Port Hastings, Nova Scotia. It's with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Tina at the QE2 while surrounded by her family on March 26th, 2024, after a long battle with Scleroderma. Tina was the daughter of Theresa LeBlanc. She was born in Cheticamp on September 10th, 1959. She moved to Port Hood with her mother, where they joined the Cameron Family. She is survived by her mother, Theresa LeBlanc; children, Amanda (Bernie) MacDonald, Tyson MacDonald; and her partner, George Urquhart. She was predeceased by stepfather, John Clarence Cameron; first husband, John Archie MacDonald; and grandson; Jacob. Tina was a fun-loving soul, generous beyond measure. She was strong willed through all of her health issues. She enjoyed community events, her love for Bingo, her cats, and the fur grand puppies. She enjoyed singing and playing music in her younger years. Tina enjoyed stock car races and horse races. Above all was her love for her children. Amanda and Tyson were her pride and joy. She was employed at the NSLC in Port Hood for many years until her diagnoses. Through those years she enjoyed meeting many people and working in her community. Visitation was held in Port Hood and Area Resting Place on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Her celebration of life was held in St. Peter's Parish Church on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. A lunch will be provided at the Port Hood Parish Hall after the service. Burial to be held at a later date. Donations can be made to Scleroderma Atlantic. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacLELLAN

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Donald Gary “Donnie” MacLellan on March 18th, 2024. Donnie was a dearly loved father, grandfather, son, brother, and uncle; with many loving family members and close friends. He leaves behind his children, Bradley (Krista) Stratford Ontario; Brianna (Justin) Toronto, Ontario; parents, Gussie and Adelaide MacLellan; Inverness; grandchildren, Audrey and Carson; sister, Laurie (Charles) Smith, Antigonish; niece and nephew, Taylor and Devin; and many loving extended family members and friends. Donnie was born on June 17th, 1960, and grew up in the town of Inverness, Cape Breton. He left at an early age and lived in several places across Canada over the years making many friends and leaving his mark everywhere he went. The most recent being in Sussex, New Brunswick, where he owned and operated Roxie’s Food Truck and Catering, which was named after his treasured dog Roxie. Donnie was always a self-made entrepreneur and never shied away from hard work. He owned and operated many businesses over the years and was at his best when he was active and pursuing bigger and better things. From the time Donnie was very young he created his own opportunities to get out and enjoy life. In grade five he was in a band called “The 5B’s” and by high school he was busy every weekend hosting events like teen dances and disco skating at the local arena. He was

the kind of DJ that worked hard to make sure everyone was included and having fun, and he never missed the chance to give away a prize or make someone smile. His contagious laugh would fill a room and his motto in life was always "the more the merrier"! Donnie was also an avid sportsman. Throughout his school years he played basketball, hockey, and held records in track and field. After he left school he continued to coach teams and volunteered to help many people and organizations throughout his community in which he gained the respect and affection of many. Donnie was a true Cape Bretoner and very proud of it. He loved his family, his home, music and playing guitar, sports, and was ever the life of the party. No matter where he went over the years or where his career may have taken him, his good humour and generous spirit touched everyone he met. Arrangements will be made at a later date. Memorial donations in memory of Donnie may be made to Stella Maris Parish Cemetery Fund, Inverness. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

GILLIS

It is with profound sorrow and disbelief that we announce the sudden passing of Joseph Daniel "Danny" Gillis, March 15th, 2024. Born January 23rd, 1968, Joseph Daniel "Danny" Gillis is predeceased by his parents, John Archie and Mona (Harper) Gillis, as well as his brother, Johnny. Danny is survived by his two children, Quarrie Alexander (Abbey), Keisha Este Maria, and his grand dog, Tucker. He also leaves behind his brother, Roy (Kimmy); niece, Abby; nephews, Luke and Johnathan; the mother of his children, Kathleen; along with several people that he holds close to his heart, Kevin, Donnie, Donald, Greg, Mark, Joey, Chad, Johnny, and many more. Danny possessed a heart of pure gold and an unwavering dedication to helping others, traits that endeared him to countless individuals from coast to coast. Throughout his lifetime, he forged deep connections and cherished friendships while tirelessly lending his carpentry skills and assistance to those in need. From his years working in the mines to his ventures in steeple chasing alongside Kevin, and his endeavors in building and renovating homes across the province, Danny's commitment to hard work and generosity knew no bounds. His passion for harness racing, where he proudly supported his late brother, Johnny and had fun with friends, was matched only by his devotion to his family. As he watched his children thrive in the rink, the ball field, and the volleyball court, the memories they shared became cherished treasures. The echoes of laughter and friendship resonated within the walls of the Dr. Bernie MacLean arena, where Danny not only cheered on his children's hockey games but also showcased his exceptional talent as a curler, participating in the annual Rannie Bonspiel. Amidst his countless adventures, Danny cultivated a special bond with Quarrie and Keisha's grandmother, Mary. Their moments together over tea and biscuits were cherished, punctuated by heartfelt conversations, and shared laughter. Danny's legacy is one of compassion, hard work, and a profound commitment to those he held dear, leaving a deep-rooted mark on all who were fortunate enough to know him. Visitation will be held in Stella Maris Church, Inverness on Saturday, June 15th, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. -10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations in memory of Danny may be made to Stella Maris Parish Cemetery Fund. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacEACHEN

With hearts full of sadness and love, we announce the passing of Donald James MacEachen, 88, on February 5th, 2024, at the Kiwanis Nursing Home in Sussex, New Brunswick. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by family. Born on August 18th, 1935, in Broad Cove, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, he was the son of the late Lauchie and Bridgett (MacKinnon) MacEachen. Don was a miner by trade and earned the nickname "Coast to Coast" through working in every province and territory in Canada except Prince Edward Island. His longest-held, and final, position was in the PCS mine in Penobsquis, where he was well loved by all those who knew him. He retired in 2000 after 20 years in Penobsquis. After retirement, he stayed in Penobsquis and remained active with the Knights of Columbus, the Liberal Party, and numerous other activities. It would be impossible to name, or even count, all the people touched by his kindness or entertained by his sharp wit over the years. The family would like to extend thanks to the staff of the Kiwanis Nursing Home for the exceptional care that Don received, particularly in the past week. Their unwavering hospitality to the incoming flood of visitors meant he was constantly surrounded by love, support, music, and laughter through his final days on this Earth. Don will be greatly missed by his wife of 44 years, Margaret (Cameron) MacEachen; his grandson, Keith (Dana); his siblings Hughie

(Connie) and Sari (Tom, predeceased); and his many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his stepdaughter Anne (Arno, surviving), and his siblings Carmel (Sonny), Christine, Frank (Gina), and Anne. Donations in Don's memory may be made to the Kiwanis Nursing Home or a charity of the donor's choice. Personal condolences to the family and donations may be made through wallacefuneralhome.com. Arrangements were entrusted to Wallace Funeral Home, 34 Sunnyside Drive, Sussex, NB (506-433-1176). There was a visitation held on Sunday, February 11th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. at Wallace Funeral Home in Sussex. The funeral mass was held at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sussex on Monday, February 12th, at 11:00 a.m., with a reception to follow. Burial will take place in the spring.

MOSKOWITZ

Robert Moskowitz, long-time summer resident of Dunvegan dies at 88. The artist Robert Moskowitz spent the last 50 summers in Cape Breton. He and his wife, the painter Hermine Ford, shared a house that faced Margaree Island, and the old barn was converted into studios. Robert, who was affectionately called "B.O.B. Bob" by his neighbours, died peacefully in New York City, after a debilitating decline from Parkinson's disease. An exhibition of his art is currently on view at the Peter Freeman Gallery in New York City. Hermine, their son Erik Moskowitz, his wife Amanda Trager (also in Dunvegan), and Hermine's sister, Helen Tworokov (Sight Point) look forward to sharing a celebration of Bob's life with friends and neighbours in Cape Breton this summer.

LeBLANC

John Joseph LeBlanc, age 84, Point Cross: It is with great sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of John LeBlanc on Monday, March 11th, 2024. Born on December 5th, 1939, in Margaree, NS, he was the son of the late Pierre and the late Annie (Muisse) LeBlanc. John is survived by his daughter, Sandra Webster, Stratford, PEI, and his beloved grandson, Samuel. He also leaves behind, his sister, Rita LeBlanc of Waltham, Massachusetts; brother-in-law, Roger (Karen) MacIsaac, Amherst, NS; and many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends who will all miss him dearly. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Heather (MacIsaac) LeBlanc, whom he missed terribly since her passing almost three years ago. He was also predeceased by his son-in-law, Steve Webster; brothers, Clarence LeBlanc, Billy LeBlanc, Alex LeBlanc, and Patrick LeBlanc; sisters, Anna Mae Aucoin, Margaret Richard, Helen Chiasson, and Mary Doucet; and sister-in-law, Mary Eisenhauer. Dad kept to himself in recent years, but was always there to lend a helping hand whenever needed. Dad enjoyed snowmobiling in the winters and ensuring his grass was cut just right in the summer. He was a member of the Labourer's International Union, where he worked on many jobs throughout the area. He then moved to the Strait Regional School Board. Before his retirement, he was custodian at Margaree Folks District High School, and he became very well known by both students and staff. I would like to thank those who really helped Dad since Mom's passing. Thank you for the meals and the visits, I know he appreciated you all. A special thank you goes out to his niece, Louise Anne Aucoin. His remains rested at the Cheticamp Funeral Home on Friday, March 15th, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at Église St. Pierre, Chéticamp with Father Silvichen Dominic officiating. Burial in the parish cemetery at a later date. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacPHERSON

Paul Angus Joseph MacPherson, April 28th, 1954 – March 13th, 2024: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Paul Angus Joseph MacPherson, age 69, of Halifax. Paul passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, after a long battle with cancer. Paul was born in Inverness, NS; the son of the late Angus Dan MacPherson and Mary Margaret (Peggy) MacLellan. Paul is survived by his sister Florence of Port Hawkesbury. He was predeceased by his sisters Alexina, Isabel, Sarah, Marie, and brothers Donald Andrew and Donnie. He loved and pretty much took ownership of all 16 of his nieces and nephews. Paul, who was better known by all of us who loved him dearly as Paul Mac, had quite a back story. He left his home in Blackstone for Boston when he turned 17 and began cleaning houses for wealthy families, where he learned what hard work was all about. He gained a tremendous

respect for the people he worked for because of their knowledge and appreciation for education and self-reliance. Paul came back to Nova Scotia four years later at the age of 21, graduating two years later from an upholstery and refinishing course he took in Dartmouth. He and his business partner and life-long best friend, Gary Trenholm, started Doctor Piano in May of 1977 with less than a dollar in their pockets. Paul became one of the finest piano technicians in the country and, if you allow for our slightly-biased opinion and the opinion of most elite technicians who knew his level of workmanship and expertise, was regarded as the best. Paul loved helping everyone, particularly family, who were prepared to put in the effort to improve their lot in life. He supported them endlessly with his time, encouragement, and money. Although he wouldn't admit it, he was conservative to the bone but, with a huge social conscience. He was so proud of everyone at Doctor Piano for doubling down when he was diagnosed with cancer in October of 2021. His dream was for us to continue doing things exactly the way business has to be done (according to Paul Mac) with absolute integrity and no short-cuts. Paul loved his big daily cruise through Point Pleasant Park, reading, breaking bread, and having serious conversations with his close friends and family. We could write a book about this wonderful person; but, he wouldn't like it at all (ha-ha). You were loved and will be missed old friend more than we can express in a few words. We extend our sincere gratitude to Paul's two beautiful nieces, Shelley and Valerie for making Paul's final weeks as comfortable as possible. The people at Parkland At The Gardens were exceptionally kind as were the nurses and staff at the deluxe Hospice Halifax facility on Franklin Street. We are going to enjoy a simple celebration in honour of Paul's life from 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening, March 23rd, in Doctor Piano's Recital Room located at the left-hand end of the Bedford Place Mall. Everyone is welcome. Funeral mass will be held Saturday, April 20th, at 11:00 a.m. with visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mabou, NS, with Father Andrew Gillies officiating. Burial will follow afterward at St. Mary's Parish Cemetery, West Lake Ainslie. In lieu of flowers, we encourage donations to be made to Hospice Halifax Hospice.

MacDONALD

We regret to announce the passing of Allan Andrew MacDonald (43), son of Shirley and the late Allan Dan Lewis Mac Donald of Port Hood. He is survived by his mother and brother, Maris, and two sons, Colby and Cyrus. As cremation has taken place, there will be a Celebration of Life Everlasting in Edmonton on March 23rd, 2024. Visitation and a funeral will be held at St. Peter's Parish in Port Hood and burial will follow in the parish cemetery at a later date. Allan Andrew will be sadly missed by all who knew him. In memory of Allan Andrew, take a friend to lunch. May he rest in peace!

MacLEAN

It is with profound sadness that we, the family, announce the passing of Ruth (MacPherson) MacLean on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024, in the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Born in Baddeck on February 28th, 1951, she was the daughter of the late William and Edith (MacFarlane) MacPherson. Ruth was a member of the Farquharson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Middle River, a dedicated member of a craft group composed of her dear friends, enjoyed helping organize community events, gardening and spending time with her family, especially her cherished grandchildren. She spent many years farming and running a floral business with her husband, Tom, as well as spending later years working as the dining room hostess in Flora's Dining Room at the Inverary Resort. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the Palliative and Continuing Care teams, as well as a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Egar and Nurse Liam for their care and compassion during the hours we needed it most. Ruth is survived by her daughters, Natalie, Sudbury, Susan (Nicole), Truro, Monica (David), Middle River, Lorna (Wesley), Middle River; sister, Jean MacPherson (Debbie), Halifax; grandchildren, Ceilidh, Ryder, Cohen, Brooklyn, Caeden; brother-in-law, Eddie (Mary Ellen), Baddeck; nieces and nephew; special neighbour, Valerie; and The Craft Ladies. Ruth was predeceased by her husband, Tom MacLean; parents, Billy and Edie MacPherson; and a brother and sister in infancy. A funeral service will be held at Farquharson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Middle River, on Thursday, March 14th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Brian MacLeod officiating. Following the service, there will be a reception at the Middle River Community Hall. Burial will take place June 19th, 2024, in Middle River Cemetery, with a time yet to be decided. Words of comfort can be sent to the family at www.sydney memorial chapel.com.

MacPHERSON

It is with deep sadness and so much love that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, and special poppa, Daniel Bernard MacPherson "Danny" on March 5th, 2024, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Born on September 27th, 1950, to parents John Dan MacPherson and Mary (Hart) MacPherson, Dunvegan. Danny was best known for his hard work. He started lobster fishing at an early age with his father and brother Jimmy at Margaree Island. Danny later got his own lobster outfit and started fishing on his own out of Broad Cove Marsh, then moved on to Inverness to finish off his 60-year career in the fishery, where he fished with his son and best friend, Andy, who he taught and passed on his knowledge of the ocean to, and with whom he loved to get out for a crab trip any chance he got. Danny had a passion for hard work; after fishing early mornings, he would then be found in the coal mines working harder, Danny enjoyed working in the woods cutting pulp; providing for his family was number one. Danny was a simple man who enjoyed the simple things in life, and was happiest when surrounded by his family and the love of his life for 50 years Donna. Danny loved being outdoors, and could always be found working around something, cutting and splitting wood, building lobster traps, and taking his dog Oreo for long walks – you could be sure to meet them daily on their walk to St. Rose. Danny was a loyal friend and you could always count on him for a hand if you needed it, or for a long chat with a story or two, he loved to chat and meet new friends. Danny was a kind man with a beautiful soul, and strong faith, his greatest passion was the love for his grandchildren, his absolute pride and joy. Poppa's girls were everything to him and they could be found by his side through his toughest days, he always said they truly were the best medicine, and they will miss him immensely. Left to mourn are: the love of his life of 50 years, Donna (Dunvegan); son, Andy (Crystal) Dunvegan; granddaughters and the light of his life, Ceilidh, Kylie (Eric); and great-granddaughters, Sophia and Summer; siblings, Jimmy, Donald (Joanne), John Roddie (Rose) Duncan, Lewie (Sharon), Hughie (Darlene), Dennis (Tracy), Sarah Beaton, Theresa Childs, Mary Florence (Percy), Catherine (Art), Annie Mae (Freddie), Isabel (Roddie), Jeannette (Wesley), Evelyn (John); sister-in-law, Teresa MacPherson; sister and brother-in-law, Patsy and Morris Timmons; many nieces and nephews, and special friend, Father Stanley MacDonald. Predeceased by parents, John Dan and Mary MacPherson; father- and mother-in-law, Donald and Mary Effie Timmons; brother, Alexander; brothers-in-law, Jerry Beaton, Gene Childs, Hal Habicht, Jackie Macleod, and Andy Timmons. We, the family, would like to thank the staff at the Inverness Memorial Hospital for the care and compassion they showed Danny in his last days; especially the Palliative Care team, Dr. Ritter and Dr. Binnersley, Dr. Eager, and Mary Anderson; nurses, Barbara W, Amanda, and Liam, you are truly angels, your care and compassion did not go unnoticed. Also, a special thank you to Danny's special friends who travelled miles to see him and make him smile during his tough time. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 14th, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Inverness Funeral Home. Funeral mass will take place on Friday, March 15th, at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove. In lieu of flowers donations be made to the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

EGAR

It is with full hearts and immense gratitude for his beautiful life that we announce the peaceful passing of David Lawrence Egar on February 26th, 2024, at home in Margaree Harbour. Born October 4th, 1947, to parents Ralph Laurence and Betty (Patterson) Egar, David grew up in Ottawa alongside his loving younger sister Cathy. He spent childhood summers and holidays with his cherished cousins from the Brockville area. After graduating with a Civil Engineering degree from Carleton University, David obtained a Masters in Engineering from the University of Ottawa and ultimately went to work for Environment Canada, finishing his career as the director general for Air Pollution Control. Throughout his employment with the federal government, David prioritized time with family above all else, and on more than one occasion turned down opportunities for advancement in favour of more time at home. David's family provided him with endless joy and fulfillment. He married his true love and best friend Shelagh (Kelley) in 1979 and together they built a life characterized by mutual respect, loyalty, and lots of laughter. They were a team together first and foremost. David's unconditional love will always be treasured by his three children Susie (Jade), Danford (Lora) and Jeanne, who forever will be grateful for their father's way of calmly providing non-judgmental support and guidance and always championing their next pursuit. His grandson Lincoln was the light of his life – he loved him dearly and was so thankful for precious time

together. He leaves behind nieces and nephews whom he also loved and with whom he shared many good memories. Though a quiet person who enjoyed playing guitar, reading, learning, watching football (United!), and going for brisk walks in the outdoors, David forged connections with many valued friends who were like family as well. A few were long time email correspondents, who lasted through the years and brought him genuine gratification. The wonderful Margaree Harbour community held such a special place in his heart and have supported him and his family through both easy and challenging times. He was so fortunate to be at home here, surrounded by such love, generosity of spirit and friendship. In the last two years David's illness returned and he was cared for so compassionately and expertly by the ICMH community. He often reflected that he could feel the kindness as soon as he walked through the doors of the hospital. From the wonderful clerical team (including Clare, Willanna, and Lindsay) who would greet him so warmly, to the phenomenal lab department who facilitated so much of his weekly care, to the pharmacy crew who offered such proficient service, to the paramedics and Emergency and Active Care nurses who intervened in some of his toughest moments – he was so appreciative of all your efforts. He was regularly cared for by the fabulous Ambulatory Care department (Denise, Aurelie, Alicia, Evie, Connie, and April) who always go above and beyond to make their patients feel comfortable no matter the circumstances. Words alone cannot represent the truly magnificent Oncology Team (Meghan, Liz, Caitlin, Melissa, Melinda, Kelly, Scott, Sabrina and Dr. Kate MacInnes) – your commitment, dedication and extraordinary patient-advocacy was simply incomparable. He loved you all. Dr. Rhea MacDonald's efficient and professional care was always so reassuring in uncertain times. In recent weeks, he benefitted from the brilliant Palliative Care Team (Rachel, Moira, Paulette, and Dr. Ritter) who gave him the ultimate gift of spending his last days at home, on his own terms, with his beloved Shelagh. He was deeply grateful for this. There are many more people to thank and memories to share. A celebration of David's life will occur at a later date when the weather is milder. Donations may be made in David's memory to the ICMH Oncology Department, the ICMH Palliative Care Department, or the Whale Cove Cemetery Fund. David was stoic and patient until the end of his life, and true to his character he slipped away quietly, leaving his family to cherish the immeasurable impact he had on us all, one that will echo indefinitely in our hearts.

DELANEY

Cazilda Delaney, age 97, Grand Etang: It is with great sadness, but acceptance, that we come to terms with the passing of our mother, the "matriarch" of our family. Cazilda was a daughter of the late Patrick J.J. and the late Marie (Deveaux) Aucoin. She amazed us all, with her "keen mind" that was as sharp as "broken glass," which she maintained until the very end of her long life. As a cook, she was second to none, as well as a gifted baker and known for her "infamous" cinnamon rolls and meat pies. She loved a good toe tapping tune and "dabbled" with a harmonica. Cazilda is survived by her sons, Donald Delaney (Anita), Drummondville, P.Q., and Jacky Delaney (Edwina), Grand Etang; daughters, Paulette Delaney-Smith (Ken), East Margaree, N.S., and Vivian Delaney, Bedford, N.S.; grandchildren, Shandel, Donya, Kenzi, Timmy, Brennan, and Justyce-Jean-Paul; and 12 great-grandchildren. Besides her husband, Arthur Delaney, she was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Placide Aucoin; and sister, Elizabeth Poirier. Visitation will be on Friday, March 1st, 2024, in the Cheticamp Funeral Home, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

Annie Laurie MacDonald passed away peacefully in Dunedin, Florida, on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024. Born on April 11th, 1934, in Judique, the fifth of six children, Annie Laurie learned her gentle manner, kindness, and hospitality from her mother, Mary Anne Gillis. She inherited her curiosity and love of people and books from her father, Hugh John MacLellan. Neighbours were like family to the MacLellans. Like her father before her, Annie could trace the genealogy of every household in Judique for several generations. She understood that you "step to the door" to say hello. If someone dies, you make food and drop it off. And if the dead is a neighbour's relative who lived away, you put money in an envelope and deliver it. Like many young people in Cape Breton in the 1950s, Annie left home to find work in Boston. There, she

met Sandy MacDonald at one of Bill Lamey's dances. It was her cousin Cathy Campbell who encouraged her to accept the attentions of this dark-haired, shy young man from Cape Breton. Sandy had left his Mull River home at 17 and arrived in Boston in 1955 by way of the logging camps on Vancouver Island. Theirs was a union that was the defining act of their lives. They married on October 8th, 1960, in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Port Colborne, ON. They started their family in Boston, where Sandy became an electrician. They schooled their four girls in the ways of Cape Breton, and every summer Sandy drove her and the girls "Downeast" to spend it with her parents in Judique. Like her father, Annie loved politics, especially the personalities. She followed the travails of the Kennedys, sympathized with the Johnsons and appreciated the decency of the Carters. She was disappointed to lose her first vote in Canada when Pierre Elliott Trudeau lost (briefly) to Joe Clark in 1979. She read a daily newspaper and biographies – she didn't have time for fiction. The Queen and the Queen Mother were personal heroes, and she was delighted to reach Buckingham Palace and the gates of Balmoral on her one and only overseas trip. She adored nice clothes and jewelry and made countless trips in town to Filene's Basement with sister-in-law Catherine MacLellan. Her last words of advice to the daughter she thought too careful were "Buy something new." In 1978, the family moved to Cape Breton and for the next 10 years Sandy operated a service station in Judique. Their new home was as welcoming as the one in which she grew up. In the summertime, a stream of visitors came through the blue door on River Denys Road daily. Her brother Duncan once quipped that sitting in their den was like taking a seat in Grand Central Station. More than their own grandchildren knew them as Nana and Papa, and they remained so long after the "adoptees" had children of their own. All grandchildren were taught the same lessons of faith, family, and neighbour first. But the gentle woman who gave you her full attention on the sofa was a boss lady behind the scenes. She was in the flour barrel early. She loved a full line of laundry – but never on a Sunday – a clean house and a stacked woodpile. Since Sandy's retirement they have spent nearly every winter in Florida. In 2012, Annie was diagnosed with cancer. Her prognosis was grim. She underwent rigorous treatments, but her faith never wavered. Through a miracle, she was declared cancer free and surpassed the expectation of any doctor or specialist. This past January, little more than a week after arriving in Dunedin, Annie went into hospital. Nonetheless, she told the doctor her plan: celebrate her 90th birthday with family in Port Colborne and then home to Judique. She fought to make it happen. She and Sandy prayed for it to happen, while trusting in God's will. Sometime before dawn, on February 13th, Annie died in her sleep. Sandy survives her as do their four girls: Sandra Graham, Dedham, Mass.; Louise (Jamie) MacIsaac, Judique, NS; Janice (Douglas) Campbell, Port Colborne, ON; and Jo-Anne MacDonald, Toronto, ON; son-in-law Stanley Graham predeceased her as did grandchild Meggie Jean MacIsaac. They have 10 surviving grandchildren: Jenny (Trevor) Curry, Timothy (Suzanne) MacIsaac, Elizabeth MacIsaac, Katherine (Stephen) Walker, Duncan (Jenelle) MacIsaac, Sarah (Dylan) MacIsaac, Andrew (Kelsey) Campbell, Emily (Don) Sawyer, Alexander (Emily) Campbell, and Madeline Campbell. She was adored by their 10 great-grandchildren: Malcolm, Meggie, Annie Kate, Jack, Hugh Sandy, Jax, Breton, Louis, Charlie, and Nora. Annie Laurie was predeceased by siblings Jean MacDonald, Margaret McEachern, Allan MacLellan, and Barbara MacDonald. Duncan MacLellan is the last surviving member of the family. Visitation will be held at the Judique Fire Hall from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1st. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on March 2nd at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, where Annie was baptized and a faithful parishioner for the past 46 years. Fr. Allan MacMillan will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrew's Parish cemetery fund, 5480 Rte. 19, Judique, N.S., B0E 1P0.

MacMILLAN

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Mary Alma MacMillan at the age of 95. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, Sunday, February 18th, 2024, at Inverary Manor. Mary was born October 21st, 1928, in Belle Cote, she was the daughter of the late Donald and Caroline (Phillips) Matheson. She was the last surviving sibling of her family. When Mary was a young girl, her family moved to Lake Ainslie where she would meet her husband William. They were married for 67 years before William's passing in June 2017. Mary began her 21 year career at the Inverary Manor in 1972. Her first position there was in Laundry and Housekeeping and gradually over the years moved up to become the director of Food Services. She was the first graduate in the Food Services Course from the Department of Community Services adult education program at the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology. Mary never

shied away from hard work, she always did what needed to be done on the farm and for her family. She was the definition of "Grandma," you never left her house hungry, cold, or without your sweet tooth satisfied. She is survived by her children William C, Allan (Kathleen), Marie; her daughter-in-law Beverly; grandchildren Nathan, Nadine, Nelson, Dawn Marie, Chad (Holly), Jessica (Ryan); and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her husband William; her son Kevin; son-in-law Donnie MacLean and her siblings Bill (Mary), Murdock (Florence), Albert, Marion (Buck), Tina (Murdock) and Lillian (Wilson). To the staff at Inverary Manor we extend thank you from our hearts, your care and compassion for Mary and her family was truly amazing. Words cannot express how thankful and appreciative we are. Thank you for everything. Visitation will be from 12:45 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. prior to the funeral service, which will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 2nd, in the Lake Ainslie Presbyterian Church with Rev. Janice MacLean officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Memorial donations in memory of the late Mary MacMillan may be made to Inverary Manor or a charity of your choice.

MacMILLAN

Colena MacMillan (MacDonnell) passed away peacefully on Friday, February 16th, 2024, eight months shy of her 100th birthday. For the past number of years, she was a contented, mischievous resident of the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home in Antigonish. Born in Glengarry, Mabou, Colena was one of 17 children born to John Andrew and Mary Cassie (Cameron) MacDonnell. She married Neil Bernard MacMillan on September 9th, 1950. They spent their early days in Windsor, ON, before returning to Cape Breton to raise their family on the Shore Road in Judique. Colena was a devout Catholic and longtime parishioner of St. Andrew's Church, Judique. She was a stay-at-home mom from 1950 to 1975 and a seamstress at Mary's Hill Home in Mabou from 1975 until 1988. She loved the independence of her driver's license and the fun of attending dances, concerts, parties, and ceilidh's. In her own words, her most cherished and memorable moments were the adoption of her children and the birth of her grandchildren. Colena is survived by her children, David (Jane) MacMillan; Lynn (Rinus) Van de Ven; Kevin (Connie) MacMillan; grandchildren, Kelly, Shannon, Bradley, Renus, Kenzie, and Kevin; great-grandchildren, Koen, Annika, Peyton, Emersyn, Parker; brother, Lawrence; sister, Annie; sisters-in-law, Betty, Frances, Edriz, Charlotte; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Bernie; grandson, Blake; siblings, John A., Margie, Janet, Donald, Malkie, Rita, Cassie, Alexander, Angus A., John Francis, Alex Duncan, Gerome, Roddie and Collie. We sincerely wish to thank the staff of the R. K. MacDonald for their loving care of our mom. Funeral mass was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 22nd, from St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, Judique, Father Allan MacMillan officiated. Burial in the parish cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home, Antigonish. Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

MAILLET

Marie Anne Maillet, age 99, Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, at the guest home. Marie Anne was a daughter of the late Amédée and the late Anne (Doucet) Aucoin. Marie Anne is survived by her grandchildren, Lisa, Glen, and Steven; great-grandchildren, Janelle, Michael, Crosby, Caillin, and Hunter; great-great-grandchildren, Mason, Théo, Ivory, Opal, and Gohan. Besides her husband, Johnny Maillet, Marie Anne was predeceased by her sons, Jean Roland, Gérald, and Raymond; daughter, Lucille; granddaughter, Lynn; brothers, Léo, Johnny, and Joseph; and sisters, Louise, Yvonne, Maggie, and Adèle. Her remain rested at the Cheticamp Funeral Home on Friday, February 23rd, 2024. A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, February 24th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery at a later date. Donations may be made in Marie Anne's memory to the Foyer Père Fiset. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MORAN

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Teresa Marie (Osborne) Moran, 73 years old of River Centre, Nova Scotia, which occurred in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on February 24th, 2024. Born on July 1st, 1950, in Glace Bay, Mom was brought into the loving home of

Sandy Jim and Lizzie MacDonald of Port Hood, where she was raised from an infant. Mom and Dad got married on July 14th, 1973, and started their family. While Dad worked, Mom stayed home as a full-time wife and mother. Mom had a fierce love of music. There was nothing she loved more than a good fiddle tune. She was extremely talented and she could literally play any instrument you put in front of her. Mom also loved to step dance and didn't pass up a chance to show us her steps. She also loved photography and she took some amazing pictures over the last number of years. Some of her work is proudly displayed in her own home and her daughter's home and amongst other family and friends. Mom was also an avid animal lover and had several of her own over the years. There wasn't an animal that she didn't love or want to take home. She was a big supporter of the local animal rescues and societies. There wasn't anything Mom couldn't do. She could tackle any job that needed to be done and she could drive Dad's old GMC truck better than he could. In the summer, you'd hear her burning the tires off Dad's old Dodge Coronet at the intersection by Dfer's Garage or making us kids follow her to the blueberry field to pick berries in the scorching sun before heading to the beach. Mom could speak some Gaelic, but she would mostly just teach us all the bad words. Mom also took good care of her mother-in-law, Katie, when she became ill with Alzheimer's. She did that for several years before she passed. When us kids got older, Mom decided to work a bit outside of the home to pass the time and regain some independence. Mom had tremendous faith and she was a member of the CWL in Port Hood for many years. She also volunteered when she could. Teresa is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Blaise; daughter, Stephanie (Joey), Antigonish; son Del (Fushia), River Center; grandchildren, Meghan and Katelynn, Halifax, Emily, Antigonish; step grandchildren, Liam, Halifax and Nolan, Antigonish; brother, Archie (Crash) MacDonald, Port Hood; brothers-in-law, Richie (Maria) and Archie Moran, both of Port Hood; sister-in-law, Norma MacIntyre, Port Hood; and her nieces and nephews, Paul, Kerry Anne, Nadine, Lydia, Cedie, Kirk, Jason, and Dean and their families. She will also be missed by her dear friend, Mary Ellen Fraser, Port Hood, and all the Cabral family from Massachusetts and many other extended family members and friends that's she's made over the years. Besides her parents, Sandy Jim and Lizzie, she was predeceased by her brother, Terrance MacIntyre, Port Hood, sister-in-law, Theresa MacDonald, Port Hood, and parents-in-law, Richard and Katie (Campbell) Moran, Port Hood. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held in Port Hood and Area Resting Place on Friday, March 1st, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Her celebration of life will be held in St. Peter's Church on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. A lunch will be provided at the Port Hood Parish Hall after the service. Burial to be held at a later date. Donations in her memory can be made to any animal rescue or society.

"She made broken look beautiful
And strong look invincible.
She walked with the universe on her
Shoulders and made it look
Like a pair of wings"
— Ariana Daneu

DEVEAUX

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Marie Catherine Deveau, on Friday, February 9th, 2024, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp at the age of 82. She was a daughter of the late Patrick (Paddy) and the late Jane (Arsenault) LeBlanc. Marie Catherine was always busy doing something. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, quilting, and rug hooking. She also loved to cook, bake, garden, and can her own vegetables. She rarely missed an opportunity to play cards with her sisters and close friends. She loved bingo just as much. Marie Catherine was well-liked by all who knew her. She always put her children first and often told us that she loved us and that she "really loved" her grandchildren and her two recent great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all of us. Marie Catherine is survived by her son, David Deveau (Kim), Cheticamp; daughters, Irvinna Deveau (Tony), Alberta, Wanda Chiasson (Gerry), Antigonish, and Celina Deveau-Thomas (Jason), Alberta; brothers, Eugene (late Viola), Gerald (Lydia), Georgie (Elaine), Blair (Diane), and Clarence; sisters, Jeanette (late Patsy), Rose Ann (late Simon Pierre), and Veronica (Gilles); grandchildren, Darren, Jennina, Dillon, Scott, Lauren, Daniel, Jaden; great-grandchildren, Coen and Ophelia. Besides her parents, Marie Catherine was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Irvin Deveau; brother, Mose LeBlanc; and sister, Patricia LeBlanc. A funeral mass was celebrated on Thursday, February 15th, 2024,

at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp, with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial in the parish cemetery at a later date. The family would like to thank the staff at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre for their care. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Diabetes Canada, or the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacKINNON

Sarah Catherine MacKinnon, known affectionately as Sally, passed away peacefully at Inverary Manor, Inverness, on Sunday, February 11th, 2024, at the age of 83, surrounded by loving family. She was born on January 17th, 1941, in Margaree Harbour, NS. She is predeceased by her parents, John Lauchlin and Rebecca (Dunn) MacKinnon; along with her siblings, Myles, (Marge Dee), John (Mary Clark), Carmella (Michael Leblanc), and Christena (Roy Cameron). Sally is survived by her brother, Angus (Anne Chiasson); brother-in-law, Roy Cameron; twin sister, Marie (Jim Guilford); and a vast extended family of 28 nieces and nephews; over 50 great-nieces and nephews; and remarkably, a few great-great-nieces and nephews, who were all dear to her heart. She was a devoted daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, always putting the needs of others before her own. Her warm smile and compassionate nature brought comfort and joy to all who crossed her path. Sally cherished her childhood on the family farm in Margaree Harbour, where she and Marie divided and conquered the homestead chores. Sally happily avoided the dishpan and housework to join "Daddy" in the barn where she nurtured her love for animals and developed a strong work ethic mirroring that of her parents, brothers, and sisters. She learned the value of grit and determination from her parents and older siblings, who tirelessly worked to provide for their family and maintain their livelihood. Sally's upbringing on the family farm laid the foundation for the hard work and unwavering resolve that would define her later years. Her childhood experiences instilled in her a deep sense of gratitude for her Cape Breton Scottish roots and a deep love for her family and community. For Sally, there truly was no place like home. Sally was a woman of profound faith, finding solace and strength in her devotion to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary. She embarked on pilgrimages to Fatima, Medjugorje and Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre throughout her life, seeking to deepen her spiritual connection. With a heart overflowing with love and generosity, Sally extended a helping hand to those less fortunate, providing support and assistance to children and families in need. Through sponsorship programs, she ensured that children around the world had access to education, health care, and basic necessities, hoping to help for a brighter future. Sally's professional calling was as a laboratory technician, a vocation she embraced with pride, expertise, and dedication. She trained at Saint Martha's Hospital in Antigonish during the formative years of the field in Nova Scotia. Having watched her aunt, Sister Mary Carmel and her sister, Chris, become nurses at Saint Martha's, Sally humbly forged her own path in the lab tech program at the same institution. In the early years of her career, Sally played a pivotal role in establishing laboratory services at hospitals in Inverness and Cheticamp, allowing her to remain close to her beloved parents, community, and the farm. Her adventurous spirit led her to work at the hospital lab in Trail, British Columbia, before eventually returning home to Nova Scotia, where she found her permanent home at the IWK Children's Hospital in Halifax. Following her retirement as lab manager from the IWK, Sally spent the spring to fall months in Margaree at the homestead and loved the freedom of having nothing pressing to drag her off the beach on summer days. The youngest in the clan knew that Sally always had a freezie waiting for them when they came by, which naturally included a beverage of choice for the parents. Whether her feet were planted in the sand on MacKinnon's Beach or warming up on the door of the wood stove in the kitchen, gathering with family was all Sally needed. Sally will be remembered fondly for her humble and selfless spirit, unwavering faith, and profound love for her family and community. Her legacy of acts of service, generous nature, and compassion for the downtrodden will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her. Sally's family would like to thank the hard working staff at The Birches in Musquodoboit Harbour and at the Inverary Manor, Inverness, for caring for Sally. A funeral mass to celebrate Sally's life was held at St. Michael's Church, East Margaree on Saturday, February 17th, 2024. Visitation was held from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. Burial in the parish cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society or Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca. Rest in

peace, dear Sally. You will be deeply missed and forever cherished in our hearts...And the cares of tomorrow can wait 'til this day is done.

MacKINNON-FRASER

Jody Lillian MacKinnon-Fraser

May 14th, 1977 – January 9th, 2024

Dingwall

It is with tremendous sorrow and broken hearts that the family of Jody Lillian Mackinnon announces her passing. Jody was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, cousin, and friend. People who met Jody and entered into her sphere felt a little more special and enriched afterwards from her honest, kind, and sincere energy. Those who were fortunate enough to have been loved by her were loved deeply and unconditionally. Jody was such a gentle soul and those who knew her were captivated by her smile and big blue eyes. Jody showed such grace and strength, never once complaining about the circumstance she found herself in. She always remained positive and optimistic when things weren't easy. She had such moxie and fought until her last breath. Her faith was so very strong and steadfast, saved by Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jody took nothing for granted. She loved seeing each sunrise and each sunset. She loved full-moon nights and making moon water. She loved campfires and starry nights with her children sitting in her lap cuddling watching the flames flicker. Being out in nature was where Jody loved to be. She enjoyed feeding her pet crows daily. She loved hiking, camping, hunting, and fishing. She enjoyed splitting firewood and even did so during her pregnancies to the dismay of some which made her chuckle. Jody was a splendid mixture of beauty, grit, kindness, and determination and many see those same qualities in her children. The children are their mom through and through. She loved summer and when she wasn't working with Parks Canada she could be found in her garden or at the beach collecting beach glass with her children. Jody often said, "that her greatest accomplishment and gift was becoming a mother," her children were her universe. Jody grew up in Valley Mills and Orangedale and spoke fondly of her childhood. She had so many great memories of her friends and of her grandparents whom she loved dearly, Gordon and Doris Cummings. Jody is survived by her soul mate and love of her life, her husband Jerome, her two beautiful children Wynter and Darra, father Duncan MacKinnon, mother and step-father Carmeline (Gerald) Jones, sister Crystal MacKinnon, sister-in-law Jennifer Fraser, and brother-in-law Colin Fraser, many aunts and uncles, she will be especially missed by her aunt Madeline, as well as numerous cousins and friends. Jody was predeceased by our son Timothy Duncan Fraser. Mommy, through all your trials and tribulations you are finally resting in peace. You have been such an inspiration and have inspired so many with your will and determination to continue moving forward no matter what life threw your way. You always kept hope alive and we thank you for that. We may have only had you in our life for a short period but we shared and expressed 1000 years worth of love for each other and as Wynter said, you were so great we had to share you with those in Heaven. You are free now and that brings us solace. You were one of a kind, a gem and special in a way words don't do justice. Our Lilly of the Valley, you are our guardian angel now. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Forest Haven Memorial Gardens. A service was planned for February 10th, 2024, at the Blues Mills Gospel Hall at 11:00 a.m. Donations can be made to Jody's Children's GoFundMe page <https://www.gofundme.com/f/for-jodys-children>.

MacLEAN

Johnena Isabel (MacLennan) MacLean, November 13th, 1961 – February 13th, 2024: It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of Johnena Isabel (MacLennan) MacLean, in the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, surrounded by her loving family, after a courageous battle with cancer. Johnena was born in Inverness, on November 13th, 1961, to Agnes and Johnny MacLennan. She grew up in Blues Mills with her brothers, sister, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Over the years, Johnena has been a rock to many. She had a maternal instinct that was loved by all, an infectious laugh, and top of the line sarcasm. As many know, sometimes all it took was "the look" and it would send people laughing. All her life, she loved being surrounded by family and friends. At home, she always had fresh biscuits made, tea or coffee on, and ready for a visit by all. Johnena is survived by her loving husband, Murdoch Grant MacLean, and the light of her life, Michelle Katherine MacLean. She was also survived by her brother, Francis MacKinnon; nieces, Karen (Carl) Ferguson, Debbie (Brian) Matthews, Debora, and Doreen (Mark

Mellon) MacAulay; nephews, Roddie (Denise), Kevin (Ethel) MacKinnon, John Neil, Curtis (Kelly), Jason (Crystal) MacLennan, and Kelsey MacKinnon; grandnieces and nephews, Shelby and Brodie MacLennan, Nick (Kira) and Jorden (Sam) Ferguson, Alex MacKinnon, Ella MacLennan, Emily Mellon, Marley MacKinnon; in-laws, Malcolm "Moxie" (Karen) MacLean, Allister (Eileen) MacLean, Sheila MacLean (John Davidson) and Tracey MacLean (Daniel Lupien); nieces and nephews, Jo-Anne, Jeanie, Jessica, Ronnie, Allan, Robert, Richard, Spencer, Barrett, Mary, Veronica, and Molly. She was predeceased by parents John and Agnes MacLennan; brother Richard; sister, Katherine Mae; nephew Taylor Richard; and in-laws Malcolm and Kathleen MacLean, Anne Bradley, Linda MacMillan, and Jimmy MacAulay. Johnena recently retired from the Inverary Manor after over 30 years of service. She always loved her "work family" and was thankful for the support she always received by them. Johnena was an active member of the Blues Mills and Whycocomagh communities where she always ensured there was something good to eat at the Ceilidh or a shoulder to lean on in a time of need. A big thank you to the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital staff, nurses, Dr. MacDougall, and Palliative Care team – Dr. Ritter, Paulette, and Oncology team, Dr. Saliba, Dr. Bennett, and her girls, Kelly, Melissa, Melinda, Caitlin, and Lisa. The visitation was 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Sunday, February 18th, in the Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Funeral service was at 11:00 a.m. Monday from Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Whycocomagh, officiated by Rev. Andrew MacDonald. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Words of comfort may be forwarded to www.haverstocks.com.

MacNEIL

Edward (Eddie) MacNeil, 89, passed away Friday, February 16th, at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital surrounded by family. He was born in Rankinville on January 19th, 1935, to the late Danny Sandy and Jessie Agnes (Cameron). He and his late wife, Catherine Gertrude (Gertie), who passed away in 2009, made West Mabou their home for more than 50 years, raising a large family. Eddie was a school bus driver, janitor at Mabou Consolidated School and local community halls, and a house painter. A devout Catholic, he was a longtime member of the local Knights of Columbus and the West Mabou Sports Club, where he helped to start the square dances which have become so popular. For years, he and Gertie were a fixture at the dances, working the canteen. He was all about community, always ready to lend a hand wherever it was needed. His willingness to help others was reciprocated by his many nieces and nephews and friends of all ages, who would often drop by his place at the Mabou Senior Citizens complex for a cup of tea, prayer, or a game (or two) of crib. The crib board never left the kitchen table, and it was an acceptable reason to delay his kids' bedtime or, in more recent years, spend time with the many people he called friends. Eddie is survived by his sister, Maude (Omer) Campbell, Port Hood; children Donnie (Sue), Whycocomagh, Dave (Kim Rhynold), Dartmouth, Wayne, Halifax, Neila (Bryce Hardage), Modesto, California, Scott (Jennifer), Oakfield, Sue (Georges El-Azzi), Hammonds Plains; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Besides Gertie, he was predeceased by sisters Annie Mae Rankin MacDonald, Peggy Small, Catherine MacDonald, Rebecca MacNeil, Betty MacDonald, and Belle Campbell; brothers Alex, Joe, Neil, and Edward; daughters Sissy and Joanne (in infancy); son-in-law Donald; and grandchild Eilidh (in infancy). The family would like to thank Doctors Ritter and Bennett, and the staff at the hospital, especially the palliative care team. Visitation will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Mabou, on Wednesday, February 21st, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass will also be at St. Mary's on Thursday, February 22nd, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Andrew Gillies officiating. Donations in Eddie's memory may be made to the St. Mary's Parish Cemetery fund. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative.

CAMPBELL

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Catherine "Cathy" Campbell on February 3rd, 2024, at the Beth Israel Hospital in Brookline, MA. She was 97 years old. Predeceased by her parents James Campbell and Annie Laurie (Gillis) of Harbour View, NS. Her brothers, Jack (Louise) Campbell, Ancaster, ON and Erwin Campbell, Brookline. Survived by her sisters Marion (and the late Duncan T.) MacDonald, Harbour View, Rose (and the late Alexander) MacDonald, Niagara Falls; her brothers, Daniel Campbell and James Campbell of Brookline; and Omer (Maud) Campbell of Harbour View. Also by her nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, relatives, and friends. Cathy left Cape Breton by train for New York City in 1946. A few years later, she moved to Brookline where she worked as a hairdresser until her

retirement. She was the matriarch of a close and loving family. Cathy spent a lifetime filled with selfless dedication to her parents, brothers, and sisters. She looked forward to and loved visiting her home in Cape Breton each summer. In Brookline, her door was always open to her nieces, nephews, and all their friends. Her extreme generosity and hospitality extended to them will never be forgotten. Cathy's cheerful, warm, and wonderful presence will remain cherished in our memories forever. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 15th, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Port Hood and Area Resting Place. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, February 16th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Parish, Port Hood. Should you wish to make a donation to the Port Hood Resting Place or a charity of your choice it would be much appreciated.

CHIASSON

Eugene Chiasson, 84, passed away on February 4th, 2024, at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife Velda; children, Margaret Anne (John), Shawn (Tina), Dereck (Marli); grandchildren, MacKenzie, Breton, Logyn, Connor, Caela, and Jack; siblings, Elizabeth, Reggie (Brenda), Robert (Ellen), Gloria, Bernice (John); as well as numerous nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his parents Joe and Mary; sisters, Jeanette and Edith; and three siblings who died in their early childhood (Francis, Jeanette, Gabriel). He began his career as a shaper on golf courses and later as a trucker for many years, these two jobs had him working all over Canada and the United States. He was born, raised, and made his home at Margaree Forks. There he would enjoy the family's many dogs and cats. He was an avid reader, always looking for a book, magazine, or paper to read. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials donations may be made to Canadian Diabetic Association, or any charity of your choice. The family wishes to send a special thank you to staff at I.C.M. Hospital for their care and compassion.

DORTON

Marsha Dorton had a big heart, she thought of everyone else first. The day she met Danny, they knew from that moment they would be together forever. Her life revolved around her family. She loved everyone with everything she had. She enjoyed her flowers, sitting on the step in the evenings, drinking a good cup of tea. Enjoying meals with family and sharing a good laugh. She is survived by husband, Daniel Dorton of 51 years; daughters, Colleen, Diane (Johnathan Kennedy), Port Hawkesbury, Crystal (Joshua Knocton), Dagger Woods, Antigonish; grandchildren, Sophia Dorton, Arabella Dorton, and Rielle Knocton, who was due to arrive this August. Marsha lived for her grandchildren so largely, she considered her daughters' dogs her grandchildren also – Porky, Benji, Remi, Harley, Scotch, and Sasha. She is also survived by siblings, Glenda (Bobby) Clark, Margaree; Richard (Linda), Inverness; Johnny (Rose Mary) Timmons, Middle River; Brent (Bernice), Mulgrave; Jeffery, Port Hawkesbury; Dexter, Middle River; Cynthia Smith, Inverness; Wanda (Joey) Chaisson, Margaree; Kirt, Margaree; Crystal (Clifford) Hawley, Port Hood; siblings-in-law, John (Sharon); Donald (Faith); Paul (Jean); Donna; Yvonne; Diane (Malcolm); Estelle. She was predeceased by her mother, Colletta; father, Donald; brother-in-laws, Gordon; Jim; Hughie; best friend, Viola Fraser; mother-in-law, Pearl; and father-in-law, Dan R. Marsha loved going for drives with Danny while always tormenting him. She loved heading out on the weekends with Colleen and sharing the best gossip during their midnight chats. She was Diane's go to for everything child related and had a great pride in being a grandmother and guide in life for Sophia and Arabella. She had the best advice. She was Crystal's rock and was their best friend and saviour. From TikToks to having a midnight munch of KFC hot wings with her and Josh. Marsha not only had her own children but treated her kids' friends as her own too. She loved Brittney Wallace, Tammy Smith, and Kayla Maclean with all her heart. Spoiling them just like her own. She loved all her nieces and nephews and always had the few she would torment (Ronald and Robert) and her niece Dakota; who was her hairstylist and one she spent many holidays and sleepovers with. Marsha and Danny were a force to be reckoned with in the kitchen. No bigger joy that they both had then to feed a familiar face. Memorial donations can be made to the family in the care of Colleen.

MacDONALD

Muriel Frances MacDonald passed away peacefully in the evening of January 4th, 2024, at the age of 94. She was born in Inverness on August 4th, 1929. Muriel was the daughter of the late James "Jim" Angus

and Mary Margaret (MacNeil) MacIsaac. She grew up on River Street, Inverness, the daughter of a coal miner and like so many others lived in a company house next door to her dearly loved cousins. Many stories she shared with us about the old days growing up with "Mama and Papa" and her siblings. The nick names and funny phrases are still used today within the family and extended family. In her days growing up, getting the chores or "work" done was a way of life; however, the days also included laughter. Song and dance, keeping family and friends close, always being happy spending time together, looking out and caring for each other. Muriel married John Hughie (Hughie Keppoch) MacDonald from Gillisdale, Margaree. They made their home on Central Avenue, Inverness and their home was always open to family and friends from near and far. Unfortunately she became a widow at a young age but she was devoted to raising her five children on her own for the next 52 years. Ma had a shy, quiet, easy going nature, never demanding or complaining. She was a very giving, honest, tolerant woman, strong in body and mind. Ma had a great sense of humour, she was our friend and her friendship was extended to our friends. She was content with a good cup of tea and sweets to go with it. She enjoyed family visits, shopping out of town, harness racing, hockey (Bruins # 63), country music, lobsters and hot dogs. She would also paint and refinish furniture. She owned many tools and knew how to use them. There weren't too many tasks she wouldn't handle! Her home was always neat and tidy which was something she took pride in. She was a very independent woman and was very particular about her hair. In the afternoon you would find her watching her soap The Young and the Restless. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her greatest joy. She attended their school concerts, helped with projects. watched them graduate, made them lunches and would remove her dentures to make her famous grins which they loved so much. Her beautiful blue eyes, her warm smile forever will be fondly remembered, loved and never forgotten. Rest peacefully "Ma," "Grandma," "Old Grandma"; you will be deeply missed. She is survived by her children; Mary (Roddie) MacDonald, Marguerite (late Angus) MacNeil, Johnny, Donna, Bernie MacDonald; grandchildren, Christopher (Lindsay) MacDonald, Lisa Hanscombe (Al), Shawn MacNeil; great-grandchildren, Ellie, Reid, Nate, Liam, Jaylin MacDonald and Emma and Lane Hanscombe; sisters, Rita (late Alex) Gillis, Mary Ellison Carmila (late Gerald) Tompkins; her brother James (Chris) MacIsaac. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and nephews. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her husband, John Hugh MacDonald; sisters, Josephine (late Paul) Doucett, Rosalia Beaton, Regina MacIsaac; her brother Francis (late Ann) MacIsaac; nephew Francis Doucett and son-in-law Angus Joseph MacNeil. Funeral mass and burial will be at a later date. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley.

TIMMONS

Gordon Lauchie Timmons, May 10th, 1938 – February 9th, 2024: Loved his wife more than life itself. On the evening of February 9th, surrounded by his loving family, Gordon's dream came true as he met his loving dance partner and they danced once again. Gordon was born May 10th, 1938, in Margaree Centre to Thomas Edward and Minnie Ella (Phillips) Timmons. Gordon was born and raised in Margaree Centre, however moved to Montreal with Beverly for work and started their family. They moved back to settle in Margaree to finish raising their family and continue to work. Gordon worked in many areas of the forestry industry including saw mills, cut wood, and operated machinery. Gordon loved working on anything with an engine. He especially loved spending time in the woods fishing and hunting with Shawn. He loved to dance with Beverly so much that in time he taught Debbie how to dance in the kitchen. Many people will remember Gordon as he always had such quick wit and had an answer for everything. Gordon was predeceased by his mother Minnie Ella (Phillips) Timmons and father Thomas Edward Timmons; his brother Harry Herbert Timmons; his sister Betty Lou Ryan; brother-in-law Thomas Ryan; brother-in-law and neighbour Thomas Murphy. Gordon was loved and will truly be missed by his son, Shawn (Ronata) Timmons, Margaree Valley; his daughter, Debbie (Cory) Gale, Margaree Centre; grandchildren, who he was so proud of everyday, Kyla and Carson Gale, Rori and Ryeleigh Timmons. He will also be missed by his brother Leo (Darlene) Timmons, his sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends. Cremation has taken place. Funeral mass and burial will be at a later date in spring. We would like to express our heartfelt thank you to the Sunrise Villa staff and the rest of the Inverary Manor staff for the care they provided. Special thanks to Jennifer for all the Facetiming and the humour given to dad to lift his spirits when he needed it. Thank you to Palliative Care Team for all the support. Visitation will be at Sunset Funeral Cooperative in Margaree Valley on Friday, February 16th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. In honoring Gordon's

memory, please make a donation to your choice of charity. Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley.

CORMIER

Antje Gudrun Cormier (nee: Trumann) passed away peacefully, with family by her side (81 days after the love of her life, Wayne) on Saturday, February 3rd, 2024. Beloved wife of the late Wayne Charles Cormier; loving mother of Stephen Cormier and his wife Lori; and Michaela Reinhardt and her husband Jurgen; loving sister of Gunda Garske; dear Oma of Hudson Cormier and his wife Abby; Parker Cormier and his fiancée Madi Looby; grandmother to Timo Reinhardt and Michael Reinhardt; sister-in-law to Elaine (Mike) Arsenault, Claudette (the late Joe) LeBlanc, Harold (Theresa) Cormier, Alphonse (Germaine) Cormier, and Ella (Donald) Doucet. Remembered by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends; here and in Germany. Gathering around the table for a game of cards, coffee, and cake or entertaining family and friends is where you could find Antje in her glory. Co-pilot extraordinaire, lover of geography, and/or learning the language of love in her final days, Antje never missed a moment to keep her brilliant mind shining bright. She was the master mind behind the scenes and Wayne's best partner in business and in pleasure! She wore many hats but becoming an Oma was by far her favourite! Cremation to take place. Family and friends will be received on Thursday, February 8th, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine. Celebration of Antje's life at 10:30 a.m. Interment of ashes at the Saint Joseph du Moine Cemetery at a later date. As expression of sympathy, donations may be made to: Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, 15102 Cabot Trail, Chéticamp, NS, B0E 1H0; Cape Breton Cancer Patient Care Fund, 45 Weatherbee Road, Suite 209, Sydney, NS, B1M 0A1 – foundation.CB@nshealth.ca; and/or Parkinson Canada – donate@parkinson.ca. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DOUCET

Louis Maurice (Moe) Doucet passed away Saturday evening, January 27th, of natural causes. He was surrounded by family and friends. Maurice was born on October 28th, 1945, to parents Joseph and Marie Antionette Doucet and raised in Grand Etang, NS. He married his high school sweetheart Marie and remained happily married for 57 years. Moe attended the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology and became president of the Nova Scotia Product Association. He was a respected member of the Kiwanis club in Dartmouth and an accomplished business owner in Canada and the US. Most significantly, Moe was a devoted family man who always put his family first. Fondly known as Papa to his grandkids, he especially loved travelling, golf, and playing cards with family and friends. He was a quiet giant who made a big impact on many. Moe is survived by his wife Marie, daughter Nadine, son Ken, daughter-in-law Tracy, grandchildren Gabrielle and Matthew, his bothers Fred and Phillip and many nieces and nephews. Services were held Friday, February 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. at Dartmouth Memorial Gardens & Atlantic Funeral Home located at 767 Main St. Westphal, NS. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Foyer Pere Fiset nursing home, PO Box 219, Cheticamp, NS, B0E 1H0.

TIMMONS

In loving memory of Beverly Ann Timmons, July 20th, 1941 – January 26th, 2024, the love of Gordon's life, our mother and grandmother: With heavy hearts we announce the peaceful passing of Beverly Ann Timmons, at the Inverary Manor on January 26th surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 20th, 1941, in the Mercy Hospital in Sydney, Nova Scotia; she was later adopted and loved by Rebecca and John I Murphy of North East Margaree. Beverly lived most of her life in North East Margaree with her best friend and husband of 58 years, along with their two children. In earlier years, Gordon and Beverly moved to Montreal where she worked for many years; however returned back to Margaree where they wanted to raise their family. Beverly worked as a caregiver over the years and had shown compassion and love to all she cared for. She welcomed all who entered the door with open arms and love. She was a member of St. Patrick's Parish CWL, North East Margaree for 39 years. Besides her adoptive parents, John and Rebecca (MacDaniel) Murphy she was predeceased by her birth mother, Jessie Ann (MacNeil) Churney; mother-in-law, Minnie Ella Timmons; brothers, Thomas Joseph Murphy (whom she loved dearly), Terry Churney, Jack Churney; brother-in-law, Harry Timmons; and sister-in-law Betty Lou Ryan.

Beverly will be missed immensely by her husband Gordon Timmons; son, Shawn (Ronata) Timmons, Margaree Valley; daughter, Debbie (Cory) Gale, Margaree Centre; her grandchildren whom she loved with her whole heart, Kyla and Carson Gale, Rori and Ryeleigh Timmons. She will be also missed by her sisters-in-law and brother-in-law as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Mountain View Villa staff, Sharlene, Edna, Erin, Gail, Rebecca, Miranda, Liz, and Marsha and so many more for the love they had given Mom from the very first day she arrived. You went above and beyond for her and us, and we will be forever grateful. Mom was lucky to have you all in her corner! She loved each and every one of you. Thank you to Dr. Rhea and the Palliative Care team as well, especially Dr. Ritter. Visitation will be held Saturday, February 3rd, at Cranton Community Centre, Margaree Centre from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Funeral mass and burial will be at a later date in spring. Cremation has taken place under the direction of the Sunset Funeral Cooperative in Margaree Valley. In honouring Beverly's memory, we ask you to be kind and to "Pay it Forward."

AUCOIN

It is with much love and sadness that we mourn the passing of Yvette Marie AuCoin, age 89, on Monday, January 15th, 2024, at the Foyer Père Fiset in Cheticamp. She was a daughter of the late Elizabeth (Burns) LeFort and the late Joseph (à Baptiste) Lefort. Yvette is survived by her brother, John (Ruth) LeFort; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Eugene (late Simone) Chiasson, Clifford (late Anne) Aucoin, Muriel (Philip) Bell; nieces, Sharlene Chiasson-Bessey (Bruce), Sandra LeFort, and Paula (Scott) LeFort; as well as her great-nieces, Lauren and Karlie Bessey. Besides her parents, Yvette was predeceased by her loving husband of 28 years, James AuCoin; sister, Simone Chiasson; and other in-laws. Yvette was known to be a very dainty and classy lady. She was always well dressed, wearing the perfect pair of heels to match. She began working at a very young age at Roach's Clothing Store in Cheticamp (Willie à Charles) and eventually made her way to Toronto, Halifax, and Montreal to work for the Robert Simpson Company. In 1976, she and her husband James finally made the move back home and because of her passion for the retail business, she decided to open her own ladies' clothing store – AuCoin des Dames. For 33 years, she took pride in serving many customers who often became friends. Yvette also enjoyed travelling and seeing other parts of the world. She was quiet but loved to entertain, clean, and spend time with her family, especially her sister Simone who was her best friend. Although Yvette did not have any children of her own, she had a special bond with her niece Sharlene. Yvette will be greatly missed. The family wishes to send a special thank you to Dr. Amélie Maillet and Dr. Kassy Sonier as well the staff at the Foyer Père Fiset for their care of Yvette during the past five years. Cremation has taken place and a funeral mass will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

BOURGEOIS

Joseph Henry Bourgeois, age 75, Cheticamp: The family of Joseph Henry Bourgeois is sad to announce his passing on Saturday, January 13th, 2024, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp, with his family by his side. Born to the late Pierre C. and the late Marianne (LeFort) Bourgeois on June 18th, 1948, Henry was the sixth of a family of 13. He was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. Henry eagerly began his trucking career at the early age of 17 and grew up to be a very skilled and well-respected trucker, hauling various goods throughout the Atlantic provinces as well as a few trips to Ontario and the United States. While off from work, Henry was happy sitting in his recliner watching his favourite T.V. shows, such as Matlock and Bonanza, while simultaneously taking a nap. He also loved his frequent visits to his brother's, and later nephew's garage next door or exercising his vocal chords while sometimes strumming his guitar. Henry fought hard through a slow acting disease for the past six years, but you rarely heard him complain. He knew that the best remedy was to keep working and spending time laughing with family and friends, not to mention, maintaining his healthy appetite. Henry leaves behind his wife of 52 years, Yvette (Chiasson); son, Glen and daughter, Cindy; brothers, Pierre Levi (Shirley), Vincent, and Roger (Laurette); sisters, Louise Anna, Zabeth (George), Stella (Wilbert), Marguerite (Michel), and Monique (Cam); sister-in-law, Velma; as well as many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Henry was predeceased by his infant son, Joseph; brothers, Emile, Ephrem, Alphonse, and infant brother, Robert; brothers-in-law, Victor, Sandy, and Edgar; and sister-in-law, Stella. Visitation was

held on Thursday, January 18th, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Cheticamp Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre Auxiliary or to a charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DEAGLE

Helen Louise (Marple) Deagle of Inverness, born in Margaree Harbour, August 1st, 1931. She passed away peacefully in Inverary Manor, Inverness, surrounded by her family on January 18th, 2024, at the age of 92. Helen was a member of Stella Maris Church, Inverness. She will be missed by her children, Bill (Dawn), Linda (Brian), Barb (Will), Mary Ellen (Robert), Steven (Lori), Bruce (Karrie); sister, Mildred Johnson; brother, Winston (Jeannine) Marple; grandchildren, Mathieu, Melanie, Billy, McKenzie, Indiana, Evan, and John; numerous nieces and nephews. She was a devoted mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and an Inverness icon. A friend to all; kind, loving, creative, helpful, and generous...a blessing to have in your life. Guaranteed anytime you walked into mom's "Ma's" house there would be a pot of tea on, a crib board and cards on the table. She was always ready to have a game no matter if you were five years old or 99. She loved her bingo and cards. In the past, mom was very involved in the community through her volunteer work with the legion, fire department and Stella Maris Parish Church. Helen was predeceased by her husband, Lawrence; daughter, Brenda; and her husband Dwight; brothers, Ralph, Jackie, Richard; sister, Christena; and her parents, John and Chrissy Marple. Visitation was held in Inverness Funeral Home on Sunday, January 21st, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove. Burial to be held at a later date in Stella Maris Parish Cemetery. Reception followed at the Inverness fire hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Helen may be made to Stella Maris Church Furnace Fund. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

LeBRUN

Joseph Frederic LeBrun, Cheticamp Island: It is with sadness we announce the passing of Joseph LeBrun on January 7th, 2024, in Sacred Heart Community Health Centre. He was born December 22nd, 1953, in Reserve Mines, NS; but moved to Cheticamp when very young. Joseph is survived by his wife Connie Atwell-LeBrun; his son Cory; daughters, Shawna LeBrun and Natasha Dowe; grandchildren, Breagh and Kenzie Dowe. Funeral service was held in the community church, Point Cross, on January 22nd at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Pierre Chiasson officiating. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralcoop.com.

MacISAAC

In loving memory of Willard Joseph MacIsaac, who passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 18th, 2024, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Willard was born on July 21st, 1938, to the late Ernest (Ferris) MacIsaac and Mary Dorothy (White) MacIsaac. He was an honourable man, who loved to be surrounded by loved ones. He had a love and passion for work, especially his sawmill, in which he spent lots of time with best friends, Clifton Sangster and Jimmy MacIsaac. Willard's other passion was serving the community in which he did through opening the well-known restaurant, Jingles in Inverness. Jingles was known for the best pizza in town. He is survived by his life partner, Sylvia Poirier; three sons, who he loved dearly, Ernest, Jordan, and Shawn MacIsaac; nine step children, Joey (Neilena), Simon, Georgina (Sven) Novosel, Jimmy (Samantha), Steven (Mandy), Paddy (Lorraine), Charles (Dawn), Johnny (Candace), and Ryan; siblings, Melvin MacIsaac, Helen (Fred) MacKinnon, Beverly (John) Duquette, Stella MacIsaac, Erna (Fred) Fitzner, and Jane (Charlie) Smith. Willard was also blessed with 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews who he loved dearly. Besides his parents, Willard is predeceased by his brother, Malcolm MacKay, sister, Mary Beaton and his step daughter, Catherine Poirier. Funeral mass will be held in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove on Saturday, January 27th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CONSIDINE

In loving memory of Honora (Nora) Florence Considine, 1927-2024: It is with a heavy heart that we announce the sudden, but peaceful, passing of Nora Considine, a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother, on January 4th, 2024. Born on January 17th, 1927, Nora lived a life filled with love, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to her family as the oldest of nine children of George Thomas Aucoin and Marie Honora (LeBlanc) Aucoin in Terre Noire, Cape Breton. She was a pillar of strength, offering wisdom and guidance to all who knew her. Her gentle spirit and warm smile touched the lives of everyone she encountered. Nora met Alexander Patrick (Pat) Considine on a train leaving Halifax for Ottawa in 1948. Pat was in the Navy and on his way home to Montreal. They lost touch for a while, and then a chance encounter with John Aucoin, Nora's brother, created the opportunity to reunite. They enjoyed 53 years of marriage until Pat died in 2005. Together, they made a home in Eastern Passage that warmly welcomed family and friends, especially her brothers and sisters, their families and Pat's brother's family. Nora was predeceased by her husband Pat; her mother and father; brothers, George, John, Jerry, Wilfred, Arthur; sister Harriet; and brother-in-law John. She is survived by her sister, Sister Anne Aucoin (Sisters of St. Martha), Antigonish, youngest brother Theodore (Annette), St Joseph du Moine, and sister-in-law Donna Aucoin, Edmonton. A dedicated mother, Nora is also survived by her loving children Michael (Susan), Donald (Cleora), David (Margaret), and Maureen (Ernie). Her grandchildren, Alex (Yvette), Tom (Stacey), Christina (Shawn), Erin (Braden), Alison (Ryan), Katie (Iain), Gabriel, Jeffrey, Nick (Una), Rebecca (Alexander), Simon, Kat (Geoff) and Alexandra, and great-grandchildren, Theda, Zora, Conor, Nathan, Kalee, Avery, Sadie and Ava were a constant source of pride and joy. She loved them dearly. Aunt Nora and Uncle Pat built deep bonds with their nieces and nephews, which are too many to name here, but held a special place in their hearts. During her 96 years, Nora was a teacher in Terre Noire, a civil servant in Ottawa, a licensed practical nurse at the Nova Scotia Hospital, the IWK Children's Hospital, and with Public Health, where she made many lifelong friends. In her free time, she enjoyed gardening on her property in Eastern Passage. She was an active member of St. Andrew's Church ("the beautiful church by the sea"), contributing her time and talents to various charitable causes as an active Catholic Women's League member. Nora leaves a legacy of resilience, grace, and a deep appreciation for the simple joys of life. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may her memory live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

CORMIER

Louie "Eugene" Cormier, age 79, Cheticamp, formerly of Grand Etang passed away on Monday, January 8th, 2024, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Eugene was the son of the late Marcellin and the late Luce (Doucet) Cormier. Eugene worked for the Department of Highways for 30 years. When he wasn't out in snowstorms for work, he was driving the boys to hockey. He was a great dad who brought us camping, having campfires, and taking us trout fishing. Dad enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, who made him smile. He loved going for drives, just to see what was going on. His pastimes were talking on the phone, chewing gum, and watching T.V. (when he could stay awake). He enjoyed when people would visit and especially when they brought him treats. He enjoyed family get-togethers and listening to the boys play guitars and sing. Eugene is survived by sons, Marcellin Cormier (Brittany), Joey Cormier (Amy), and Luke Cormier (Zhen); daughter, Sylvia Cormier (Robert); sisters, Juliette Poirier, Evangeline AuCoin, and Margaret (Ivan) Chiasson; grandchildren, Dakota, Capri, Rowdy, and Kendrick; and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Eugene was predeceased by his wife, Rita (Chiasson) Cormier; sisters, Marie Jeanne Cormier, Ethel Bourgeois, Emerise MacDonald, and Ella Cormier; brothers-in-law, Leo Poirier, Nectaire Bourgeois, Johnny MacDonald, and Leonard Pottier. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 20th, 2024, in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine with visitation from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral at 10:30 a.m. with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Lung Association or a Charity of Your Choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca. There will be a lunch following the funeral at the Mi-Carême Centre, Grand Etang.

LaPIERRE

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we, the family of Mary Catherine LaPierre "Mama Bear,"

announce her passing on Sunday, January 7th, 2024, at the age of 75. Born November 8th, 1948, in Inverness, Mary was a daughter of the late Bernie and Lila Beaton, the youngest of six children. Mary's greatest joy was spending time with family and friends, especially her girls. She was an avid lover of country music and was fortunate to have travelled to numerous cities such as Nashville, Toronto, and Montreal to attend music concerts. She looked forward to her getaways to Florida with her girls, where she relaxed in the backyard sipping on coffee while enjoying the peaceful scenery, and going for daily tours around the grounds in the golf cart. When she wasn't out and about travelling and concert going, she spent most of her time in Port Hood with her sister, Annie; niece, Margie and her niece's husband, Jack. This time spent with them were precious moments to her. Mary will always be remembered for her kind and generous heart, and for doing anything she could for those she loved. She was famous for giving away her homemade biscuits, peanut butter balls, apple pies, and pizza. Mary was known as "Mama Bear" to many who loved her and to whom she loved dearly. She will hold you all in her heart forever. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Bernie LaPierre; parents, Bernie and Lila Beaton; brothers, John and Louis Beaton; and sister, Tena MacDougall. Mary will be lovingly remembered by her daughters, Rose, Janice (Ken), Crystal (Scott); sons, Brian (Tressa); Claudie (Shelly); granddaughter, Megan; brother, Dan Joe Beaton; sister, Annie MacDonald; niece, Margie MacDonald (Jack); godsons, Blaise MacDonnell (Paula) and Brandon MacDonald. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews as well as countless other family members and friends. Visitation was held on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Inverness Funeral Home, with funeral mass to follow at 1:00 p.m. in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove. Memorial donations in Mary's name may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

God saw you getting tired,
And the cure was not to be;
So He put his arms around you,
And whispered, "Come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away;
And although we love you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A Golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest;
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

MacDONALD

Anne "Claire" MacDonald, age 79, of Inverness, Nova Scotia suddenly passed away on Thursday, January 11th, 2024. She was born on March 2nd, 1944, to the late Willie A. Mac Isaac and Willehmina (Mina) Mac Isaac. Claire was raised in St. Ninian, but spent most of her years in Nevada Valley. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Charlie MacDonald; their two sons, Brian (Kim) MacDonald and Donald (Wendy) MacDonald; as well as three grandchildren, Brianna (David), Tamara (Ryan), Jessica (Logan); and great-grandchildren, Kayden and Lochlan. She is also survived by sisters, Edna Suitor, Catherine (Bill) Mac Gillivray, Grace (Mike) Tapics, Lillian (Cecil) Dunlap, Martha (Richard) Gillis, Monica (George) Goodall; brothers, Donald Mac Isaac, Willie (Louise) Mac Isaac, Allan (Mariss) Mac Isaac, Robert (Sadia) Mac Isaac; sisters-in-law, Carm Mac Isaac, Gerri Mac Isaac; brother-in-law, Finley Beaton; and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by sisters, Mary (Angus) Beaton, Theresa Gillis; brothers, Angus Mac Isaac, Byron Mac Isaac, Donald Francis in infancy; brothers-in-law, John Suitor, John (Mary) MacDonald, Allan MacDonald; sisters-in-law Anna (Jack) MacDonald, Josie Beaton. Also predeceased by nephews, Blaise Gillis, Henry (Carla) Snow, Blaise Mac Isaac, and Glen Mac Isaac. A visitation in the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Mabou, for Anne "Claire" will be held Wednesday, January 17th, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A funeral mass, St. Joseph's Church, Glencoe, will occur on Thursday, January 18th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Anne "Claire" will be laid to rest in St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery, Glencoe Mills. Contributions in Anne "Claire's" memory may be made to St. Joseph's Cemetery Fund, Glencoe Mills, Nova Scotia or to a charity of your choice.

MacDONALD

Anne Marie (Gillis) MacDonald of Mabou, born February 14th, 1949, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on January 12th, 2024. In the year Anne was born, her family moved from Egypt down to the farm in Gillisdale. Here she grew up, the fifth child of 18, to parents Mary (MacLellan) and Alexander (Donald Finley) Gillis. Anne was a true example of selflessness and grace. She loved her parents greatly and had a profound respect for them. She learned the importance of family through the close-knit environment she grew up in; family is the richness and wealth in life, sharing and growing together. She learned life fundamentals early from her father: trapping, logging, Christmas tree harvesting, fishing and salting gaspereau, and farming. She learned about harnessing Colty and Harlow, household care, as well as strength, compassion, and forgiveness from her mother, a remarkable person. She learned of love and happiness in her mother's kitchen; children dancing to fiddle tunes, and her parents waltzing. Anne had a fierce love for life and a great understanding of what was important. Anne moved to Boston for work after high school. Here she built on her caring nature and was successful in the nursing and physiotherapy field. She was a leader in the areas of respect and diversity. Anne met and married Hugh MacDonald while in Boston, and moved to Mabou to raise their family after the birth of their first child. Anne continued to work throughout the years while raising her family, including Inverness Manor, J.R. MacMillan's Store, and elderly care. Anne's focus was on supporting her family and children; a hockey and figure skating mom, instilling the importance of math and education, highlighting the importance of effort and kindness. Anne weaved this within the many visits to family. Anne was the finest; a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. With fond and cherished memories, she will be forever loved by her husband, Hugh MacDonald; children, Keith (Nadine Wambolt) MacDonald, Dennis (Georgia Skardasi) MacDonald, Sylvia MacDonald, and Bonny Jean (Dale Cameron) MacDonald; grandchildren, Eva MacQuarrie, Morgan MacQuarrie, John Finley Cameron, Hughie Cameron, Angelos MacDonald, Odysseas MacDonald; godchildren, Elliot MacDonald and Shannon Thomas; brothers Stewart (Mary) Gillis, Earl Gillis, John Gillis, Stephen (Mary) Gillis, and Archie (Ruth) Gillis; sisters, Josephine Gillis, Mary (Steve) Gillis, Minnie Gillis, Rhoda (Stan) Mills, Cassie (Suey) MacDougall, Susan Gillis, Hughena Parlee, Theresa Wilcox; and sisters-in-law, Anne Marie Thomas, Margaret Gillis, Annabelle Gillis, Kay Gillis; along with a large circle of extended family and friends. Anne was predeceased by her father, Alexander Gillis; mother, Mary (MacLellan) Gillis; sister, Olive Gillis, brothers, Alexander Gillis, Donald Gillis, Angus Gillis; nephews, Terry Swaysland and Ben Gillis; and brother-in-law, Dennis MacDonald. Anne lived the rule to treat others how you want to be treated yourself. Her first language was Gaelic, she loved stories, her family history, sports, competition, and reading. She loved a good card game; rarely losing, and enjoyed teaching her favourite games to family and friends. She entertained many friends and family with her stories and readings, and she could always see the good in our future. Anne was a proud wife and mother. Her marriage of 52 years was one of love, mutual respect, and support. She took great pride and joy in her grandchildren, their laughter and presence made her happy. Anne walked within the generations of her family and she connected us all. She had a strong faith, a gentle spirit, and will be lovingly remembered. Special thanks to Bernice MacNeil, Dr. Ritter and Lori Ann, Dr. Kathryn Binnersley and Continuing Care nurses, Sarah MacDougall, and the home care providers. Updated: Visitation will be held on Friday January 26th, 2024, in St. Mary's Church, Mabou, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass will take place on Saturday, January 27th, 2024, in St. Mary's Church, Mabou, at 11:00 a.m. If desired, donations can be made in lieu of flowers to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, PO Box 610, Inverness, Nova Scotia, B0E1N0. Online condolences may be made to: invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacDONALD

It is with a deep sense of both loss and gratitude that we share with you the passing of Mary Evelyn "Bobbie" MacDonald, wife of James "Jim Dan," mother of Pamela (Jonathan) and Fiona (Shawn) and grandmother and step-grandmother to Nate and Abby. On the 18th of May, 1934, Bobbie was born in her family home in Port Hood, Cape Breton, to parents Beatrice and John Alex MacDonald. She was the sixth of eight children, and spoke often of memories made with siblings Kenny, Donald, Joe, Wency, Celia, Nelda, and Joanie. She was predeceased by all of these except youngest sister, Joanie, as well as by sisters-in-law, Marcella, Rita, Doris, and brother-in-law, Albert. Bobbie lived most of her life in Port Hood, where she felt deeply connected, and was a devoted member of Saint Peter's Parish. In earlier years she

worked and lived in Montreal, Boston, Connecticut, British Columbia, Newfoundland, Ontario, and Halifax. Each place had entertaining stories and impressions attached, ranging from epic blizzards in a tiny outpost, unforgettable stage shows, and great “down home” dances and ceilidhs with family in Boston, Montreal, and Ontario. After she and Jim married in 1961, the road trips began! With the cooler stocked, the thermos of tea handy, and the tunes lined up, they hit the road; Bobbie regularly keeping their speed in check (“Jim, your foot!”). Travelling widely across Canada and the United States, they enjoyed the sights, visited family, and hit the malls. A highlight for Bobbie was her trips to Ireland and Scotland, where she surrounded herself with one of her favourite things – tartan! Bobbie had a reputation as an excellent cook and baker. The kitchen was her domain, and nothing pleased her more than having both ovens going and the counter full of treats. In earlier years she operated The Highland Nook with her mother, Bea, where the tea and laughs flowed, and in the ‘70s she ran The Tudor House dining room. Bobbie cherished her home and worked hard to make it beautiful and welcoming. She loved to see guests enjoying a good cup of tea and a “lunch.” She knew who favoured mince pie over apple, and who had a taste for “war” cake and the elusive “country cheese.” It was once calculated that the number of biscuits she made over the decades could stretch to the causeway! Holidays were a feast, and we all appreciated her dishes, made with love. Another of Bobbie’s greatest passions was Celtic music. Some of her first memories were of the Gaelic songs sung by her mother and grandmother, and little Bobbie joined in as soon as she was able. Her many years singing with Gaelic group Coisir an Eilein brought her immense joy, friendship, and a focus for her beautiful voice – to say nothing of the parties! She also loved square dances, and she and Jim would come home glowing after a night on the floor. A favourite song or fiddle tune would sometimes cause her to pause, close her eyes, and simply revel. Bobbie placed faith at the centre of her life and possessed a spirit far stronger than her quiet demeanour would ever suggest. Her remarkable sense of humour, daily spiritual devotion and fortitude carried her, with grace, through years of declining health. Jim, always concerned with her comfort and well-being, was a patient and loving companion. Recently, they would spend most of their time in their small den, and Jim took great satisfaction in keeping the fire blazing, as Bobbie loved to feel the warmth and gaze at the flames (experienced visitors knew to dress for the heat)! As her Alzheimer’s progressed, Bobbie and her family prayed for her ability to remain at home, where she felt most safe and comfortable. Her family is very grateful to the care-givers and home support workers who helped make this possible. Some became almost instant friends, and added much to her quality of life. Martha Gillis, loved by both Bobbie and Jim, was a dedicated and compassionate care-giver for almost two years. Pamela and Fiona extend special thanks to this wonderful woman! Her family also wishes to acknowledge the exceptional palliative care Bobbie received during her few days at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. The nurses, together with family physician, Dr. Monique LaFrance, could not have been more professional or attentive. A particular expression of gratitude goes out to Bobbie’s niece, Linda MacDonald, of Sydney, N.S., who has consistently supported her aunt Bobbie and family with kindness, medical insight, and loads of laughs! Yes... Bobbie’s passing leaves a void, but those who knew her well are also left with lessons on how to grow over time, deal with life’s challenges, and keep laughing ‘til the end! Bobbie’s visitation was held at Port Hood and Area Resting Place, Port Hood, Tuesday, January 9th. Funeral was at Saint Peter’s Parish Church, Port Hood, Wednesday, January 10th. Donations in memory of Bobbie may be made to: Cape Breton Southwestern Food Bank Society – communications@feednovascotia.ca, 902-457-1900; Inverness County Cares Society – invernesscountycares@gmail.com, 902-227-5425. Funeral arrangements under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative.

MacINNIS

With great sadness we announce the death of Mary “Alanna” (MacDonald) MacInnis of Port Hawkesbury, who passed away peacefully on January 8th, 2024, while surrounded by her family following a long and bravely-fought battle with cancer. Born March 31st, 1948, to the late Allan Francis MacDonald and Mary Ann (Beaton) MacDonald, she was the oldest of 10 children. She will be missed by her husband of 52 years, John James, and her children, Ashli, Allan (Heidi) and Matthew (Jason). She was also a proud grandmother to Ewan, Will, Lola, and Zadie. It’s difficult to overstate the impact Alanna had through her work as an educator. A graduate of both the Nova Scotia Teachers College and later St. F. X., she taught at SAERC before serving as its vice principal and then principal. She retired from Richmond Academy in 2002 and continued to tutor students privately for nearly two decades. We will never forget the image of

Mom at the dinner table each evening, marking assignments or tutoring students who travelled for miles to see her. She made people feel valued. She saw their potential. She brought out their best. It was her gift. While sifting through her keepsakes, we found a letter from a former student: "Your encouragement and support to students, parents, and teachers is a most welcomed gift. For the results of it are lifted spirits, increased self-worth, and a hopeful future. Mrs. MacInnis, this is what you have imparted on all of us." This was our Alanna. But it wasn't all work. She baked a killer butterscotch pie. The fiddle brought her feet to life and filled her with contagious joy. (Shopping also seemed to have this effect!) She was a force to be reckoned with in tennis and in golf. She was dedicated to her family, organizing the annual ring-toss tournament that brought us together every summer. She loved her winters in Florida with friends, and adventures with John, her partner in life. She served as a lector, a Eucharistic minister, and a member of the Council at St. Joseph's Parish. Her faith guided her through life until the end, with guidance from St. Anthony, who always helped her find her way. (And her keys.) She is survived by her brothers Alex, Angus, Bernie (Janice), Kevin (Margie) and Stanley (Catherine), her sisters Betty and Margie, and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Mom knew she would continue her journey in Heaven where she'd join her sisters Anne and Joan, along with her parents and siblings-in-law Brenda (Angus), Marjorie (Alex) and Wayne (Anne). There is a receiving line of fiddlers and angels welcoming her there. There are far too many people to thank for their friendship and support of Alanna, but we would like to acknowledge her Palliative Care Support team. We deeply appreciate the comfort you gave her. Visitation was held in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home, 724 Granville Street, Port Hawkesbury on Saturday, January 13th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and then again Sunday, January 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Her funeral took place at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15th, in St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Port Hawkesbury with Father Joby Augustin and Deacon Burkley Guthro officiating. In lieu of flowers, Alanna would be pleased to have your donations directed to St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery Fund or Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com.

MacKINNON

It is with sadness we announce the passing of our mother, Ruth Viola (Cameron) MacKinnon on January 4th, 2024, in Inverness Consolidated Hospital. She was born in Inverness June 30th, 1954, the daughter of the late Roy and Elizabeth (Davis) Cameron. Ruth is survived by her partner of 30 years, Joe MacInnis; son Cameron (Joanne) MacKinnon, grandson Owen Cameron, Campbell River, BC; daughter Jennifer MacKinnon, Moncton, NB; brothers Wilson (Alexina), Craigmore, Norman (Anne Marie), Lower Sackville; sister Elva (Don) Fitzgerald, Yarmouth and sister-in-law Margie Cameron. Besides her parents, Ruth was predeceased by her brother George. Ruth was an employee of Stora for 37 years. She also spent seven years working in Fort MacMurray before returning to her home in West Lake Ainslie. She loved nature, camping, tending her flowers, and working in her garden and greenhouse. We want to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Monique LaFrance, Dr. John Ritter, Dr. Wissam Saliba, the Oncology and Palliative Care teams, (a special thanks to Lori Ann) and the nursing staff at Inverness Consolidated Hospital for the love, care and compassion given to Ruth during her illness. Per Ruth's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Donations in her memory may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care or Inverness Hospital Foundation Fund. Arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative.

POIRIER

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Marie Lucille Poirier, on January 11th, 2024, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp, at the age of 75 years. She was a daughter of the late Peter and the late Antoinette (Hâché) Larade. Mom is survived by her loving husband, Joseph Claude Poirier, who loves her whole heartedly, always took care of her, and advocated for her when she was unable to; her oldest son, Daren Poirier, Halifax, middle child Paul Poirier (Debbra Walsh-Poirier), Halifax, and youngest, Joleen McClennan (Lorne McClennan), Dartmouth; her pride and joy, her grandchildren, Samantha Jones, Rene Poirier, Simon Poirier, Lorna McClennan, Ashlynn Walsh-Poirier and Haylee McClennan; as well as her great-grandchildren, Ayden, Aria, Aubree, and Olivia; brothers, Bernie Larade, Hubert Larade, Jean-Albert Larade, Michel Larade, and Lubie Larade; sisters, Ethel Merry, Linda Larade, Anita AuCoin, and Stella Burns. Besides her parents, Mom was predeceased by her first husband, Simon Pierre Poirier, and her sister, Lorraine LeBlanc. In her

earlier years Mom worked several different jobs. She was a waitress, and worked at AuCoin's bakery, but she settled on babysitting her sister Anita's three children, Jennifer, Carol, and Matthew. That's when she lovingly began being called, Tante Cille. After losing her first husband, Simon Pierre, she was left alone to raise three young children until she found her second and forever love, Joseph Claude. Together, they built a life in Cheticamp. Mom was a loving wife and mother, who was always there for us. She loved hard and unconditionally, and that love went on to foster deep connections and love with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. No matter what she was going through, seeing her kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids would bring a smile to her face and fill her heart with pure love. Mom was a strong and courageous woman who battled and won her fight against cancer, not once, but twice, and never complained no matter how scared she was. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 18th, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery, St. Joseph du Moine. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. We would like to send our sincere appreciation to the staff at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre for the loving care you gave mom. A special thank you to all her home care nurses, but especially Stacey and Michelle. Mom truly trusted you and enjoyed your visits. You made her feel loved and special, and for that, we will always be grateful. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

POIRIER

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Marie Donathilde Poirier, age 65, on Friday, December 29th, 2023, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. She was a daughter to the late Amédée H. and the late Marie Cecile (Harris) Poirier. Donathilde was a talented artist and illustrator, a lover of animals (especially cats), a connoisseur of movies of all genres, and like her father before her, a natural-born storyteller, with a mischievous sense of humour – “une vrai Faiseuse de toures,” as everyone who knew her would say. Donathilde loved the winter season and was never happier than when she was outside, walking, on a cold winter's day – unless she was inside, phone clasped to her ear, gabbing up a storm. Donathilde had no children of her own, although, all of her many nieces and nephews would lovingly call her “leur deuxième mère.” She was always ready to help and never more than a phone call away. Despite suffering from mental health issues most of her adult life, she never lost her caring spirit or the natural urge to help whoever was in need. Late in life, she co-founded, along with her sister Marjolaine, H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Equally) Mental Health Awareness Group in Chéticamp, and was a spirited advocate for those suffering in silence. We will always remember her playful, wry smile, her stubborn determination, her fighting spirit, when it came to her health issues and her pursuits, her stories over toast and tea (and cigarettes), and the difference she made in our lives. At this moment, we can almost hear her say, “Shu bien, j'vous aiment un gros pileau!” We will miss her dearly. Donathilde is survived by her sister, Marie Marjolaine (Claude P.) Poirier. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Joseph Melvin (late Mina Deveau) Poirier, Joseph Roger Poirier, and Henry Edward (Donalda Camus) Poirier; sisters, Marie Marguerite (Lionel) Poirier, Marie Eveline (late Henry Charles) Roach, Marie Beatrice (late Joseph Arthur) Deveau, and Marie Jessie Poirier. A funeral service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

CAMERON

Jennifer Sarah Cameron passed away peacefully at the age of 52 on December 22nd, 2023, in the Foyer Pere Fiset Nursing home in Cheticamp, NS. Jennifer lived in Port Hood most of her life and was willing to lend a hand whenever anyone needed help in her community. She loved to laugh and was always ready for a good joke even though she was never very good at telling them. She enjoyed rides in the truck and the beautiful scenery of the place she called home, where she lived most of her life until she could no longer be independent. Jennifer was diagnosed 37 years ago with Multiple Sclerosis at the age of 15. She was a determined soul and fought the disease with a smile on her face. When she would fall she would get right back up again, always willing and wanting to try again until her body would no longer allow it. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff and palliative care volunteers at the Foyer Pere Fiset Nursing Home in Cheticamp for the wonderful care and compassion she received while in their care.

Jennifer was predeceased by her parents, Donald Joseph and Mary Georgina. She is survived by her sons, JJ and Alex Rankin (Mabou); brother, Ronnie, Port Hood; sisters, Mary (Milo) Negulic, Bedford and Denise (Todd) Buffett, Port Hawkesbury. She will also be missed by her nephews, Cameron, Luke, and Niko; as well as her niece, Anna; also, Sandy Harris, a special friend and companion at Pere Fiset, will miss her dearly as well. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. on Friday, January 5th, with funeral mass following at 11:00 a.m. Donations in Jennifer's memory may be made to the Foyer Pere Fiset Nursing Home, Cheticamp. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CAMPBELL

Katherine "Kaye", 89, of Judique, Inverness County, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, December 31st, 2023. Born in Port Hood, Inverness County, she was the daughter of the late Alex S. and Annie Cassie (Cameron) MacDonald of Colindale. Kaye, like many Cape Bretoners, relocated to Halifax for work in the 1950s. Employed with the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company Limited, she loved Halifax and her large network of friends. It was in Halifax where she met her love, Ambrose. They married in 1960 and went on to enjoy over 63 years of marriage. They shared a deep love and friendship. After working and raising their family, they settled into a routine – in summer, you could find them in the morning at the community garden tending to their potatoes and string beans and, in the afternoon, at Baxter's Beach enjoying the sun. In winter, they continued to walk, read, and attend weekly card games and music sessions. Mom loved to watch Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. Thomas and Dougald knew not to call her when her shows were on – when they forgot, she politely answered her phone, told them she was watching Jeopardy, and hung up on them. Kaye took great joy in raising her seven children. As a mom, she recognized very early the power of learning through books and reading, and the family book collection of the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew garnered admiration from everyone in the neighbourhood. She had boundless energy – she fed a family of nine, baked, pickled and preserved anything in her reach. In the early lean years, she always found money for books, sleds, skates and put family needs above all else. When later she found herself an empty nester, with a lot of energy on her hands, she lovingly helped other families in Judique with raising their children. They too got the benefit of Mom's unwavering patience, sense of humour, and love. Many of these children, now adults, were given coveted picture spots on her fridge as they graduated, got married and had their own children. Kaye's life experiences included being a child of both the Great Depression and the 1940s Tuberculosis era in which her dad died – and it was through this lens that she developed a very pragmatic view of life with its realities and hardships. But, this also gave her an incredible sense of optimism regarding the joy and beauty that life offered. When the global pandemic hit, she soldiered on and knew inherently that this too, would pass. That didn't stop calls from across the globe telling her not to go to Walmart. Our mission was to keep her safe, her mission was to "pick up a few things." We learned a lot from her grounded view of the world. As someone said, she was one of a kind. Kaye was a devout member of St. Andrew's Catholic Parish Church. She prayed to Saint Therese de Lisieux and practised the "little way" of Saint Theresa as the foundation for her own spirituality. Mom did small deeds every day that improved the lives of those around her. She was a member of the Kildonan Seniors' Club and, for many years, was a mainstay at many fundraising events in support of the community of Judique. Kaye would want to give a special shout out to her "walking group" – Betty Ann Campbell, Marion Graham, Alice Campbell, Donna MacLellan, Margie King, Brenda MacDonald, Yvonne MacDonnell, Marion MacIsaac, Anita Gillis, and Virginia MacInnis. She was the captain of their group and the love, laughter, and friendship they offered to her on a daily basis will never be forgotten. A special thanks to Mary Donald R. for her love and support of Mom. We don't think they went a day without a telephone call or a walk across the yard. Kaye was predeceased by her brothers, Johnny and Sandy; sisters, Margaret, Marie, and Alexina. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Helen MacDonald, Port Hood and several nieces and nephews who adored her. She will be sadly missed by her husband, Ambrose and her family: Kevin, Halifax; Carly (John Traves), Halifax; Arlene (late Wayne MacEachern), Judique; Louise (Adam Carroll), Brisbane, Australia; Allan, Halifax; Paula (Paul Rogers), Yellowknife; and Mark (Thea Gillis), Yellowknife. She will be especially missed by her grandchildren, Ross and Katharine Traves, Halifax; Thomas and Dougald MacEachern, Judique; Tess, Dane, and Sam Campbell-Carroll, Brisbane, Australia; Cassie, James and Isabel Rogers, Yellowknife; and Mairin Campbell, Yellowknife. Grandma loved each of them in her own special way and

reveled in all their accomplishments. Mom was our North Star. We would have wanted more time with Mom, but we are content in the knowledge that God has called her home and she will be with family and friends that went before her. Funeral mass was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 6th, 2024, in St. Andrew's Catholic Parish Church, Judique. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com. "I will let fall from Heaven...Shower of Roses," St. Therese.

DEVEAU

Marie Isabelle Deveau, age 89, of Cheticamp: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother and friend, Marie Isabelle Deveau, on Monday, January 1st, 2024, at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Isabelle was a daughter of the late Tommie and the late Marie Ann (Chiasson) Chiasson. Isabelle lived in Cheticamp all of her life. She took great pride in raising her five children and loved cooking, cleaning, and rug hooking. She loved life and especially her grandchildren. Isabelle spent the last eight months at the Foyer Père Fiset. She adored the staff and the food, and had nothing but positive things to share about life at the Foyer. Isabelle is survived by her daughters, Gloria (Leonard) LeFort, Marleen Aucoin, Linda (John) Beaton, and Shelley LeLievre (Bruno); grandchildren, Lynn, Sonja, Shandy, Joël, Timothy, and Ryan; great-grandchildren, Landon, Peyton, Raina, and Adrien. Besides her parents, Isabelle was predeceased by her son, Donnie Deveau; sons-in-law, Roland Aucoin and Alex John LeLievre; brothers, Lubie Chiasson and Wilfred Chiasson; and sister, Rita LeFort. Funeral mass was held on January 6th, 2024, at Église Saint Pierre, Cheticamp, with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Foyer Père Fiset.

HAWLEY

Christena (Tena) Marie Hawley, February 25th, 1950 – January 4th, 2024: Christena (Tena) Marie Hawley, 73, of Port Hood, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, January 4th, 2024, at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Born in Inverness, Tena was the daughter of the late Lea and Catherine (Campbell) Hawley of Nevada Valley, NS. Dear sister of Stewart (Cheryl), Kitchener, ON; Anne MacDonald, Mabou; Daniel (Margaret), Kitchener, ON; Cathy (Norbert) MacLellan, Troy; Margaret (Donald Francis) Beaton, Port Hood; the late Raymond (Nancy) Hawley, St. Mary's, ON; Pauline (Fernando) Correia, Cambridge, ON; Patricia (Tony) De Amorim, Kitchener, ON; Theresa (Alex) Fancsali, Kitchener, ON; and Mary (Fernando) Medeiros, Cambridge, ON. She will be missed dearly by her nieces and nephews, numerous relatives; and close friends. After completing high school, Tena graduated in 1969 from the Camp Hill School of Nursing Assistants in Halifax. She was always conscientious in serving her patients with dignity, respect, and true compassion for over 30 years. From Halifax, Tena travelled to Boston, Massachusetts, where she continued her devotion to being a steadfast caregiver. She eventually returned back to what she referred to as "my island" where she worked at the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home. She has helped many people along her journey in life and will be missed by those lives she touched. Tena's life was defined by her unwavering dedication to her family. She was always committed to them every step of the way, often putting care for her loved ones ahead of herself. Tena never backed down from a challenge and faced life with optimism, incredible strength and courage. Tena was known for her contagious smile and fun nature. She enjoyed cooking and was a master at making her Italian meatballs. Tena enjoyed hosting and being in the middle of the family fun; playing cards, catching up in conversations and enthusiastically sharing many adventurous stories about her life experiences. Tena enjoyed reading and music and would often be heard humming as she went about her day. Singing in the church choir brought her great happiness and joy. Tena also enjoyed travelling to Ontario to visit siblings and to embrace adventures as they came along. She was a loving aunt to numerous nieces and nephews and was honoured to be a godmother to several. Without a doubt, Tena's loving, caring, and beautiful soul will never be forgotten. We are heartbroken to lose her, but take comfort in knowing she is in God's hands now and one of His special angels. We believe that her kind and loving spirit will be looking over her family and friends. As Tena requested, cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 11th, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Mabou. Funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 12th, 2024, at St. John the Baptist Church, Brook Village with Fr. Andrew Gillies presiding. A private family burial to follow

at the parish cemetery. Family and friends are invited to join us for a reception after the burial in the parish hall. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of the Inverness Funeral Home. The funeral mass will be recorded and be made available at a later date. The family is most grateful to the dialysis team at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital as well as the medical staff who provided a caring space for Tena and her family during her final days. If desired, donations may be made the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Charitable Foundation. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacDONALD

Mary MacDonald passed away peacefully at the age of 77 on January 6th, 2024, in the Inverary Manor in Inverness, NS. Mary was born on December 17th, 1946, to the late Archie Alex and Jessie Belle MacDonell. She spent her childhood years at the homestead in Glencoe Station where she developed a lifetime bond with her three sisters and two brothers. At the age of 19, she began working at the bank in Port Hood, where she was a loyal and devoted employee for the next 35 years. It was during this time she became affectionately known as Mary at the Royal. In 1976, she married Johnnie and settled in Little Judique. Through determination, sacrifices, and her faith, she raised her family as a loving mother and wife. Mom found joy spending time with family, playing bingo or cards, her daily walks with friends, maintaining her home and garden, or by pulling out her terrific impersonations. However, her greatest pleasure was when her grandchildren were born which led to many trips to Hamilton. For the last several years, Mom lived in the Highlands Villa at the Inverary Manor. It was here where she added a new family comprised of the tremendous staff who adopted Mom as one of their own. Anyone who had an encounter with Mom recognized her sincerity, kindness, and compassion. Our family is proud of the moral life she lived and have been blessed to have had her in our lives. Mary is survived by her son, Robert; daughter, Jana (Dane Rowsell), her grandchildren, Eli and Madelyn; sisters, Annie, Jessie Mae, and Jenny; as well her in-laws, Charlie and Clare MacDonald, Finley Beaton, and Geoffrine MacIntyre. She was predeceased by her husband, John; her brothers, Alex Duncan and Gerard; in-laws, John R. Gillis, Tommy Batherson, Anna MacDonald, and Josie Beaton. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 14th, at the Port Hood and Area Resting Place from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be held at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Judique, on Monday, January 15th at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to LungNSPEI or charity of choice. Online condolences may be made at www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacGILLIVRAY

Elizabeth Carmel MacGillivray, April 25th, 1950 – December 2nd, 2023: With her loving family by her side, Elizabeth (Betty) MacGillivray (nee MacMaster) was called home on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023, at the age of 73. Betty will be forever loved by her son Clayton (Shannon MacPherson) and their children Carter and Emmett; daughter Marlena (Shane Roberts) and their children Luc and Isaac; sisters, Marie MacDonald and Julie Davis; brothers, James Albert (Theresa), Gerard (Anne), Donald, and Earl; sister-in-law Marg; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard; parents, John A and Mary Ann (MacDonald) MacMaster; son, Craig; sister, Sharon Wilson; brothers, Alexander, Angus, John Bernard, and George; and brothers-in-law Duncan MacDonald and Mike Davis. Betty was born in Inverness, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, and raised in Judique, NS. She worked briefly in Boston and in Toronto at the Toronto Star before returning home to marry and start a family. In 1982, she moved to Calgary where she trained in computer processing and did office work. Betty found her calling as a cook, gracing the kitchens of The Bay, Zellers Skillet restaurant, and the Colonel Belcher long-term care facility. She held her own with her down-home cooking style next to the professionally trained chefs. Since moving to Calgary, she was a member of Corpus Christi Catholic Parish. When she could no longer attend in person due to the pandemic, she watched mass on TV until her passing. As a devout Catholic, she enjoyed when someone knocked on her door to respectfully discuss their religion. She'd invite them inside and the family joked that she saw it as her chance convert them. She had a passion for reading, especially biographies, often reading all through the night because she couldn't put a book down once, she started it. As a lover of music, Betty always insisted that the 60's rock was the best genre. In later years, she received great joy from visiting and caring for her four grandsons. She always wanted to hear stories about the family cats and every text message she sent

ended with hearts and paw prints. Betty valued the strong connections to family and friends that she maintained in person and through her many phone conversations. Betty's enduring faith, strong work ethic and deep compassion sustained her family during challenging times. It is these qualities for which she will be remembered. Betty's family would like to thank the staff at the Peter Loughheed and Foothills Medical Centres. Betty was honoured with a funeral mass celebrated at Corpus Christi Catholic Church (404 Northmount Place NW, Calgary) on Saturday, December 9th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. A viewing took place one hour prior to the funeral mass. An interment will be held in Cape Breton at a later date. To view and share photos, condolences, and stories of Betty, please visit www.choicememorial.com. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Choice Memorial Cremation & Funeral Services 1-403-277-7343.

LeBLANC

Marcel LeBlanc, age 82, Cheticamp, formerly of Grand Etang, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 21st, 2023 at the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. Marcel was a son to the late Arthur and the late Eleonore (Cormier) LeBlanc. Marcel was a school teacher for many years. He also worked in Montreal for about 15 years. Marcel is survived by his sister, Hilda (Gussie) Chiasson, Grand Etang. Besides his parents, Marcel was predeceased by a brother, Ulric LeBlanc; and a sister, Veronique LeBlanc. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024, in St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery, St. Joseph du Moine with Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

BURTON

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Laird Francis Burton on December 19th, 2023, at Cheticamp Hospital. Laird began working at a very early age and his first job was as fire starter for Cranton Section School. He and his brother George worked for their Dad in the woods and at the family sawmill and shingle machine. As a teenager he went to Toronto, where he met the love of his life Margaret, and in 1978 they realized their dream of moving back to Cape Breton and made East Margaree their home. He worked for Levi LeBlanc Ltd. until its closure and then went to work for Cheticamp Co-op, where he could be found offering friendly advice behind the hardware desk. Laird retired at 65 and enjoyed getting his firewood and deer hunting at "Deer Trail Camp" in the Marsh Brook with his brothers George, Bert, his nephew J.J. and son-in-law Bob. They had a motto: "what happens in camp, stays in camp!" They truly enjoyed their annual "vacation" together. He was a member of the Wilson United Church and served on the board of managers. Laird is survived by his wife of 55 years Margaret (nee Gallen) and daughter Elaine (Bob) Brown. He also is survived by his brother Bert; sister Dale Crawford, sister Liz (Gord) Birch; and sister-in-law Sarah Burton. He is survived by many nieces and nephews, but his favourite was John Joseph a.k.a. J.J. He was predeceased by his son Michael; parents Stanley and Georgia Burton; brothers George Stanley, William James (stillborn), and sister Annapolis Valee. At Laird's request there will be no visitation or reception. Celebration of Life service was held at Wilson United Church, Margaree Centre, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 23rd, 2023, with Rev. Alicia Cox officiating. Interment followed in the Congregational Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to Wilson United Church Cemetery Fund. Funeral is under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-op, Margaree Valley.

MacDONALD

Winfred "Win" MacDonald, age 85, Truro/Port Hood, died on December 11th, 2023. Born in 1938 to Donald Colin and Catherine (MacQuarrie) MacDonald of Port Hood, NS. Survived by brothers, Greg and Urban (Theresa), both of Windsor, ON, and many nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his parents; sister, Bernice; brother, Stanley; brother-in-law, Ken, and sisters-in-law, Lorraine and Elizabeth. Win was a proud alumnus of ST. F.X. ('60) and had several interesting careers through his life, including making explosives for Dupont, working as an auditor for CIP in Montreal, and various senior management jobs in the flooring industry including at Crossley in Truro, NS. Win was a sports enthusiast and loved to watch curling, golf, football, and tennis. He played shinny, squash, and tennis in his youth, and skated and skied through many decades. With little coaxing, he would reminisce at length about skiing with friends deep in the powder of Lake Louise, Aspen and Vail, or on the groomed runs of Snow

Mass, Sainte Anne and Tremblant. Win was a very generous and gregarious host. He loved to cook, and he entertained often. He was well known among family and friends for his garlicky Caesar salads, BBQ'd steaks and slow roasted pork. Win was very clannish and was interested in genealogy and family relationships. He loved visiting with friends and family, and faithfully attended wakes and funerals. He was a loyal brother, uncle, and friend and was always willing to lend a hand, or at the very least an emphatically provided opinion. Win developed many rich and enduring friendships and had a network of very close and loyal friends with whom he maintained frequent contact throughout the decades. Win was well travelled and was particularly fond of time spent with friends exploring New Zealand, Australia, and Europe. He would enthusiastically tell stories of the places he had visited, the people he met, and the friendships made along the way. Win was a proud Cape Bretoner and a huge fan of fiddle music. More often than not, he would have a fiddle album playing while driving in the car, typically Buddy, Ashley, or one of Donald Angus Beaton's descendants. Win enjoyed going to the dances at West Mabou and Glencoe and was always happy to let his nieces or nephews tag along for the ride. Donations in Win's memory may be made to the St. Peter's Cemetery fund, Port Hood, NS, or by an act of charity of your choosing. Church service and interment will take place in Port Hood in July 2024. Online condolences may be made at www.ColchesterCommunity.com. If you knew Win, put a steak on the BBQ, play "Tulloch Gorm" by Ashley MacIsaac, pour yourself a single malt and raise a toast. We love you and miss you, Win!

MacLEOD

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Brian D. MacLeod of Antigonish, NS. Brian passed away on December 24th, 2023, in St. Martha's Regional Hospital, Antigonish, at 71 years of age. Brian was the founder and driving force behind MacLeod Group, the premiere nursing home provider in rural Nova Scotia. Born in Cleveland, Nova Scotia, he was the beloved son of William and Katherine MacLeod. Brian developed his entrepreneurial spirit watching his father cut pulp in the woodlots of Cape Breton. The value of a hard day's work and the sacrifices needed for success became the guiding pillars of the life he built for his family. Brian was a builder of families, communities, and businesses. He was a fierce believer in the value of rural communities and spent his life building MacLeod Group in communities across the Maritimes. His business legacy includes MacLeod Cares, providing high-quality seniors care in 14 communities employing over 1,000 workers. Devoted husband to the late Irene (MacKay) and loving father to William, Brian Douglas (Catherine), Sheumais (Taylor), and Jermal (Myrie). Brother of William "Bill" (Joyce) and Alexander "Sandy" (Marilyn) MacLeod. Brian passionately believed that healthy places had vibrant cultures, so he contributed much time and resources to help communities celebrate their heritage. He supported many local causes in his home community of Antigonish and throughout the region by serving on numerous boards and causes including Mount Alison University, Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation, Nova Scotia Community College, St. Martha's Regional Hospital, Festival Antigonish Theatre, and Antigonish Highland Society among many others. Brian was a passionate supporter of his Scottish heritage and his local St. James United Church. Together, with his life partner Irene, they provided much support to causes they loved and to families that needed discrete support. The MacLeod clan motto – Hold Fast – means that in times of trial you hold on, stoic in your pursuit, assured that time will provide the answers that the present may lack. Brian made his family proud. He held fast. We ask that you celebrate your love for Brian in your own special way. Visitation was held Thursday December 28th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Friday, December 29th from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in C.L. Curry Funeral Home, 135 College Street, Antigonish. Funeral service was held Saturday at St. James United Church, Antigonish, at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Peter Smith presiding. Burial in Paddy's Hollow Cemetery. In Memoriam, donations to the St. James Hot Meal Program or St. James Benevolent Fund appreciated. Online condolences: www.clcurry.com.

LEWISKIN

Isabel (MacNeil, O'Connell) Lewiskin, Halifax/Harbourview: Isabel Lewiskin died peacefully December 10th, 2023, in Melville Lodge, Halifax, at the age of 102. Isabel was born in Harbourview, Inverness County, on August 25th, 1921, to Christena (MacMillan) and John A. MacNeil. Like so many of her generation, Isabel left home as a young woman for work, initially to Toronto and then to New Jersey. It was in New Jersey where she met her first husband, Tom O'Connell. After Tom's death in 1978, she married Maurice Lewiskin, who predeceased her in 2003. While living in the United States, Isabel

returned home to Cape Breton every summer. Eventually she and Maurice moved from the U.S. to Halifax while wintering in Florida and enjoying visits to family in Newfoundland. Isabel lived the past six years in Melville Lodge where she received excellent care. She was an avid reader of various genres, especially biographies, and until well into her 90s she enjoyed watching curling and golf on TV. Until age made telephone conversations difficult, Isabel kept in regular touch with friends and relatives across Canada and the United States. In addition to her parents and husbands, Isabel was predeceased by her brothers, Angus, Donald, Frank, Alex, and Jerry; as well as her nephew, Bob MacNeil and niece Sandra MacDonald. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and special friend, Amy Kenney. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Inverness Funeral Home, with funeral and burial service to take place at St. Peter's Parish Church, Port Hood, in spring 2024. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MAILLET

On December 10th, 2023, our loving mother, Ann Gloria Maillet (Gillis), 78, was received into the loving arms of our Saviour. Ann was born on April 1st, 1945, in Southwest Margaree in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, to Peter and Catherine (MacKinnon) Gillis. Ann left her beloved island at the age of 18 and emigrated to the United States, landing in Waltham, MA, and started work in various factories, including the Waltham Watch Factory. Ann quickly found her calling as a nurse's aide for the majority of her life, immeasurably touching the lives of her many patients with her endless kindness and generosity. Ann also had great wit and a wicked sense of humour, as evidenced by the stories she would share about growing up in a small rural community in Canada, attending a one-room schoolhouse as a child. It is there that she so often found herself sent to the corner after instigating mischief. To know Ann was to love her and we hope that her spirit of kindness, love, and joy of life will inspire those she knew to find the beauty in the benign and to never be too shy to tell someone you love them. Ann is survived by her children, Karen Saisa, Shawn Maillet (Gina), Cheryl MacMillan (Craig), grandchildren Olivia (David), Ben, Athena, Natalie, Shania, Jack, and great-grandson Leo. Also survived by siblings, Lorraine Gillis Jones, Donald Gillis (Florence), Jimmy Gillis, and Margaret Maillet; as well as many cherished nieces and nephews. In eternal life she joins her loving parents; sisters, Mary, Caroline, and Sandra; brother-in-law Lawrence; nephews Stephen and Roger, and niece Corrina. A Celebration of Life for Ann took place on Saturday, December 16th, at the Canadian-American Club in Watertown, MA. A funeral mass and burial will take place in the summer of 2024 in her hometown of Southwest Margaree.

MORRIS

It is with profound sadness that I have to announce the passing of my dear beautiful wife Anna Margaret Morris, a woman full of love, courage, and kindness. Anna was born January 26th, 1961, and passed away all too suddenly peacefully at the Queensway Carleton Hospital in Ottawa on December 9th, 2023. Anna left a huge mark on everyone's hearts of those she loved. Anna was born in Cape Breton, NS, and found her way to Ontario, but her heart was also beating for back home and the rest of her family that she grew up with. Anna is survived by her husband Manfred Wecke and three (four-legged) children. We all miss Anna very, very much, but we do know that Anna is an angel now and will look out and protect all that loved and cared for her. In addition to her academic and professional achievements, Anna's passion all her life was also enjoying dog sports, training, rescuing, and looking out for animals. She always treasured family life and good friendships. Living with Anna was a lesson in love, empathy, and the will to share. May Anna live on through each of us. Anna's favourite saying: "The little engine that could..." Predeceased by her parents Sandy and Catherine (Burke) Morris of Colindale, Anna is survived by sisters, Judy (John), Lower Sackville, Pat (Dennis), Napean, Ontario, Mary (Murray), Barry, Ontario, and brothers Gerard (Michelle), Wasage Beach, Ontario, JP (Connie), Colindale, and Francis (Carol), Colindale, along with nieces and nephews and extended family.

BRUSHETT

August 1940 – December 2023

Veronica "Bonnie" Brushett (MacLellan), 83, of Lake Ainslie, passed away Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, peacefully at home with her family by her side. Born in Inverness, she was the loving wife of late John Brushett and daughter of the late Archie MacLellan and Catherine (Smith) MacLellan of Inverness. She

will be sadly missed by her three daughters, Deborah (Sheldon) MacKay, Denise Brushett (Joe Rossiter), Deanna Brushett (Colin May); sister-in-law and best friend Johnena MacLellan; brother Wayne MacLellan; and sister Anne Bergeron; her cherished grandchildren, Matthew MacKay (Jennifer MacLean), Amanda MacKay (Vi Tang), and Brandon MacKay, Clare and Brynn Woods, Cattleya Rossiter; and great-grandchildren, Logan and Ellajah Tang, Noah and Norah MacKay. Also surviving are her brothers-in-law Fabian and Danny Brushett and sisters-in-law Harriet Brushett, Theresa Brushett, Cassie Brushett, and Eileen Brushett; and her best friends Blanche Lalonde and Winnie Reid also many nieces and nephews. We would like to acknowledge and thank Donna MacLennan and Kathleen Richardson for their compassionate care, who became family to all of us during Mom's illness. Besides her parents and her husband, she was predeceased by her granddaughter Sienna Rossiter, sisters Georgena and Mildred (in infancy), her brothers Johnnie, Archie, Murdock, Willard and Gary; sisters-in-law Shirley, Marg, and Chubby; brothers-in-law Colin and Charles. She worked alongside her husband John at Ainslie Village Campground for 18 years and then at Soldier's Cove Gas and Variety Store for 13 years, where they made lifelong friends. After retiring, John and Bonnie returned to the Lake, their beloved spot. Mom enjoyed making apple pies and often would make eight or more at a time; but only if someone would peel all the apples! She was happiest cooking and baking for her family and friends and spending special times sitting around drinking tea and enjoying her sweets. Mom loved watching movies, soap operas, and game shows. We, the family, would like to thank the doctors, wonderful nurses, and staff at Inverness Consolidated Hospital and Victoria County Hospital who cared for Mom over the years. A special thank you to Dr. John Ritter, Lori Ann Gillis, the Palliative Care team, and Continuing Care nurses Jessica and Genevieve, who cared for Bonnie. Cremation has taken place. A family service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Mom may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

CORMIER

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our father, Réal Cormier, age 61, on December 4th, 2023, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre in Chéticamp. Born July 21st, 1962, in Saint-Joseph-du-Moine, he was the son of the late Émile and the late Marie (née Poirier) Cormier. A fisherman most of his life, the sea was where he felt most like himself. Before he returned to the region to be a fisherman, he had discovered a passion for cooking. Graduate from l'Institut de tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Québec in Montréal, he spent many years working in restaurant kitchens, but also loved to cook for his family. We will no longer be able to play a game of crib or listen to loud music in a rocking chair (specifically a wooden one) without thinking of him. He will be greatly missed. We also hope that you will hold onto good memories of Réal. Réal leaves to mourn his two children, Pascale (William) and Louis; the mother of his children, Claire; as well as his siblings: Pauline (Gilles), Marie Jeannine (Claude), Roger (Mary), Daniel (Brenda), Bernadette (Alfred), Régina, and Denis (Charlene). Réal also leaves his numerous nieces and nephews, and their families: Geneviève, Jacinthe, Jacques, Maxime, Mélanie, Tara, Chantelle, Adam, Ghislaine, Sylvain, Marie Josée, François, Julien, Rachelle, Jonathan, Amélie, Michael, and Laura. He was predeceased by his parents Émile and Marie, his brother Maurice Cormier, and many friends, who we hope welcomed him with open arms. Our family would like to thank all the members of the medical teams who treated him during his cancer diagnosis over the past year and a half. The funeral will take place at Saint-Joseph's Church, Saint-Joseph-du-Moine, on Saturday, December 16th, at 10:30 a.m with Father Pierre Antoine St Cyr officiating. The family will receive condolences one hour prior to the service at the church (9:30 a.m.). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Réal's name to the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Fund or to an addiction treatment centre. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

GILLIS

Catherine Margaret Gillis "Caddy" of Upper Margaree: Our family circle is forever broken as we announce the passing of our sister Caddy, on December 5th, 2023, in Inverary Manor, Inverness. She was born in Inverness on February 23rd, 1936, the eldest of six daughters of the late Angus Allan and Margaret (Gillis) Gillis. Caddy grew up and attended school in Upper Margaree. After the death of her parents, she lived in Halifax for a few years, then moved to Namara Complex in Inverness where she enjoyed the

independence of having her own apartment. Due to declining health, Caddy moved to Inverary Manor in June 2015, where she received the best of care. She was a woman of strong faith with a devotion to Saint Anne and made many pilgrimages to the shrine in Quebec. Caddy also enjoyed trips with her sisters to Ottawa, Edmonton, and the U.S. She truly loved Cape Breton fiddle music and attended many square dances and ceilidhs over the years. She was delighted when Cape Breton fiddler, Kinnon Beaton composed a tune and named it "The Catherine Gillis Reel." Caddy is survived by her sisters, Marie (Leland) Grady, New Glasgow, Helen and Alison Gillis, Upper Margaree, Hughena (Brian) Boydeu, Halifax, Allana (the late Ron) MacFarlane, Sydney; four nieces and two nephews; three grand nieces and three grand nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and brother-in-law Ron MacFarlane. The family would like to express sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the staff of Inverary Manor for their care and kindness towards Caddy over the years. Also, to friends who visited her and most of all a huge thanks to Dr. Susan Egar. Visitation was held in Inverness Funeral Home on Monday, December 11th, 2023, from 9:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Funeral mass followed at 12:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church, South West Margaree. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Inverary Manor, Inverness, or to St. Joseph's Cemetery Fund, South West Margaree. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacDONALD

September 16th, 1954 – December 3rd, 2023: It is with great sadness that the family of Adeline Juanita MacDonald of Port Hood announces her passing on December 3rd, 2023, at Inverness Consolidated Hospital. Adeline was born on September 16th, 1954, and lived in Port Hood most of her life. She is survived by Tom, her husband of 47 years; their two daughters, Melinda (Steve) Lauchlan and Karla (Brodie) MacIsaac; as well as the three grandchildren she adored, Lucy, Zoe, and Talitha. She is also survived by her brothers, Aubrey (Marelyn) Hawley, Edwin Hawley, and Warren (Judy) Leadbetter. She was predeceased by her parents Marjorie and Rob Hawley and her brothers Miller and Alexander Hawley. Adeline worked as a secretary for the Strait Regional School Board for many years, where she faithfully served staff and students around the region. She will be remembered for her generosity, love of card games with family and friends, and baking the best biscuits. The family would like to extend sincere appreciation to the staff at Inverness Consolidated Hospital for their care and compassion throughout the time of Adeline's illness. Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13th, at the Port Hood & Area Resting Place. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's United Church on Thursday, December 14th. Burial will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Canadian Cancer Society in Adeline's Memory. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sunset Funeral Co-op. Online condolences may be sent to: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

ROACH

Edmond Roach, age 73, Cheticamp, passed away on Wednesday, December 6th, 2023, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Edmond was a son to the late James (Jimmie) and the late Lucie (Roach) Roach. Edmond was a man loved by his family and friends. He was a quiet man who didn't like to make a big fuss. However, you could find him sitting on his deck in the summer months and he would welcome anyone who would come by for a visit. In his early days, Edmond loved his sports. He was a great athlete, excelling in any sport he played in. He also had a love for his cars. Edmond spent over 30 years working for NS Power, working days and nights at times, ensuring the community kept its power. In his later years, he enjoyed fishing, spending time on his four-wheeler, watching baseball and hockey, especially his beloved Montreal Canadiens, and spending time with family and friends. Edmond is survived by his sons, Darren Roach and Jason Roach; brothers, Alphonse (late Albertine) Roach, Daniel (Lise) Roach, and Emile (Florence) Roach; sisters, Marie Cecile (late Gerald) Aucoin, Patricia (Paul Antoine) Deveau, Estelle Roach, Laurette (Réne) Larade, and Sylvia (Marcel) Larade. Besides his parents, Edmond was predeceased by his daughter, Paula Roach. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, December 16th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp, with Deacon Gerald LeBlanc officiating. Memorial donations may be made in Edmond's memory to the North Inverness Palliative Care Society, PO Box 129, Cheticamp, NS, B0E 1H0 or e-transfer

ninvpalliativecareso@gmail.com. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

CAMERON

With deep sorrow, we, the loved ones and family of Martin “Babe” Edward Cameron, age 87, announce his passing on November 25th, 2023, after a very sudden decline in his health. He was born on June 17th, 1936, to Martin and Esther (Coady) Cameron and raised in Margaree Forks, Nova Scotia. He had a tough upbringing and would later often share his stories of struggle and perseverance with family and close friends – which served as a reminder to him of just how far he had come in his life. Indeed, those early years shaped him in a deep way. Survival required grit, strength, and determination. He moved forward from his youth with exactly those qualities and overcame various adversities. At a young age, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), becoming an aircraft mechanic. However, his heart was always close to home. He would send the bulk of his income to his family in Margaree in an effort to help support them. While stationed in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, he met Darlene (Turner). They married and built a family as he moved from post to post across Canada, from Saskatoon to Trenton, Ontario, and finally Greenwood, Nova Scotia. After a successful career in the RCAF, Martin returned to Cape Breton, moving to Baddeck. It was there where he and Darlene began pursuing multiple business ventures. Eventually, they resettled to his family’s homestead in Margaree Forks, where they continued to build an enterprise that included forestry, fishing, and farming operations, among other business activities. Martin took immense pride in all that he and Darlene were able to accomplish. They were constantly in motion; backed by a ferocious work ethic. He was never happier than when he was working the land that he loved or tinkering on one of his bulldozers, which was desperately in need of restoration. This was a constant source of ribbing from his family. Through the years, one could often find him riding along in a truck or tractor with one of his loyal German Shepherds by his side. After heartbreakingly losing his beloved Darlene to cancer in 2008, Martin carried on and was blessed to have Jean Chiasson come into his life. They married and, together, continued to fish, farm, and take care of the land that he loved. In addition to his parents and Darlene, Martin was predeceased by his two brothers, John and Thomas, and his daughter Lynne. In addition to his wife Jean, he is survived by his daughters: Laurie Cameron, Halifax; Leslie Pottier (John), Ottawa; Leanne Cameron, Berwick; and son, David Cameron (Maureen), Detroit. He also leaves behind adored grandchildren: Emily and Seamus Corkum; Amanda (Robert) Beauregard and great-grandson Gavin; Catherine and Mathew Pottier; Kieran MacGillivray; Joshua (Erica), Lara and Merrin Fraser; Liam and Isabel Little, and Dominique Cameron. Based upon Martin’s wishes, a grave site service will be held on December 9th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, South West Margaree, with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating, followed by a reception in the Memorial Parish Centre. Donations in Martin’s name may be made to the St. Joseph’s Cemetery Fund or the Canadian Lung Association. Online condolences may be sent to www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca. Funeral directions are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd.

MacDOUGALL

Margaret “Peggy” Ellen MacDougall passed away in Inverary Manor, Inverness, on Friday, December 1st, 2023, with family by her side. She was born on September 6th, 1932, in Glendale (Maple Brook), Nova Scotia, to Florence Agnes (MacPherson) Gillis and Neil C. Gillis. Her mother died at a very young age, so she became a maternal figure to her siblings which created a cherished bond that remains to this day. Peggy grew up in Glendale then moved to Lake Ainslie to work, where she met the love of her life, Ainslie. She moved to Boston briefly for employment but then she and Ainslie married and moved to East Lake Ainslie where they raised their family and contributed to their community. Peggy enjoyed a good game of cribbage. If you agreed to play for a “loonie” or a “penny a hole” she would definitely take your money! Over the years, she also played many games of bingo and liked to show off her skills in the bowling lane, being very proud of the plaque she received in recognition of the “sportswomanship” that she displayed. She also enjoyed making biscuits, rolls, cinnamon rolls, apple jelly, and loved to serve them to company with a cup of tea at her kitchen table. Most of all, right up until the end, she enjoyed the company of family and friends. If pets came with the visit, it was even better – especially if it was “Goose” or “Lucy.” Peggy is survived by her children, Donna (Ed), Valley, NS, Gwynne (Debra), East Lake Ainslie, Ian (Laura), East Lake Ainslie; grandchildren, Allan (Amanda), Fredericton NB, Brennan (Marika),

Quispamsis NB, Maggie, Halifax, Alissa (Keegan), East Lake Ainslie, Ryan (Alexandria), East Lake Ainslie; sister, Marie MacDonald, Long Point; brother, Alexander (Glendale); great-grandchildren, John Ainslie, Lauchlan, Finlay. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Anna and Kathleen as well as many nieces and nephews on both her and Ainslie's side of the family who loved her dearly. Peggy was predeceased by parents, Florence Agnes and Neil C Gillis; husband, Ainslie; brothers; David, Duncan, Donald; sister, Janette and brothers-in-law, Rannie and Bobby. Thanks to everyone who made Peggy's life more comfortable over the past few years; the wonderful home support staff who enabled her to stay home a bit longer, the staff at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital and the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home. Finally, thanks so much to the staff of every department and discipline at the Inverary Manor who supported us like family in her last days and months. Mom/Grammie, you were so good to us all; we love you dearly and we will miss you so much. Hugs to Dad/Grampie. We know that you have joined him and are at rest. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Inverness Education Centre Academy Breakfast Program or The Diabetic Association of Nova Scotia. Visitation will be held in Inverness Funeral Home on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be held in St. Joseph's Church, South West Margaree, on Friday at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow in East Lake Ainslie Cemetery. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacLEAN

James Gilbert MacLean, 1961-2023: It is with broken hearts we announce the passing of James MacLean at home with his wife Brenda, Arthur, and Dianna by his side, in Fort McMurray, Sunday, November 19th, 2023, after a brief illness. James grew up in Bridgeport and was involved in many activities in his youth (baseball, hockey, scouts, and altar boy). James attended Bridgeport School, St. Michael's High School, and Cape Breton Vocational School. As he grew up he enjoyed hunting with his father and Robert. James and Robert would travel to Port Hood for their annual deer hunt for several years, always an adventure with great stories. James considered Robert a brother and they were fortunate to have such a relationship. James was a Millwright and very proud of his trade working at many locations across Canada until they decided to move to Fort McMurray over 25 years ago, making it their home. James and Brenda looked after many people that came out for work. Their kindness and compassion for others will always be remembered. James was born in Glace Bay to the late Pauline (Gilbert) MacLean and Jim MacLean (Port Hood) in 1961. James is survived by his loving wife, Brenda; son, Arthur (Dianna); fur babies, Louis and Ruby; father, Jim (Port Hood); sisters, Paula (Denny), Upper Sackville, Brenda (Robert), Glace Bay; mother-in-law, Betty (Sydney); sister-in-law, Paula (Paddy), New Waterford; nephews, Kevin and Steven; nieces, Lindsay, Denise, Michelle, and Elizabeth. He was predeceased by his mother, Pauline (1996); father-in-law, Art (2000); niece, Angela (1984). James and Brenda loved to travel home for visit. Their last visit was in April to celebrate his father's 90th birthday. It was a beautiful afternoon and James got to see his family and friends. Lots of reminiscing. He was so glad he made it home and enjoyed his visit. James will be remembered for his kindness and eagerness to help others never saying a bad word about anyone. Cremation has taken place. Celebration of Life to be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Robert Anderson Funeral Services, Fort McMurray, AB.

NANTAU

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the sudden and untimely passing of Accacia Nantau at the age of 35. Accacia came bouncing into the world on January 28th, 1988, to her loving parents, Colette Burke and Warren Yipp. Accacia grew up in Inverness, where she made her mark in the world, down the Red Rows. She was a force to be reckoned with even from a young age. She would always stand up for what was right, but did so in a way that made you feel you were learning a lesson. Accacia had friends from all walks of life. She never judged or cast stones at anyone. Accacia knew what it was like to overcome unimaginable things and do so with a smile on her face. When her little sister Leelyn came into the world, Accacia took her under her wing. She protected her at all costs. They had battles of their own, but no one could ever mess with Accacia's little sister. After high school, Accacia wanted to branch off into the world to become a fashion designer, she moved to Montreal, where she expanded her friend group and touched the hearts of so many. Although her fashion designing career didn't work out, she always was the best dressed. Even if her outfit only cost \$6 from Value Village, she had style that made heads turn, if her infectious laugh didn't do so already. She moved back to Halifax,

where she was one of the most vibrant and welcoming waitresses to ever come to Jack Astors. People requested to sit in Accacia's section of the restaurant because they knew her positive attitude, charm, and quick wit would somehow brighten their day. When Accacia had Penny Lu, her world changed for the better. She loved fiercely and selflessly. She protected and cared for this little human like the superhero she was. Accacia did everything she could to instill values in Penny and create the old soul that Penny is. When we look at Penny, we will see little Accacia and be reminded to smile, treat people kindly, and never judge. Accacia moved to Kempt Shore and expanded her friend group once again. How is it possible to touch people from all around the world and make time for those people each and every day? Well she did that, whether that was through a text message, a poem, a pun, tagging them in a silly meme, sending them silly videos of herself, Penny or Nugget (their furry friend), she made it happen and there's not too many people that could do that. She always had time for everyone. Accacia moved back to Inverness in 2022, which was unbeknownst, the last year of her life. Her old friendships were rekindled and picked up exactly where they left off without skipping a beat. Accacia graced more people with her presence, working at Whit's Pub and Freeman's Pharmacy and sharing her bright, shining light with all who crossed her path. She could single-handedly turn your day from sorrow to hope for tomorrow. She was a beacon of light that no one could dim. She radiated positivity. Accacia will want us to remember her when we hear music that we can't help but dance to, when we put on our best red lipstick, when we hear that first crack of a good lightning storm, when we see that first sun kissed freckle, when we feel the sand between our toes or are mesmerized by the glowing sunset. Accacia is survived by her daughter, Penny Lu; grandparents, John and Lucy Burke; nanny, Patsy Gillis; mother, Colette Burke; father Warren Yipp; sister, Leelyn Yipp (Donald); niece, Summer and nephews, Levi and Meverick; her Aunt Melinda, Aunt Pam (Johnny), Uncle George, Uncle Jon Jon, and her many cousins. Accacia is predeceased by her grandfather, Jon Yipp and Uncle Lance Yipp. A Celebration of Life will take place on Monday, November 27th, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Whit's Public House, Inverness. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CORMIER

Wayne Cormier, age 78, of Cheticamp, passed away suddenly on November 14th, 2023. Wayne was the son of the late Charles Henri Cormier and the late Delina (Lena) Sampson. Born in New Waterford, he was the eldest son and second of the six siblings. Wayne loved all sports, especially baseball and hockey. As a youngster, he helped with hay making for various local farmers and would do any job he could to make money. As a young man, he was active in the Air Cadets and loved to hang out with his many friends who remained life-long close friends. Wayne chose a career as an insurance adjuster and he met the love of his life, Antje Trumann while working in the insurance field. He had a life long and respected career in insurance adjusting. He earned many awards for his role in the field and enjoyed it immensely. Wayne was a good fisherman and loved to cook fish with his buddies and relatives. He loved hunting and had many great hunts with his son, grandsons, brothers, and friends. He was also a Big Brother, member of the Kinsmen Club and also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Wayne and Antje decided to relocate to his original second home in Cheticamp. He was a behind the scenes politician and tried his hardest to bring much-needed changes to his beloved community. Wayne loved music and loved playing at l'AMAC on Tuesday nights, singing the songs he loved while playing his guitar and harmonica. His latest venture was helping with Meals on Wheels. Wayne had a very strong faith in God and practised his faith religiously. He was a caregiver to Antje in his later years and tried to help as much as he could. Wayne simply "went home" to be with his Heavenly family. To those who mourn his passing, remember he lived "to serve" and he did so his entire life. As we say on Remembrance Day, "We will remember," please do so for Wayne and his family. Wayne is survived by his wife Antje Trumann, who he married on June 17th, 1967; son, Stephen (Lori) Cormier; daughter, Michaela-Michelle (Jurgen) Reinhardt; brothers, Harold (Theresa) Cormier, Alphonse (Germaine) Cormier; sisters, Elaine (Mike) Arsenault, Claudette (the late Joe) LeBlanc, Ella (Donald) Doucet; sister-in-law, Gunda Garske; grandchildren, Hudson (Abby), Parker (Madi) who lovingly called him P  p  re; step-grandsons, Timo, Michael Reinhardt. Visitation was held on Friday, November 17th, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Cheticamp Funeral Home. Funeral mass was held on Saturday, November 18th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph du Moine Church, Saint Joseph du Moine with Father Silvichan Dominic CFIC officiating. Burial at Saint Joseph du Moine Cemetery. As expression of sympathy, donations may be made to: Community Meals on Wheels c/o

Chester Muise, PO Box 972, Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, B0E 1H0, or by e-transfer at chester.muise@hotmail.com or HOPE Pregnancy Support Centre, 72 Church Street, Unit 4, Parry Sound, Ontario, P2A 1V9, or by e-transfer to parrysoundhope@gmail.com. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DOUCET

Marie Eleanor Doucet, age 84, of Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, passed away on November 11th, 2023, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Cheticamp surrounded by nieces, nephew, and friends. Marie Eleanor Doucet (better known as Marie Leona) was born in Grand Etang, Nova Scotia, to Calixte and Louise Doucet on April 3rd, 1939. She moved to Massachusetts, US, in 1957 – she then continued her higher education in the field of Electronics in Boston. Marie worked for Raytheon Company, then Spiras Systems Electronics, and All-Brand Electronics. She opened her own business when she moved back to Cheticamp in the 1970s. Her business was called Marie's TV and she was known by all as the "TV Girl." Once the technology of the big TVs began to change dramatically, she decided to close her business but continued as a business woman. Marie owned and operated the "Seaside Chalets" for many years before she retired. Once retired, she worked for many years as secretary for the St. Joseph de Moine Parish. Her smile, humour, creative guitar music, friendships, and her love for life will live on in our hearts forever – she was a beautiful ray of sunshine. Marie Eleanor Doucet is survived by nieces and nephews who are scattered abroad. She is predeceased by her parents, Calixte and Louise Doucet; her brother John (wife Clara); her sisters Mary Helen Poirier, Jeanette, Annie Rose Vautour, Theresa Doucet; brothers Louis Charles (wife Nannette) and Joseph Roger Doucet (wife Irene). Funeral service was held at St. Peter's Church in Cheticamp, NS, on Saturday, November 18th, 2023. Burial was in the parish cemetery along side her parents. Donations in memory of Marie may be made to the St. Joseph Parish Church in Le Moine by e-transfer to paroisse.stjdm@gmail.com or by mail Paroisse St Joseph du Moine, PO Box 29, St. Joseph du Moine, NS, B0E 3A0, or in person donation may be made at the church on the day of the funeral. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

GAUDET

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Jean Paul Gaudet, age 77, on November 15th, 2023, at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp, after a courageous 15-month battle with ocular melanoma. He was born on February 1st, 1946, to the late Joseph and the late Marie Jeanette (Roche) Gaudet. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, René. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Claudette (Muise) Gaudet; children Mona (Albert) Poirier, and Guy (Stuart Gray) Gaudet; and his most beloved grandson, Jocelyn Poirier; sisters, Adrienne Deveau, Géraldine (Wilfred) Bourgeois, Bibianna Gaudet; and brother, Yvon (Pauline) Gaudet. He is also survived by many brothers- and sisters-in-law; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews; godchildren, Keith Muise and Shelda Campbell. He began his life as a businessman in 1969, by taking the helm with his brother of Gaudet Building Contractors. He was the co-founder of Chéticamp Boatbuilders and Acadian Communications. Jean Paul's kindness and gentle spirit touched the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know him. A man of few words, he spoke volumes through his actions and influence on others, leaving an indelible mark on those he encountered. A creative genius in various realms, he wore many hats as an entrepreneur, community builder/volunteer, contractor, painter, woodworker, and "musician." His passion for life was evident in his continuous pursuit of new projects and self-improvement, a trait that inspired everyone around him. Above all, he cherished his role as a dedicated family man, finding his greatest joy in being a loving father and grandfather. A paragon of virtue, he served as an exceptional role model for all who crossed his path, seeing the good in everyone. He leaves behind a legacy of warmth, creativity, and unwavering love. In the hearts of his wife, two children, and one special grandchild, his spirit will forever live. Visitation was held on Monday, November 20th, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at Chéticamp Funeral Home. A funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at l'Église St-Pierre, Cheticamp. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, la Paroisse St.-Pierre, or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made by visiting: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

In loving memory of Cheryl Diane MacDonald: Mom passed away peacefully and surrounded by love on November 11th, 2023, at the Inverary Manor in Inverness, at the age of 74. Born on September 16th, 1949, Cheryl was the daughter of the late Bill and Lorraine Phillips of Margaree Center, Nova Scotia. Mommy was a woman of strong faith, and always a positive outlook no matter what life sent her, including battling MS for 38 years without a complaint; but always grateful for the blessings she had. She adored her family and grandchildren dearly, but nothing compared to the love she had for her husband Lorne. She is survived by her daughters, Melanie (Christopher) Graten of Maine; Christina (Alex) Green of North Sydney, and Jillan MacDonald of Westmount; grandchildren, Mackenzie, Sasha, Leela, Eleanor, and Seth; her aunts, uncles and cousins. Besides her parents, Cheryl was predeceased by her loving husband of 54 years Lorne MacDonald. Cheryl and Lorne had a bond that could not be broken even through death. In January 2020, Mommy moved into Inverness Manor where her family expanded to include the Manor staff and residence. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to "Aunt" Valerie and Wendel Shepherd for their undying devotion to mommy and daddy's well-being and care. The support they gave us the past six months will never be forgotten. To the staff of the Inverness Manor that became family and loved mommy as much as she loved all of them, especially Ashton Brown, the care and love shown was beautiful. And to Palliative Care, our thanks for the way you comforted mommy in her final days will never be forgotten. Cremation has taken place. A service will take place in the spring. In Lieu of flowers, and out of gratitude, a donation in memory of Cheryl may be made to the Highland Villa Care Unit at the Inverary Manor, 72 Maple Street, Inverness, Nova Scotia B0E 1N0. Arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley. Online condolences may be left at: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacDOUGALL

Myrtle Anna MacDougall: October 16th, 1922 – November 12th, 2023.

Myrtle Anna MacDougall was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on October 16th, 1922, and passed away peacefully with her family by her side on November 12th, 2023, at the age of 101. She was the beloved wife of the late John James Dunbar MacDougall and loving mother to Miriam McCutcheon (Bill) and James MacDougall (Barb). Known as "Nana" to family and friends, she was loved by grandchildren Valerie Paris (Marc), Natalie Paternoster (Daniel), Philip McCutcheon (Chelsea), John Alex MacDougall (Shannon), Brendan MacDougall (Beatriz) and great-grandchildren Alexa, Logan, Cally, MacKenzie, William, and Cameron. Myrtle was predeceased by parents James Alexander and Mary Jesse MacDougall as well as her brother, Donald. She will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Myrtle was a registered nurse for 45 years, working in Nova Scotia, Massachusetts, and Ontario, and would often go out of her way to help others in need. She was happiest when surrounded by family. Nana loved her summers at East Lake Ainslie, Cape Breton, and enjoyed fiddle music with an occasional scotch. She was an active member of Holy Trinity United Church in Elliot Lake, Ontario. The family would like to thank all the amazing staff at Wilson Memorial General Hospital in Marathon, Ontario, for Nana's care over the last five and a half years. Our family is grateful to know Nana is finally at peace. Cremation has taken place and Celebration of Life will occur at a later date at East Lake Ainslie, Cape Breton. Condolences may be made through www.nwfainc.com.

McNAMARA

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Eugene Leonard McNamara, 66, of Port Hood, Nova Scotia. Eugene was born February 23rd, 1957, and grew up in Port Hood. He attended school in Port Hood and Mabou and dedicated over 30 years of his working life to the Chrysler assembly plant in Windsor, Ontario. He is predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Lucy McNamara of Port Hood; siblings Freddy McNamara and Karen (Angus) Waye; and nephew Mark Waye. Eugene is survived by brothers, Danny (Lois), Michael (Bernice), Warren (Ruth); sisters Mary Rose (Larry) MacIsaac, Elizabeth (Gerard) MacDonald, and Lucille (Allan) MacIsaac. He will be fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. Eugene was proud of his Port Hood roots and often came home from Ontario to visit friends and family, especially during Chestico Days. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, fishing, and gathering in good company for the breakwater breakdown. Always up for a story and a laugh, Eugene's sense of humour and mischievous nature was endeared by many and will be

greatly missed. The family would like to thank Lori Ann MacDonald, Dr. John Ritter, and the Inverness Palliative Care team for the compassionate care and attention they provided. Eugene wished to be remembered in celebration with family and friends instead of through a traditional service. To honour this wish, Eugene's family have arranged a gathering at the Admiral Lounge (148 Main Street Port Hood) on Saturday, November 25th, between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. All who knew Eugene are welcome to drop in, pay respects, or stay a while and share a story in remembrance of our brother and friend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society.

MORAN

In loving memory of Daniel Joseph Moran, April 12th, 1946 – November 3rd, 2023: It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Daniel Moran, age 77, of Judique, on November 3rd, 2023. He is survived by Rhonda (Beaton) Moran; his son Wes (Paula); granddaughters, Abigail, Rowan, and Monserrat. He leaves behind siblings Samuel (Susan), Mary Mueller, Teresa Gillis (Mikey), Edna Bisson (Kevin), Sandra Burke (Joe), and Irene Moran (Greg). He is also survived by brother-in-law Joseph MacSween; aunts, Kay Brady and Theresa MacDonnell; as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Daniel was predeceased by his son Angus; parents Edward and Margaret (Beaton) Moran; brother Alex; sister Margaret Ann MacSween and in infancy, siblings Colin, Joseph, and Willena; also brother-in-law Gary Mueller and nephew Cody Burke. Daniel was born in River Centre, Inverness County, and moved to New Waterford as a young child; he lived most of his life in New Waterford where he married and raised his family. The last 10 years he returned to his beloved "country life" where he enjoyed a simple life in his cabin and spending time with his brothers Sam and Alex. He often drove the back roads of St. Ninian and Hawthorne; where he was known as the "Backroad King," as he helped many of his neighbours, in and around the whole of Glencoe area. In New Waterford he had a lengthy career working for Devco in various positions from draegerman to supervisor. He worked in 12 Colliery, Lingan, and Phelan Mines. His stories were endless about his days underground with his fellow miners, who he respected and cherished, always regaling his family with stories of the miner's life. Danny was honoured to be interviewed and featured in the book, *In the Blood Cape Breton Conversations on Culture*, by Burt Feintuch, which chronicled his career as a miner. In his earlier years he played softball and hockey. He was active in the community and with the Parish of St. Michaels. He taught instructional courses for bow hunting, and was a bow hunting enthusiast, eventually giving it up to return to rifle hunting. Daniel often said it was the companionship he enjoyed most about deer hunting. He spent the last 10 years hunting with friends from Sydney and Little Judique, and his favourite hunting grounds were around Hawthorne Road, close to his cabin. Another of his beloved hobbies was motorcycles and he rode his Harley every chance he could, until his health didn't allow it. One of his fondest memories was biking with a group to Laconia, and many stories came from these adventures. He had a great love for animals and had many pets throughout the years. Most recently, his cat Chrissy provided companionship after the loss of his two Pomeranians. He may have had a reputation as a tough miner, and certainly was quite a stoic man, but the birth of his first granddaughter, Abigail, showed another side of him. He was so proud of all three granddaughters and adored spending time with them. He enjoyed watching Rowan play hockey and hearing about her latest game on the phone. His bond with Monsey was strong as they shared a love of cats; and he liked to tease her. Daniel will be remembered for his kindness and missed by so many. Our memories will last forever. Arrangements entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home. Visitation was held at the Glencoe Mills Hall, with funeral and burial at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Glencoe. Leave a note of remembrance at: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

WOODHOUSE

In loving memory of Charlotte Marion Woodhouse, May 15th, 1937 – October 26th, 2023: It's with unmeasurable sadness that we share with you that Charlotte, dearest mom, sister, grandma, and great-grandma has passed away on October 26th, 2023, she was 86 years old. Gracious as ever, she quietly slipped away surrounded by those who loved her dearly, both family and caregivers. Born in Sydney to her late parents George and Fran (LeDrew) Weaver. Charlotte was predeceased by her late husband, William "Bill" Woodhouse in 2015. She is survived by her sister, Wendy (Phillip) currently in Arkansas and their two daughters Talia, UK, and Isabow, Alaska. Also survived by her daughter Jodi Green, Lake Ainslie; her grandson TJ Lovell, Calgary, and her great-grandson Colin, Edmonton; her step son, William

"Bill" Woodhouse Jr. of Bucklaw and his grandchildren, Nevaeah, Shylah, Miah, Bryden, and Joel. Charlotte graduated high school at Sydney Academy. From there she went on to model for Eaton's Catalog where she found a love of fashion. Furthering her education she began her professional career at Sydney Auto Parts, which she enjoyed for many years. She loved to read and in particular mysteries written by Lee Child, Tom Clancy, and others. She loved flowers and you'd often find her at home, on her knees beside a flower bed, up to her elbows in soil. Her love of reading and gardening was matched by her love of travel and music. She and Bill travelled to Germany on more than one occasion to visit friends and see a bit of surrounding countries. A lover of the sun, she and Bill also travelled south to many snow bird-loving hot spots. Charlotte loved Cape Breton and especially Lake Ainslie. She spent many mornings sitting outside with her coffee just watching the lake. She shared a special friendship with Kay and Murdock MacKinnon also living at the lake. She and Kay put on many miles travelling to concerts around the Island. She had many fond memories of their years of friendship. Kind, open minded, and caring; she was a gracious, giving, and poised lady. She will be missed and remembered by many. To all those who knew Charlotte, we sincerely extend our deepest appreciation for your sharing in mom's life. She was a special lady who embraced life and enjoyed being with people she cared about. So, from our hearts, thank you for being a part of mom's life! We would like to take this opportunity to extend special appreciation to Charlotte's caregivers while in hospital in Inverness. To the Emergency Department doctors and nurses, Dr. Rhea, Dr. John Ritter, and Lori Ann, director, Palliative Care, the nurses on the 2nd floor, along with other care givers and general hospital staff, who treated and cared for Charlotte as though she was one of their own family members with all the dignity and respect one could hope. May God bless each of you! A celebration of Charlotte's life will be held hopefully in the spring of 2024 when family members both in Canada and out of country can travel to NS. Share a memory or words of sympathy at: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

JENKINS

John Robert Jenkins (1965 - 2023): It is with sad hearts that we, the family of John Robert Jenkins (Bobby J.), announce the passing of our beloved brother on November 7th, 2023, after a brief illness in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Born June 23rd, 1965, in Toronto, Ontario to Robert Jenkins and Jessie Ann Isabel Gillis, Bobby spent the early part of his childhood in Toronto and was raised in Mabou, Cape Breton. His friends and family have fond memories of him, his athletic abilities as a youth, and we will always remember his kindness, sense of humour, his love of music, his quiet ways, and easy going personality. Bobby was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed swimming, fishing, and hunting. Bobby spent much of his adult life in the Boston area where he worked as a roofer and a carpenter for many years. Bobby is predeceased by his father Robert, his mother Jessie, his wife Joan, and his brother, Colin Gerard (Cheryl). Bobby is survived by his daughter Jess and his granddaughter Paisley, who were his pride and joy. He is also survived by his sisters, Jocelyn Richards (Wayne), Afton, NS; Kelly Jenkins, Cheticamp, NS; Colleen Ingraham (Kevin), Cheticamp, NS; Karen Aucoin (Hayden), Cheticamp, NS; Angie Burns (Preston), Lantz, NS; his brother Dale Jenkins (Andrea), Terre Noire, NS, his many nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews. Words of comfort, memories, or messages of condolences to family can be sent to: jocelynrichards66@gmail.com. Donations in memory of Bobby can be made to the charity of your choice. Cremation has occurred with a celebration of life to be held at a later date.

MacKENZIE

It is with great sadness that we, the family, after 95 years announce the passing of Jessie Katherine MacKenzie on Saturday, October 14th, 2023, in River Denys. Born May 13th, 1928, in Inverness, she was a daughter of the late Peter D. and Christena Sarah (MacPhail) MacPhail. Jessie was a schoolteacher and she closed many little red schoolhouses around Inverness County ending her career at Whycocomagh Consolidated High School in 1984. She had a great passion for art and took art courses at Dalhousie University. An avid quilter, Jessie gave/sold numerous quilts over the years, which were loved by many all-over North America. She took great pleasure in her paintings and took pride in having family and friends display her works. A member of the River Denys Presbyterian Church and the Eastern Star. She loved to share the news with friends and family, prankster, looked forward to visits and seeing people in River Denys. She enjoyed gardening and being outdoors, lover of animals, historian, and

helped many with their genealogy. Jessie is survived by her son, Peter (Isabel Elliot) MacKenzie, Glendale, NS; sister, Patsy MacKinnon, North Sydney, NS; grandchildren, Melanie MacKenzie, Dartmouth, NS, and Brent MacKenzie, Dartmouth, NS. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, William B.; brother, Malcolm John "Buddy" MacPhail; and sisters, Margie Reid and Gladys Wyre; and in-laws, Neil Reid, Colin MacKinnon, and Jean MacPhail. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 18th, at Margaret Taylor Cemetery in River Denys. A reception will follow in Blues Mills Fire Hall, 7548 Hwy 105, Blues Mills. Memorial donations can be made to River Denys Cemetery Company (Margaret Taylor Cemetery), SPCA, or a charity of your choice. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

MacNEIL

It is with profound sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of our beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend, Earl Francis MacNeil. Earl, aged 60, of Rankinville was called home to our Saviour on October 16th, 2023. Earl is survived by his wife of 29 years, Arlene MacNeil; children, Josh, Dartmouth; Teegan (Hannah) Antigonish, and Kaylin, Halifax; siblings, Rebecca (the late Joe John A) MacDonald, Sandy (Rosie) MacNeil, Janette MacNeil, Donald MacNeil, Mary (the late Don) Hoopy, Marion (the late Big John) MacLean, Lawrence (Judy) MacNeil, Archie (Margie) MacNeil, Ramona (Barry) Miller, Neil (Louise) MacNeil, David (Darlene) MacNeil, and Vince (Audra) MacNeil. Earl was greeted at the gate by his parents, Alex and Mary Anne MacNeil; his brother, Angus MacNeil; brother-in-law, Big John MacLean; and nephew, Bradley MacNeil. Earl was born in Inverness on August 26th, 1963, and spent the first five years of his life in Southwest Mabou, where he met his first friend, Lloyd Campbell. In March 1968, the family moved to Rankinville, where Earl spent the remainder of his childhood and early adolescent years on the farm with his family, raising and working on cattle. In August 1981, when Earl turned 18, he left the homestead and began his mining career. In 1994, Earl married Arlene and "the baby" returned back to Rankinville, where he and Arlene raised their family. For 42 years Earl provided for his family by travelling to several different countries, provinces, cities, and towns, chasing his mining career. Earl thrived in the mining industry, helping establish and yield many successful miners and men – including his son Teegan – and was always being trusted by his company of 29 years, Manroc Developments, to pave the way. Earl was a humble, loyal, and hardworking man who enjoyed the simple things in life. He was his happiest self when he was with the loves of his life, his wife and his three kids. If you saw him talking on the phone, it was likely with his son and best friend Teegan, who was asking to borrow one of his million tools and looking for his never-ending advice. In the spring, he could be found fishing lobster with his daughter Kaylin, on his nephew Trevor's boat. He loved being on the water and passed on his love for fishing onto his three children when he encouraged his oldest son Josh to fish when he was 16 years old. No matter what time of year, Earl could be found on his four-wheeler with his friends and would volunteer to help maintain the upkeep of the tracks. He loved spending his time at the "trough" with his friends, spending his days in the "garage" boiling lobsters and enjoying Bud Lights, and constantly working on vehicles and automobiles in the company of his father-in-law, Pat MacDonald. It is safe to say that whatever Earl put his mind to, he was all in. He was best known for his time spent on the trails on his four-wheeler, his strong faith and friendly smile, and always providing a hand for those who needed it, it was never a surprise for Earl to drop everything to do something for someone else. We would like to thank the staff at the Inverness Memorial Hospital Emergency Department and EHS ambulatory care staff for the care he received while with them. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Mabou, or a charity of your choice. Visitation took place Sunday, October 22nd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Saint Mary's Church, Mabou. Funeral mass to celebrate Earl's life took place Monday, October 23rd, at 11:00 a.m. in the Saint Mary's Church, Mabou, with Father Danny MacLennan officiating, burial followed in the parish cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.InvernessFuneralHome.com for the MacNeil family.

MacNEIL

June 12th, 1964 – October 30th, 2023

With deep sadness we announce our sister Jackie passed away peacefully after an extremely courageous battle with cancer on October 30th, 2023, at the age of 59. Jackie is predeceased by her

parents Alex and Catherine MacNeil. Survived by her sibling Danita, Brian, and Ian. She was a loving aunt to Victoria, Danielle, Alison, Rebecca, Sandy, and Kendall and great-aunt to Ethan, Ella, Emmett, Eiah, Eliyah, Macie, Kelton, Keegan, and Sophia. Jackie lived everyday of her life to the fullest. Her laugh was infectious and her sense of humour was full of fun and high spirited. She was passionate about astrology and enjoyed analyzing family and friends birth charts. The kitchen was a happy place for Jackie. She took great pride in whipping up a little scoff and sharing a meal and a glass of wine with family and friends. She found comfort sitting on the beach listening to the waves as she watched the sunset. Jackie lived her life in Sudbury, Ontario. She was the owner of a successful medical cleaning company. Jackie closed her business to fulfill her mother's desire of returning home to Mabou. Jackie dedicated the last seven years caring for our beloved mother. With courage, strength, and determination, she continued this care during the past year; all while she battled her own illness with cancer. She never lost hope. Heartfelt thanks to Arlene MacNeil for the light and laughter she brought into Jackie's life; the support and love of the Halloran's; and to Donna Doiron for her guidance, kindness, and loyalty. Special thank you to the Dr. Binnersley and Inverness hospital nursing staff, Dr. Ritter, and Lori Ann MacDonald for their compassionate and exceptional care of Jackie throughout her journey. Visitation was held in St. Mary's Church, Mabou, on Saturday, November 4th, from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass following at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Andrew Gillies officiated. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or to St. Mary's Parish Cemetery Fund. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.InvernessFuneralHome.com for the MacNeil family.

MORRISON

It is with great sadness we share that Ivan Cameron Morrison was called home to be with Jesus on Monday, October 30, 2023. He passed peacefully with loved ones by his side at St. Martha's Regional Hospital, Antigonish, NS. Ivan was born in Inverness, November 11th, 1963, a son of the late, Shirley (MacInnis) and Jackie Morrison. Ivan was also predeceased by: his parents-in-law John Finley and Eileen (Boucher) Mac Donald; maternal and paternal grandparents; as well as aunts, Margaret (Neil) Campbell, Mae (Neil) Mac Kay, Dolena (Hector) Mac Kinnon, Phyllis (DJ) Ferguson, Laura Mac Innis; and uncles; Murdock (June) Mac Innis, Morrison (Laura Bell) Mac Innis, Stewart Mac Innis. Ivan was a welder by trade, and worked many years at Little Narrows Gypson Plant. He will be fondly remembered as the gentle giant. He was a big man with an even bigger heart. His love of family and friends was so apparent. He was also known for his other loves: car racing, visiting, vacations to P.E.I. and Florida, his Monte Carlo SS cars, four-wheeling trips with his uncle Joe, pizzas, B.K. whoppers, and of course his duckies. Ivan will be dearly missed by his loving wife and soul mate, Joyce (Mac Donald); his pride and joy, daughter Emily (Lu Lu); god-daughter Gabriella Mehra; brother Stewart (Carolyn); sister Jill (Selwyn); numerous in-laws; nephews Dylan and Devon; niece Jade; aunts: Jessie (late Lauchie) Mac Kinnon, Edna (late Gordon) Mac Lennan, Janet (late Angus) Scott, Willena (Peter) Parker, Neila (Joe) Gerrior; and uncle Jackie (Marie) Mac Innis. Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4th, at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Port Hood, burial was in St Peter's Catholic Church Cemetery officiated by Father Sunny. The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all the doctors, nurses, and all staff at ICMH and SMRH for the excellent care given to him, especially over the past month. In lieu of flowers donations, in his memory may be made to the Cancer Society, SPCA, or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home Cooperative, Margaree Valley. Share a memory: Please join us in remembering Ivan Cameron Morrison by visiting our Memorial at www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com. Through this site, we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories with our family.

MARTIN

It is with deep sorrow that we share the passing of a beautiful soul, Mary Margaret (MacLellan) Martin, who died peacefully in Ottawa, aged 100, on October 26th, 2023. Predeceased by her husband Bill in 2021, Mary is survived by her children: son, John (Joy) of Calgary; daughter, Paula of Vancouver; grandchildren, Dianna (Nick), Kimberly (Craig); and great-grandchildren Halen and Emberlily. Dear daughter of the late John and Marcella MacLellan of Broad Cove Chapel, Cape Breton, NS. Mary was predeceased by: brother, Hugh MacLellan and his wife Margaret; their son John; as well as four siblings who died in infancy. She will be sadly missed by many relatives in both the MacLellan and Martin families.

Mary was born and raised in a Scottish Gaelic speaking family in Broad Cove Chapel on a hilltop farm, part of a tightly knit community. She reminisced about seeing the Souris East Lighthouse across the waters on Prince Edward Island as a child and wondered if she'd ever travel that far. Upon meeting Bill, she moved to Toronto to marry and eventually to Ottawa and to Mönchengladbach, Germany, with Bill's posting in the Canadian Armed Forces. The family camped all over Europe and Mom's tidy nature meant we always had the neatest campsite. A loving and gentle woman, she was an inveterate community volunteer in Ottawa, recognized for her contributions to a variety of organizations. An avid sports fan, sharp-eyed card player, enthusiastic crafter (famous for her knitted teddy bears), and country cook, Mary's generous nature and wit attracted many friends, including those she made when she went back to work in retail as her children grew. Our special thanks to Art Carswell and Darlene Dudar for their care and friendship over the years and our deepest gratitude to the staff of Riverpath Retirement Community who provided such wonderful care to Mary over the past 18 months. Mary was deeply loved by many. Bidh sinn gad ionndrainn gu bràth. (We will miss you forever.) Funeral mass was held at 11:00 a.m. on November 1st at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 400 St. Laurent Blvd, in Ottawa. Interment will be held Beechwood Cemetery on November 3rd at 2:45 p.m. The funeral mass will also be streamed online at:

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY5ODUzNDg0NzI3ODUxMiZvbWVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity that supports those less fortunate in our community. Condolences/Tributes: Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, www.hpmcgarry.ca, 613-748-1200.

MacISAAC-MURPHY

Catherine Ann MacIsaac Murphy, of Fall River, Nova Scotia, passed away on October 16th, 2023, at the age of 75, after a long battle with Lewy Body dementia. Cathy was born on August 20th, 1948, to parents Mary (Smiler) and Duncan Alex MacIsaac in Inverness, Nova Scotia. After graduating from NSCAD with a B-Ed, Cathy spent many years teaching Art across the Halifax area. She later earned her Masters in Education with a focus on Reading Recovery. She is predeceased by her parents and her siblings (Leona, Isabel, Teresa, David/Buddy, Lewis). She was the youngest and last surviving sibling. Cathy was married to Thomas Gerald Murphy from 1971 to 1988. She is survived by her four children and their partners (Dennis/ Antje, Kelly/Rob, Stephen, Caralee/Karl) and three grandchildren (Kira, Alice, Jack). Cathy was a woman of faith, active with the CWL, and a devout Saint Rose of Lima Parish member. She loved to sing and paint and dance. She was the life of every party, and made everyone she met feel like the most important person in the world. Her family emails were always signed with the monikers each of her children used: "Mum, Mother, Ma, Mom." Her joy, awe, and sparkle will remain in our hearts forever. Memorial mass and burial at Stella Maris Catholic Church in Inverness at a later date in July TBH.

MacLEOD

Marie Patricia (Pat) MacLeod (McManus), September 6th, 1937 – October 10th, 2023: Mum was born in Glasgow, Scotland, the eldest child in a large, loving family led by Peter and Bridget. Late in life, Mum's face would light up with joy as she reminisced about all the fun she had aboard Revlis, the beloved family boat that took the McManus clan on many great adventures. Mum made a career of caring, first becoming a registered nurse in the 1950s, and then bravely returning to school over 20 years later to become a Public Health nurse in Halifax. Even in retirement, she continued to care for others as a devoted grandmother and aunt. In 1968, Mum made the bravest move of all by waving goodbye to her close knit Scottish family from the deck of the Empress of Canada, as she and her own young family immigrated to Nova Scotia. We will forever be grateful to our parents for the life they gave us in Canada. But we know and understand our mother never truly left the fold of the family she dearly missed back home in Scotland. Thank you Mum, for everything you gave us. Love from: your children, Fiona (Murdock) and Iain (Trena); your grandchildren Megan and Lauchlin, Lucy, Julia, and Lila; and your sisters, Dolores and Pam. Mum outlived her parents and brothers (Peter and Roy) plus numerous aunts and uncles – but they remained alive in her head and heart in the numerous recollections of life and laughter aboard Revlis. A graveside ceremony took place at St. Margaret's of Scotland Church, 178 Broad Cove Marsh Road on Monday, October 16th, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers and in appreciation of the kindness and care

extended to our mother by the residents and staff at the Highland Villa, a donation can be made to the: Highland Villa, care of the Inverary Manor, 72 Maple Street, Inverness, Nova Scotia, B0E 1N0.

AUCOIN

Marie "Cecile" AuCoin, age 80, St. Joseph du Moine, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 12th, 2023, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. She was a daughter to the late Jimmy and the late Judith (Roach) Bourgeois. Cecile cherished her family and friends. She was a sacristan for many years at the St. Joseph du Moine Parish and was very devoted to her faith. She also enjoyed the church choir. She loved BINGO!, and was always ready to play a game of cards. Cecile is survived by her sons, André (Simonne), Cheticamp, Robert, Lower Sackville, and Real (Jacqueline), St. Joseph du Moine; daughters, Yvette (Wayne), N.E. Margaree, and Jeannine (Bob), Newfoundland; brothers, Joseph (Chris), Emmanuel (Marlene), and Charlie (Georgina); sisters, Luce Yvonne MacDonnell and Marie Eveline Maillet; grandchildren, Ryan (Madina) and Kyle (Alicia); great grandchildren, Silas and Nora. Besides her husband, Edmond AuCoin, she was predeceased by her brothers, Yvon, Wilfred, and Clovie; sisters, Marguerite Alma AuCoin and Marie Jeannette Harris; grand niece, Karen LeBlanc; and niece, Lynn Maillet. There will be a visitation from 9:30 a.m. till time of funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 21st, 2023, in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph's Parish Church, or a donation of your choice. Please respect a "Scent Free" environment. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LeBLANC

Anthony Deblois LeBlanc, age 67, Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp, formerly Margaree Forks, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. He was a son to the late Alex and the late Bernadette (Deveau) LeBlanc. Anthony is survived by a brother, Simon LeBlanc; sisters, Isabelle Mugford, Rita Beaudoin, Rose Ann Randell, Anita Anthony, and Patricia Costigan; nieces and nephews, Andy Vasek, Cody Vasek, Chantel Vasek, Amber Laforce, Jasmin Laforce, Willow Laforce, Autumn Laforce, Tyler Dean, and Kaitlyn Dean. Besides his parents, Anthony was predeceased by his brothers, Thomas, J.J., and Jerome. A visitation was held on October 18, 2023, in St. Michael's Church, Margaree from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial followed in St. Michael's Parish Cemetery, Margaree. Memorial donations may be made in Anthony's name to the Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LEBLANC

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our dad, Joseph Lionel LeBlanc, who passed away peacefully at Foyer Pere Fiset home, in Cheticamp, on October 4th, 2023. Born in Cheticamp, Lionel was the son of the late Lubin and Matilda LeBlanc of St. Joseph du Moine. Lionel was predeceased by his wife Eleanor and son Warren; siblings Joseph and his wife Georgina, Marie Sophie and her husband Pierre, Linus; brother-in-law Doug MacCallum. Lionel will be missed by daughters Noreen (Darren) MacLean, Strathlorne, Bonnie LeBlanc, Lower Sackville, Paula (Doug) Dupe, Stratford, ON, and daughter-in-law Marylyn (Warren) LeBlanc, Edmonton; siblings Michael (Barbara), Glace Bay, Marie Marguerite, Toronto; Bernice (Doug), Toronto, and their families; grandchildren Leon Poirier, Cheticamp, Jason (Caroline) Poirier, North Sydney, Lionel (Angela) Power, Lower Sackville, Calvin LeBlanc (Skye), Dartmouth, Brandon LeBlanc (Jeela), Edmonton, Courty LeBlanc (Matt), Edmonton, Damion LeBlanc, Edmonton, Sky Dupe (Dustin), Stratford, ON; great-grandchildren Mac, Sam, Theo Poirier, Riley, Dominic Power, Rayne, Atlas Marcovitch, and Meeka LeBlanc; many nieces and nephews and cousins and special Godchildren. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-op. A funeral mass will be held at a later date. We would like to thank the staff at the Foyer Pere Fiset for the care they gave Dad and the compassion they gave us during his last few days. Thank you to Sunset Funeral Home for your compassion and care for our father for his last journey. Donations may be made to Foyer Pere Fiset or St. Joseph du Moine cemetery fund. Our world will not be the same without you. XO.

MacDONALD

In loving memory of John Andrew “Andy” MacDonald, August 11th, 1945 – October 4th, 2023. Last night Sally had a dream: Andy walked across the floor, extended his hand and said “Sally, lets dance.” With a gleam in his eye, a smile on his face, and his arm around her waist, they walked out onto the floor. They started to dance. He said “Sally, there’s no fog in my head, I can breathe, my back – my back does not hurt. It’s amazing my feet – my feet are not sore anymore.” His laughter filled the air and Sally’s feet left the floor as they swung in the third figure. He said “Sally, I’ll come, I’ll come every night and we’ll dance to the bow.” As dawn broke on October 4th, 2023, at 6:00 a.m., Andy (John A) Mac Donald, surrounded by his deeply loving and broken-hearted family, said goodbye as his time here on earth was over. Left to mourn his cherished and dearly loved wife Sarah (Sally), his son Allan (Kathleen) Fall River, his daughter Amanda (Patrick) Fall River, and grandchildren Lauchlin, Calum, Frankie and Lizzie; siblings: Jim Dan (Evelyn) Port Hood, Mary MacPhail (Callum) Lower Sackville, Patrick (Carol) Broad Cove, and Collie (Sandy) Calgary; sisters-in-law Elizabeth MacDonald, Antigonish and Angie MacDonald, Saskatchewan; brothers-and sisters-in-law Peter and Mary Carroll, (Thompson, MB), Andy Carroll (New West Minister, BC), Delores and JD MacIsaac (Windsor, ON), Mary and Frank Adamo (Toronto, ON), Ann Auger (Montreal, QC), Alex and Yvette (Halifax, NS), Margie and Archie MacNeil (Mabou, NS) Billy, Angie, and Ruth Carroll (Margaree, NS). And many, many beloved nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents: John A. and Mary Sarah (MacArthur); brothers: Alex, George and Archie; nephew Brennon; brothers-in-law: John, Leo, Teddy, Danny, and Andy Carroll, Sim Dumas, and John Auger; sisters-in-law: Helen Dumas, Betty Couroux, Rose, and Bernice Carroll. Andy always loved learning and technology. Whether it was a light system for the church or an event, a home project, or a suspiciously advanced electronic contribution to one of the kids’ school projects, you could never satisfy Andy’s curiosity. This was key in his passion for his career at MTT and Bell Aliant. Always on the forefront of any new technology, Andy helped digitally connect Cape Breton to the rest of the world. He never hesitated to go out during a blizzard, or in the middle of the night, to ensure that communities could always safely and reliably communicate, and all of this was done with a smile on this face. The only thing Andy loved more about his work than the technology was the people. He would often tell stories of the many “characters” with whom he shared adventures during his many years of work. Many nights he would return home, excited to re-tell that day’s funniest joke or most exciting story – originally told at one of the countless coffee shops that they enjoyed all over Cape Breton. These friendships lasted a lifetime with many friendly phone calls, visits and, of course, coffees, well past Andy’s retirement. Andy was incredibly devoted to his community and his church. Every aspect of community life bears his touch in some way. He was a lector, Eucharistic minister, and choir singer, and took great pride in leading the congregation in the Gaelic Our Father. The Broad Cove Concert, of which up until the last few years he never missed a concert since its inception, you likely sat on a bench he helped place or noticed him welcoming performers at the talent gate. With his love of music, he made it his personal mission to make sure all the talent felt appreciated and respected. To all the young musicians who graced that stage – he was so very proud of you and watched your growing careers with great interest. Andy’s guitar and beautiful low voice were a highlight of any family gathering, and he never turned down an opportunity to support his community with music. Birthday parties and celebrations at The Inverary Manor were very important to him and if he was unable to make it to sing for a resident he always made sure to recruit someone who could. Andy found great purpose in helping and supporting others. If you were sick in the hospital, you were sure to get a visit. He would often go early to meetings or practices at the church, making sure the heat was on so no one would be cold. Every Sunday, for years, he would bring communion to neighbours who couldn’t make it to mass. Around Christmas time, most trips into town included a detour to make sure the lights he put up in the church windows were all still burning bright. Andy’s face lit up with every opportunity to speak Gaelic. He treasured his time singing with Còisir an Eilein and loved to recount the evenings of great conversation he spent with the various Gaelic groups over the years. He was always one to appreciate a great story, witty joke and most of all a beautiful song. It was clear though his good humour, even up to the end, that he felt blessed in life. His spirit of gratitude expressed so sweetly in a line from one of his favourite songs, “We have friends and song no wealth can buy.” We would like to thank the health care professionals that provided heartfelt care at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, Inverness Palliative Care, and Inverness Home Care for their dedication and care to Andy. In

lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Operation Smile Canada. Visitation was held at St. Margaret's Church, Broad Cove, Nova Scotia from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 10th, 2023. Funeral proceeding was held at St. Margaret's Church, Broad Cove, Nova Scotia at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 11th, 2023. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacLELLAN

Dougald Hughie MacLellan passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer at the age of 66 years. Dougald passed away with his family by his side on Sunday, October 1st, 2023, at Lady Dunn Health Centre. He was the beloved husband of Ann for 43 years; the cherished father of Douglas, Amy Restoule (Wayne), and Melany (Nick Clarke); and the proud grandpa of Abigail, Noah, and Sawyer. He was a loving son of Johnena (nee MacDonnell) and the late John Alex MacLellan; a dear brother of Andrea Cameron (Hugh Allen), Anne MacLean (Brian), John MacLellan (Hazel), Mary Jessie Gillis (Neil), Rannie MacLellan (Sue), Frances Drodge (David), and predeceased by his infant brother Joseph. Dougald will be remembered by his nieces, nephews, and his sister-in-law Irene. Dougald will be remembered as a hard and dedicated worker for Alamos Gold Mine. He was a dedicated fan of the Boston Bruins, Boston Red Sox, and the Toronto Blue Jays. Cremation took place at River's Edge Cremation Centre, Sault Ste. Marie. A visitation was held at St. Joseph's Parish, South West Margaree, Nova Scotia, on Monday, October 9th, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. and then a memorial mass followed at 11:00 a.m. Interment followed at the MacDougall Cemetery. A luncheon was held following the interment at the South West Hall, South West Margaree. Memorial donations made to Canadian Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated by the family. (Arrangements entrusted to Kerry Funeral Home, Wawa, ON, 1-800-439-4937). www.kerryfuneralhome.ca.)

ROBICHAUD

Gilbert Philippe Robichaud, age 73, Cheticamp, passed away peacefully at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Chéticamp. He was born August 11th, 1950, in Shippagan, New Brunswick. He was the son of the late Philippe and the Délia (Mallet) Robichaud. He is survived by his daughters, Mélanie Basque (Jean- François), Tracadie, NB, and Jennifer Bourgeois (Marc), Chéticamp; grandchildren, Arianne Basque, Antoine Basque, and Abigail Bourgeois. He is also survived by a brother, Louis Robichaud (Murielle); sisters, Lorette Robichaud (Roger Bulger), Rolande Roussel (Vénance), Jeanne-Mance Theriault (late Jean-Guy), Maria Godin (Astiride), Cécile Mercier (Yvon), goddaughter, Linda Paulin; and godson, André Robichaud; and many nieces and nephews, who he loved dearly. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Gertrude Paulin; brothers, Jean-Pierre, and Bruno Robichaud. Visitation was held on Monday, October 16th, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Cheticamp Funeral Home, followed by a memorial service at 3:00 p.m. in the funeral home. Donations can be made in memory of Gilbert to C.A.R.E.S. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

TIMMONS

Wayne Merry Timmons, age 76, Pleasant Bay, passed away on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, at home. Wayne was a son to the late Ernest Kenneth and the late Elizabeth (MacIntosh) Timmons. Wayne was born in Cheticamp, just days before the big Pleasant Bay fire. Wayne was a fisherman for the majority of his working life. He was a founding member of the Pleasant Bay Volunteer Fire Department, and proudly served his community. He loved hunting, playing crib, plowing snow, and music. He loved his family and friends, his pets, and especially his children and grandchildren. Wayne is survived by his partner, Sylvia M. Aucoin; son, Dwayne Russell Timmons (Nicole Jackson); daughter, Pamela Gail (Kevin) O'Toole; sisters, Jean Rose Moore and Loretta O'Brien; grandchildren, Turner O'Toole, Avery O'Toole, and Arthur Jackson-Timmons. Besides his parents, Wayne was predeceased by his wife, Sandra Gail Brown; his son, David Brown; brothers, Elmer Timmons, Stewart Timmons, Russell Timmons, Wendall Timmons, Francis Timmons, and Arnold Timmons; sister, Georgina Roberts. A funeral service was celebrated on Saturday, October 14th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's United Church, Pleasant Bay with Rev. Peter Rioux officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant Bay Cemetery, Pleasant Bay. Donations may be made to St. Andrew's United Church, Pleasant Bay or the Pleasant Bay Volunteer Fire Department. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacISAAC

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of John Dan MacIsaac of Broad Cove, NS, on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023, at the age of 88 years. Born July 7th, 1935, in Dunvegan, NS. John Dan was the son of the late Alex John and Mary Catherine (MacDonald) MacIsaac and was one of six children. John Dan graduated from Holy Family High in Inverness in 1952 and shortly thereafter, guided by his faith, joined the priesthood. Although his time in the priesthood was brief, his devotion to the church community remained strong. Anyone who knew John Dan knows one of his proudest accomplishments was being a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University. He never missed an opportunity to cheer X on, no matter the event and wore his X ring with immense pride. Upon finishing his degree, he attended the NS Teachers College earning his education certification. He began his career as an educator in Dartmouth in 1962, later moving on to Margaree Forks District High School, both as a teacher as well as principal. He would remain here for the duration of his 32 year career. John Dan's former co-workers and students remembered him as being a compassionate leader who always looked for the positive in everything and everyone. He was described as fair and witty and always encouraged his students to realize their potential. John Dan was a great supporter of school activities and coached the hockey team for many years. He also coached minor hockey and baseball and gave generously of his time to his community and to the church. He served on the Broad Cove concert committee for years and was instrumental in promoting the Scottish heritage the concert represents. He was also a huge fan of harness racing and could be found nearly every Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening cheering on the harness drivers at the Inverness Raceway; a tradition he has certainly passed onto his family! He was a huge fan of traditional Cape Breton fiddle music and there was no one who knew more about fiddle tunes, their composition or the fiddle players than John Dan. His library of music was extensive. He was always encouraging any new young players to "Keep going! Sounds terrific!" It is probably fair to say that you would be hard-pressed to find a bigger Toronto Maple Leafs fan than John Dan. When the game was on, the blue jersey was hanging in the window! But even more than the Leafs, he loved and adored his family. You could see the pride in his face when he talked about Sandra, his loving wife of 57 years, his children, Ian, Scott and Karen, and his grandchildren, Kathryn, Meagan, Joseph, Will and Callum. They meant the world to him and he never missed an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments! John Dan is survived by his loving wife, Sandra (MacLellan); sons, Ian (Cheryl) and Scott (Jennifer) and daughter, Karen (Tim); his grandchildren, Kathryn, Meagan, Joseph, Will and Callum; siblings, Effie (Jimmy-deceased), Archie (Joan), Anne (Albert), and Francis (Lois). He is predeceased by his parents; brothers, Donald (Christine), Alexander, and James (in infancy); as well as his son, Malcolm. The family would like to extend a huge thank you to John Dan's medical team, in particular, Dr. Susie Egar, Dr. John Ritter, and his palliative team as well as the incredible staff at the Inverary Manor. The care, kindness, compassion, and dignity given to our father will never be forgotten. Funeral was held on Friday, October 6th, 2023, at St. Margaret's of Scotland Church, Broad Cove, NS. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Inverary Manor or a charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralcoop.com.

QUIGLEY

Gordon Roderick Quigley, of Inverness, passed away peacefully in the Inverary Manor on October 4th, 2023. "Quig," as Gordon was affectionately known, was born in Inverness on December 13th, 1927, to the late James and Adelaide (Moret) Quigley. Gordon began his working career at the NSPC, Inverside Site, at age 16 after the mining accident of 1943 claimed the life of his father. Later, Gordon earned certification in electricity and mechanics and worked as a stationary engineer of the RCAF, Sydney, NS (1953). After a brief stay in Windsor, Ontario, Gordon returned to Inverness to work at and later own/operate the FINA Station on Central Avenue. In 1972, Gordon built and operated the Strathlorne Service Station where he continued to serve his many loyal patrons and friends until his retirement in 1989. Retirement had a different meaning for Gordon. An avid outdoorsman, Gordon began his walking, gardening, fishing, and hunting in earnest. Despite these activities, he had more time with his best friend and travelling buddy, the late Gordon MacDonald of Midway Motors, Middle River. In addition to selling cars, they travelled extensively: to Hawaii, Japan, Montreal Expo, Florida, and elsewhere. Gordon also spent time with his beloved uncle and friend, the late Anthony Moret. "Moret" and Gordon fished the Margaree River, hunted their favourite woodlands, and tended their beautiful flower and vegetable

gardens. Many hours sharing stories and teasing characterized those adventures. Gordon loved discussing antique cars with his friend Daniel Poirier and he rarely missed a show, including the last one held at the Inverary Manor in July. Early Sunday morning coffee visits with Cary MacLean and breakfasts at the Coal Miner's Café with Darryl Poirier were absolute highlights in his week. In 1961, Gordon married the love of his life, the late Mary Eleanor MacKinnon. Sadly, Eleanor predeceased him in 1970 after a lengthy illness. Also predeceasing Gordon were his parents, his sister in infancy, Anna Josephine, twin brother Harold (the late Joan), brother Jimmy (the late Margaret), brother-in-law Harold Doherty, and nephew, Steven Doherty. Gordon is survived by his much-loved sister, Patsy Doherty (Ontario), several nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends. Gordon will be fondly remembered by the MacDonald families of Middle River and Baddeck, and the MacFarlane family of Glenville. At this time, Nicole would like to say a sincere thank you to those who provided such devoted care to Gordon: Dr. Susie Egar, Home Care staff (especially Clorice, Janet, and Teresa), nursing staff at Foyer Pere Fiset and the Inverary Manor. Gordon so appreciated your loving care and acts of kindness. Cremation has taken place. Gordon requested that there be no visitation or funeral service. Burial at a later date in St John's Cemetery, where Gordon will rest beside his loving wife, Eleanor. Thank you to Kevin and Tonya of the Inverness Funeral Home for their professional service. Donations in Gordon's memory may be made to the Inverary Manor, or a charity of one's choice. To each of his many friends, Gordon's farewell expression would undoubtedly be "See you later, kid!"

AUCOIN

Lionel Aucoin, age 62, Cheticamp, passed away on Sunday, September 24th, 2023, in Margaree. Lionel was a son to the late Gerard and the late Julia (Aucoin) Aucoin. After reconnecting with the love of his life, Linda, Lionel moved back to Cheticamp, where he touched many lives working as a custodian at the NDA School. When it wasn't hunting season, you were sure to see him on his Harley with his close friends enjoying the beautiful Cape Breton view. He would always say to anyone he met "Hello my Friend." Lionel leaves behind his partner, Linda; daughters, Nicole and Taylor; son, James; stepson, Harvey; brothers, Roger, Paul, and Yvon; sisters, Lucy, Sylvia, Priscille, and Theresa; grandchildren, Sophia, Ella, Lucas, and Charlotte; and many nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life for Lionel will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the NDA School Breakfast Program. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

CAMPBELL

Donald Scott Campbell, October 14th, 1961 – September 19th, 2023: Born October 14th, 1961, to Barbara Ann (MacPhail) and Donald (Buck) Matheson Campbell. Scott is survived by his mother, Barb; his wife, Theresa Reneanne (Poirier) Campbell; daughters, Coralee (Jason) Spears, Amanda (Derek Campbell) Killam, and Jenna Campbell (Shandy Aucoin). Also survived by his brother, Richard (Lisa Downs) Campbell, and sister Jean Campbell; grandsons Jansen, Ethan, Liam, and Jaxon; brothers- and sisters-in-law: Cubby Poirier, Bernie (Heather) Poirier, Louise (Robert) Miller, Terry (Marlene) Poirier, Francis (Lori) Poirier, Darryl (Karen) Poirier, Paddy (Cathy) Poirier, and Sarah Poirier; as well as many many nieces and nephews who adored him. Scott was pre-deceased by his father, Donald (Buck) Matheson Campbell, his grandparents Marion and Donald Campbell, and Mima and Archie MacPhail; as well as his mother-in-law Patricia (LeBlanc) Poirier; his father-in-law Hubert Poirier; and his sister-in-law, Vange (Cubby) Poirier. In 1979, he started driving ambulance with "Angus The Barber" for the Inverness Ambulance Service at the age of 17! Scott went on to spend 44 years working in, and servicing, his community. He was with the Inverness Ambulance Service until its end in 1997, then transferring to the EMC, where he worked diligently and joyful until his very last day. In the very same year, he joined the ambulance service; he also joined the East Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department. Over time, he also joined the Inverness Volunteer Fire Department, even taking on the role of Chief for five years from 2005 – 2010. In 1983, Scott found the other love of his life, Reneanne. Scott had nothing but stars in his eyes from the day they met. One year later, on October 20th, 1984, he married his one and only. But the man that he was, he not only found a wife, he also became a father to two little girls, Coralee and Mandy. Scott was more than a bonus dad, as he loved the girls like his own, and treated them just that way. Scott was later blessed with Jenna, the apple of his eye, and his family was complete, for now. Scott rode his

motorcycles, his four wheelers, and his trucks, enjoying many rides and rallies with the guys over the years. This was one of his favourite things to do. He made everyone laugh. Scott was always ready with a joke, a hug, a shoulder to cry on. Nurses loved seeing his face when the ambulance bay doors opened. Scott was SOP at the EMC; was a mentor to many young men and women coming up in the industry, and a valued colleague to paramedics across the province. He was awarded the Long Time Service Award and the Exemplary Service Medal. Scott leaves behind a legacy, not only with his wife, Reneanne, and his children and grandchildren, but also with his brothers and sisters in service. Scott passed on September 19th, 2023. A giant hole has been left in our hearts, our town and our community, but Scott will live on forever in our memories. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. Visitation was held in St. Matthew's United Church, Inverness, on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. with funeral service following at 2:00 p.m. Burial followed in East Lake Ainslie Cemetery. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CAMPBELL

It is with very heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dear mother, Mary Irene Campbell, on September 26th, 2023, in Inverary Manor, Inverness. Irene is finally at rest after suffering declined health in recent years. Irene was born in New Waterford, on October 17th, 1943, to the late Annie Mae MacIsaac of Blackstone and Alex Gillis of Margaree. She leaves behind one sister, Pearline (Roger) of Orange, MA, along with their children, Pamela, Roger, Brian, and Angela and their grandchildren; daughter, Jo-Ann Campbell-Cameron and husband, Rick of Avon, MA; son, Alexander J. "Sandy" along with former wife, Keri Romano of Medfield, MA; son, Alexander A. "Al" and his wife, Krista of Blackstone and Alberta; grandchildren, Anthony, Russell, and Grenne. Irene was predeceased by her former husband, Alex J. Campbell of Glenora Falls and by her son, Donald "Dan" J. of Watertown, MA. Irene married Alex in Boston, MA, and raised their children in Watertown. Irene worked for many years in the health care industry taking care of the elderly and was loved dearly by her charges. She was a member of the Canadian-American Club and enjoyed attending their dances. Irene could not do enough for you if you landed on her doorstep. She was selfless, with a heart of gold and was kind to everyone she knew. Besides her grieving children, Irene leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and the dearest friends and neighbours for whom one could wish. To Mary Beaton, Joyce Gillis, Linda Maloney, Flossie Vanden Hoogen, Janet Hendsbee, Annabelle Gillis, and Willena Campbell, who were there with Irene in her final days and moments, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to you. Words cannot express what a tremendous blessing you were when we were so far away. Not only did you bring great comfort to our mom but you also brought her children great comfort to know she was not alone. "Friendship is a sheltering tree." – Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Special thanks to the staff and nurses of the Inverary Manor, especially Highland Villa. Thank you Dr. Ritter and the Palliative Care Team. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, Highland Villa at the Inverary Manor, Inverness or the Canadian Diabetes Association. Visitation will be held in Immaculate Conception Church, West Lake Ainslie, from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 5th, 2023, with funeral mass and reception to follow at 11:00 a.m.

CAMPBELL

Marion Isabel Campbell, 65, of Blues Mills passed away peacefully Tuesday, September 26th, 2023, in St. Martha's Regional Hospital, Antigonish, surrounded by her loving family and is now at home with her Lord and Saviour. Marion was born on October 28th, 1957, in Inverness to the late Thomas R. and Katherine (Gillis) MacPhail. She married her soulmate, Bobby, on October 20th, 1979. Together they raised four cherished and precious sons, Matthew (Siobhan), Bradley (Kassie), Michael (Chantalle), and Brent (Chelsea). Marion's absolute pride and joy were her six grandchildren, Lachlan and Lilah, Isaac and Owen, and Cohen and Cooper. Marion is survived by her sister and best friend Becky Austen; brothers-in-law Raymond Chandler, David Smith and Lawrence Campbell; sister-in-law Elizabeth MacPhail; nephews Scott (Darlene) Austen, Wayne (Wanda) Chandler, Jamie (Colleen) Smith, Adam Campbell and Ian (Wanda) MacLean; nieces Stephanie (Mark) MacEachern, Patricia (Chris) MacDonnell, Carol Smith, Angie (Ray) MacKenzie, and Beth MacLeod; grandnieces Savanna MacEachern, Bryanna Smith, Chloe and Samantha MacKenzie and Mya MacLean; grandnephews Sean Austen, Cael Austen, Neil MacEachern, Kyle and Kirk MacDonnell, Ethan and Evan Chandler, Joshua Smith, and Mitchell and

Mason MacLean and great-grandnephew, Khalid MacDonnell as well as many cousins and friends. Along with being pre-deceased by her parents, gone before her were brothers, Darrell and Robert; sisters Anne Chandler and Neilena Smith; sister Margaret Anne in infancy; nephew Roger Chandler; grandnephew Noah MacEachern; as well as father- and mother-in-law, Robert and Christine Campbell and sister-in-law Marilyn MacLean. Marion graduated from Mabou Consolidated from the Stenography program in 1974 and went directly to work at Stora Forest Industries. There, she formed many long-lasting friendships and enjoyed her work. She left work to raise her sons in 1990 and was the ultimate stay at home mom attending every practice, game, concert, and event that her boys were involved in. In 2005, she began working at L'Arche Cape Breton where she found true happiness with her work family and the core members until her retirement in 2020. Marion valued her family and church family more than anything. She hosted many family gatherings and dinners in her home along with planning and providing for many church events. Marion was known for her steady faith, work ethic, compassion, selflessness, kindness, and caring nature, as well as leadership in her family. The pivotal role she played in the lives of family and friends is irreplaceable. Marion will be dearly missed. The family would like to thank Drs. MacLachlin, Saliba, Wasserman, and DeBoers as well as the oncology nurses at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, Melinda MacDonnell, Melissa Beaton, and Kelly Cummings for the devoted care and attention Marion received over the past four years. The family also thanks the medical team at St. Martha's for the compassionate care received over the past weeks. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Visitation was held on Friday, September 29th, in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Funeral service was held in the Blues Mills Gospel Hall on Saturday, September 30th, officiated by Pastor Wayne MacLeod. Burial took place in Upper River Denys Cemetery. Donations in memory of Marion can be made to Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church Community Outreach c/o Mary Anne MacDonald or to L'Arche Cape Breton – 3 L'Arche Lane, Iron Mills, NS, B0E 2K0. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

GILLIS

We are sad to announce the passing of Archie Duncan (John S.) Gillis at Strait Richmond Hospital on September 26TH, 2023, after a lengthy illness. Archie was the son of John S. and Katie Eugene (MacIsaac) Gillis both of Hawthorne, NS. He is survived by his wife Edith (MacLellan); sisters, Mary (the late Tom) Campbell, Michigan; Elaine (the late Sam) Mombourquette, Bedford, NS; Marjorie (the late Leslie) Graham, Judique; also many nieces and nephews which he was very proud of; sisters- and brothers in-law and their families. Besides his parents he was predeceased by siblings, Neil (Helen), Donald Bernard (Marie), Helen (Gillis) Graham, John, Ann Marie, Archie, Catherine Christina and Genevieve. Archie loved old cars "especially his 1988 Cadillac," horse racing, and restoring antique furniture. We would like to express our sincere thanks for the compassionate and exceptional care Archie received from Dr. Deoche, the nurses, all the staff and the palliative Care Team at Strait Richmond Hospital and also Courtney MacKinnon, occupational therapist. Cremation has taken place. Funeral mass was held Monday, October 2nd, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Allan MacMillan officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Online condolence: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacKINNON

It is with heavy hearts that we, the family, announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and sister Reta MacKinnon on Wednesday, September 27th, 2023, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp, surrounded by her loving family, at the young age of 71. Reta was born in Neil's Harbour. She was a daughter of the late Sandy and the late Tina MacKinnon. Nanny lived for those Tuesday and Thursday nights. Reta was always ready to help anyone in need, whether it was for a meal, someone to talk to, or a couch to sleep on. Reta leaves behind, her sons, Roland (Joclyn), and Ronnie (Amanda); stepson, Robbie (Janet); grandchildren, Jessica (Dale), Navindra (Soraya), Rolena (Justin), Shania, Tyrone (Annette), Evander, Savannah, CJ, Robert, Carolyn, Joanna, Destiny, Shaniece, and Cannon; 12 great-grandchildren; brothers, Henry David (Jackie), and Douglas (Jessie); sisters, Sadie, Alice, and Alantia; 33 nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Randy; stepson, John Thomas; brothers, John Dan, Leslie, and Audie; sisters, Carol and Belinda. Visitation was held on Monday, October 2nd, 2023, in the Cheticamp Funeral Home from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held today, October 4th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in

Asby Bay Cemetery, Asby Bay, with Rev. Peter Rioux officiating. Condolences may be made to:
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ARSENAULT

We are saddened to announce the passing of Bernard "Bernie" William Arsenault, 75, at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital on Wednesday, September 13th. Born in Margaree, Bernie was the son of the late Lubin and Florence Arsenault. Bernie enjoyed bowling, darts, fishing, dancing, shaking his "booty," and camping. He was known in the Labourers Union as a "Super Labourer." He is survived by his partner of 14 years, Ann Ley; son, Trevor Arsenault; daughter, Leasa Julien; grandchildren, Kennan Arsenault, 4, and Tyler Julien, 11. He will also be missed by his special bear claw buddy, Lena. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Joseph and wife, Barbara. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of T.J. Tracey Cremation and Burial Specialists, 6 Churchill Drive, Sydney, 902-539-7175. Visitation was held on Monday, September 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the funeral home with a memorial service in the chapel following with Fr. Connor Edwards officiating. A reception followed. Memorial donations may be made to the Children's Wish Foundation. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.tjtracey.com.

CAMPBELL

Donald Scott Campbell, October 14th, 1961 – September 19th, 2023: In 1979, he started driving ambulance with "Angus The Barber" for the Inverness Ambulance Service at the age of 17! Scott went on to spend 44 years working in, and servicing, his community. He was with the Inverness Ambulance Service until its end in 1997, then transferring to the EMC, where he worked diligently and joyful until his very last day. In the very same year he joined the Ambulance Service, he also joined the East Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department. Over time he also joined the Inverness Volunteer Fire Department, even taking on the role of chief for five years from 2005 - 2010. In 1983, Scott found the other love of his life, Reneanne. Scott had nothing but stars in his eyes from the day they met. One year later, on October 20th, 1984, he married his one and only. But the man that he was, he not only found a wife, he also became a father to two little girls, Coralee and Mandy. Scott was more than a bonus dad, as he loved the girls like his own, and treated them just that way. Scott was later blessed with Jenna, the apple of his eye, and his family was complete, for now. Scott rode his motorcycles, his four wheelers, and his trucks, enjoying many rides and rallies with the guys over the years. This was one of his favourite things to do. He made everyone laugh. Scott was always ready with a joke, a hug, a shoulder to cry on. Nurses loved seeing his face when the ambulance bay doors opened. Scott was SOP at the EMC; was a mentor to many young men and women coming up in the industry, and a valued colleague to paramedics across the province. He was awarded the Long time Service Award and the Exemplary Service Medal. Scott leaves behind a legacy, not only with his wife, Reneanne and his children and grandchildren, but also with his brothers and sisters in service. Scott passed on September 19th, 2023. A giant hole has been left in our hearts, our town, and our community; but Scott will live on forever in our memories. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. Visitation will be held in St. Matthew's United Church, Inverness, on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. with Funeral Service to follow at 2:00 p.m. Burial to follow in East Lake Ainslie Cemetery. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

HUBBARD

Mary Florence Hubbard, age 76: It is with deep sadness and regret that we announce the passing of our Mary, suddenly, on September 20th, 2023, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. She is survived by brothers and sisters, Albert (Linda), Worcester, Massachusetts; John (Jean), Blues Mills; Peggy, Sydney; Alex, Vancouver; Christine, Inverness; Malcolm, Inverness; Anne, Toronto; Ronald, Inverness; Theresa, Inverness; Angus (Michelle), Inverness; Elizabeth (Bradley), Inverness; and many nieces and nephews. Our Mary loved children, people, and pets. She was an enthusiastic bingo player and had a love of music. She was a proud member of Stella Maris Parish Church, Inverness. Mary was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Ella; brothers, Donald Angus and Angus Donald; as well as numerous uncles, aunts, and nephews. Visitation will be held in Inverness Funeral Home on Friday, September 29th from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Funeral mass will take place in Stella Maris Church,

Inverness, on Saturday, September 30th, at 11:00 a.m. with burial to follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, West Lake Ainslie. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacDONALD

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved brother, Fr. Bernard R. MacDonald on September 22nd, 2023, after declining health. He is at peace now and with our Heavenly Father. Fr. Bernie was born in Boston, MA, on August 16th, 1942, to the late Donald C. and Mary (Rory) MacDonald, formerly of Antigonish and West Mabou, Nova Scotia. He was the eldest of seven children and is survived by his sisters, Dorothy, Barbara, and Marjorie; brothers, Kenneth and Edwin. He was predeceased by his brother, Christopher. He also leaves his beloved in-laws, nieces, and nephews, as well as cherished cousins, dear friends, and parishioners. Fr. Bernie began his vocation as a Maryknoll Missionary and was ordained in 1968 in Ossining, NY. He was educated at Maryknoll Seminary and the University of New York and earned his BA in Divinity and Masters in History. He taught both English and History at St. Joseph's in San Francisco, CA, before he began his missionary work in Hong Kong and in Tanzania, Africa. His mission work led him to become fluent in Swahili, French, and Cantonese. He was also fluent in Latin and Gaelic. Languages came naturally for him. Fr. Bernie visited family in Nova Scotia all through his life and loved his Scottish heritage. He returned to do his novitiate work at Talbot House, Frenchvale, under the guidance of Fr. Webb, a great mentor. His heart and home was always Cape Breton. He returned permanently and served in the Diocese of Antigonish first as Assistant at St. Anthony Daniel Church in Sydney in 1973, in 1974 as Chaplain at St. Rita's Hospital in Sydney, in 1975 as Assistant at Holy Redeemer in Whitney Pier, in 1976 as Administrator at St. Mary's in Frenchvale, in 1982 as Director of Talbot House in Frenchvale, in 1999 as Pastor at St. John the Baptist in Brookville, which included St. Joseph's Church in Glencoe, Immaculate Conception in West Lake Ainslie and Holy Trinity in Whycocomagh. In 2016, he served as Pastor at St. Mary's Church, Mabou, as well as the Mission Church of Brookville, Glencoe, and West Lake Ainslie. While he resigned from St. Mary's in 2019, he remained Pastor of the other churches to this day. Fr. Bernie will be waked from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27th, in St. Mary's Church, Mabou with a vigil from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Funeral mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Thursday, September 28th, at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Bernie lived his faith through his endless acts of kindness. All were welcome with no judgement, only love and understanding of the human experience. We hope you choose to do an act of kindness for someone in remembrance of Fr. Bernie. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacDONALD

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our dear and loving aunt Catherine Ann "Kaye" MacDonald of Judique Intervale. Born on April 18th, 1921, to her parents Archie and Christy Bell MacDonald, Judique Intervale. Kaye was a strong-willed lady up until the very end; she was a very generous and loving soul. She loved family and friends coming to visit for tea and sometimes for a little "gillie" of wine. Kaye was very strong in her faith. She could often be found praying the rosary. Kaye loved outings with family; she was a great admirer of the royal family especially the late Queen. She could often be found watching her favourite TV channel CNN waiting for the news report from her "boyfriend" Anderson Cooper. On September 19th, 2023, the gates of heaven swung open and Kaye was welcomed into our lord's waiting arms into his kingdom. Kaye was the last surviving member of her family. She leaves behind many nieces and nephews to mourn her passing. She will be forever missed by her dear and closest friends Edie and Jessica. Kaye was predeceased by her parents, Archie and Christy Bell; siblings, Margaret Sara, John Rory, Sara Mae, Rachel, James Allan, Mary Bell, Neil Joseph (Josie), Roderick Malcolm (Roddie), and Mary Ann. Kaye left her native Cape Breton in 1947 to pursue work in Boston where she worked as a live-in home support worker. She was responsible for all kitchen duties as a cook. She remained working there until 1986 when she returned to the family home to look after her brother John Rory. After his passing in 1999, she continued to live a very independent lifestyle on the family homestead until she entered the Inverary Manor in February 2022, where she resided until her passing. Visitation was on Tuesday, September 26th from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Judique Fire Hall. Funeral mass is 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 27th, in St. Andrews Church, Judique, with Fr. Allan MacMillan officiating. Burial to follow in the Judique cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to

Inverary Manor or St Andrews Parish Judique. Online condolences may be made to:
www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacNEIL

It's with absolutely broken hearts our family announces the passing of our beloved dad, grampie, brother, and friend, Lauchie MacNeil. Lauchie was born in Inverness, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. His early childhood was spent in Mabou and then Port Hawkesbury. At a young age he left Cape Breton for Sudbury, Ontario, where he started a long career in the mining industry. Lauchie married his beloved wife Mary and together they moved many times due to work, making many lifelong friendships along the way. While both true Cape Bretoners at hearts, the family ended up settling in Sussex, NB, in 1979, where Lauchie started a mining job with Cementation. Sussex would be their forever home where Lauchie has resided ever since. Lauchie loved working as a miner and was very passionate about the trade; he loved to tell stories about working underground and would often reminisce with old mining friends. The joke in our family is that he "retired" several times because he kept going back for "one more job." It was a career he later loved talking about with his grandson, Kyle, who followed in his footsteps. Lauchie was known for his sense of humour, kind heart, his love for people and willingness to go on any adventure. In his 74th year he knocked Scotland off the bucket list with his daughter, Valerie, where they made some lifelong memories. Two years later, he and Valerie were packing their bags again to explore Italy and Switzerland. He was always up for any adventure; friends would often stop in at the house to pick him up for road trips leaving the rest of us wondering where he was at. Lauchie lived a very full life, never slowing down to his age. Lauchie was so loved and was many people's "go to" person when they needed an extra hand or a friendly visit. Of all the titles Lauchie held, "Grampie Lauchie" was his favourite. He would let everyone know at any time how proud he was of Natalie and Kyle. He loved to tell stories from when they were little; it brought him and us the utmost joy. Despite hating the cold, he was at every hockey game cheering them on. Grampie's presence was continual and devoted throughout our entire lives, if we were taking an exam, we knew Grampie was praying for us; if it was snowing, we knew he was hoping we were off the roads; if we needed a drive home from the mule (yes even at 79 years old) he was on deck to drive us (and all our friends) home. His presence in our life was noticed and felt by all so much that many of our childhood best friends, university roommates, and cousins always referred to him as "Grampie Lauchie" too. Grampie was our best friend and our biggest cheerleader; we will miss him more than he will ever know. Lauchie was predeceased by his wife, Mary (M.C.) Moran; his brother, Alexander MacNeil; his parents Margaret (McMaster) and John Dougald MacNeil. Left to grieve is his daughter, Valerie, and her husband, Stephen Sharp; his grandchildren, Natalie (Garrett Lambke) and Kyle Sharp; his sisters, Mary Annette Greencorn and Marge Cluett; his nephews, Ian Cluett, Wade MacNeil; and nieces, Nancy Greencorn and Kim Cluett. Also left to grieve is the entire extended Sharp family who took Lauchie in as their own for every holiday, birthday, and any celebrations. Lauchie was part of many different circles, touching so many people from far and wide with his friendship, all who will miss him dearly. We believe heaven is a beautiful place and that he is reunited with his best friend, Mary. God gained, as Grampie would say, the "very best" angel with a golden heart and huge wings. We will end this with a smile because that is how Lauchie always left all of us. We hope heaven has the biggest piece of chocolate cake and an ice-cold glass of Pepsi waiting for you. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wallace Funeral Home, 34 Sunnyside Drive, Sussex, NB (506-433-1176) from where visitation was held on Wednesday, September 13th, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A mass of Christian burial was held from St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, September 14th, at 11:00 a.m. Lauchie was laid to rest next to his wife in Wards Creek Cemetery immediately following the service. In memory of Lauchie, people can make a donation to donor's choice or please do a random act of kindness or share a smile with Lauchie in your heart.

YIPP

Jon Melvin Yipp Sr., better known to all as "Papa Jon," age 86, departed his earthly life on September 21st, 2023, in Inverary Manor, Inverness, surrounded by his loving family. Jon grew up in Inverness and attended university in his early years, then went on to have many occupations throughout his life. Jon spent a lot of his working life in Sydney, where he retired as an addictions counsellor and further continued to help many in our community overcome challenges, and experience a more fulfilling life. Jon

was a member of many committees and boards that advocated for the betterment of the community of Inverness. Jon was a practicing Catholic and enjoyed sharing his personal spiritual experiences, and faith in God with everyone who crossed his path. Jon is honoured for his wisdom, honesty, intelligence, and genuine faith in humanity. Jon was always sure to bring out the best in everyone. His vibrant laugh was infectious to all! Jon has left a special place in everyone's heart. Jon was the centre of the Yipp family and always so proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Jon is survived by the mother of his children, Patricia Gillis. Jon was predeceased by his wife, Marie Yipp. Jon was the loving father of the late Lance Yipp, Inverness and stepson Booker Wall, Sydney. Jon is survived by his loving children, Pam Hartford (John Hartford), Inverness, George Yipp, Inverness, Warren Yipp, Inverness, Jon Yipp, Inverness, stepson, Michael Wall, Halifax and daughter-in-law, Ann Yipp, Inverness. Jon is survived by his grandchildren, Colyn, Nya, Hailey, Coady, Accacia, Leelyn, Mitchell, Wendel, John, and Taryn. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Vada, Reid, Carter, Freddie, Lennox, Scarlett, Will, Mac, Callum, Ryland, Penny, Summer, Levi, Maverick, Isaac, and Alex. Jon is also survived by his sister, Dolores (Dollie) O'Connor, Victoria. Jon is further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Jon was predeceased by his late parents, George and Ida Yipp, brothers Roy and Lance Yipp and his son Lance Yipp. Special thanks to the staff and nurses of the Inverary Manor, especially Oceanview Villa. Thank you to Dr. Lok, Dr. Ritter, and the Palliative Care Team. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or the Oceanview Villa at the Inverary Manor, Inverness. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 4th from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass following at 11:00 a.m. in Stella Maris Church, Inverness. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CHANDLER

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Frank Edward Chandler of Whycocomagh, who passed away on Monday, September 11th, 2023, in the Inverary Manor, Inverness. Frank spent 57 years married to his loving wife Shirley Chandler, who passed just over a month before he did. He enjoyed spending time outdoors with his family, hunting, fishing, or working in the woodpile. Frank spent many years working for the Department of Transportation. He loved visits from his family and spending quality time with his great-grandchildren. He also treasured his trips out west to see his children and grandchildren, where he went on hunting and quadding trips. Left to mourn are his children: Brenda (Sandy MacInnis), Troy; Carl (Rachel Mac Donald,) Dawson Creek; Kevin (Michelle Matthews), Dawson Creek; Connie (Daniel MacLean), Dawson Creek; grandchildren, Elisha (Michael Black), Chelcea (Dave Driscoll), Courtney MacInnis (James MacDonald), Ashton (Kelsey), Nathan (Hayley), Kaden Chandler, Landon (Fusha) and Sophie Chandler, Josie MacLean (Blain Crocker) and Bailey MacLean; great-grandchildren, Ainslee and Lauchie Black, Lexi and Darci Driscoll, Norah MacInnis, Isla and Frankie MacQuarrie, Connley and Ronnie Crocker; siblings, Raymond (Anne), Harold, Melvin (Suzanne), Joey (Cheryl), Richard (Elizabeth), Gary (Nerissa); sisters, Glenna Chandler and Elsie Munro (Jerry); and his many nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife Shirley, he is predeceased by his mother and father, Ruth and Raymond Chandler; brother, Ernie Chandler; sisters, Margaret Alice and Annie Mae who died in infancy; nephews, Roger and Joel Chandler; sisters-in-law, Anne Chandler, Elaine Campbell, and Patsy MacDonald, and brother-in-law, Timmie Pearo. The family would like to send their gratitude to the staff at the Inverary Manor and Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for their loving care over the last few years. Visitation will be held Wednesday, September 20th, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Funeral service will take place Thursday, September 21st, at 11:00 a.m., from Stewart United Church, Whycocomagh, with Rev. John Tapscott officiating. Burial to follow in the Stewartdale Cemetery. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com.

CHIASSON

Emma Cecile Chiasson, age 83, Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp, formerly from Belle Cote, passed away peacefully with her family by her side. Emma Cecile was a daughter of the late Daniel William and the late Margaret (Arsenault) Chiasson. Emma Cecile is survived by her brother, Marcellin (Yvette) Chiasson; sister, Isabel (John) MacLellan; and several nieces and nephews, Denise Olson, Marcel (Joann) Olson, Gregory Torres (godson), William "Bill" Torres, Donald A. MacLellan, Gary D. MacLellan, Linda M. MacLellan, Lynn (Harold) AuCoin, and Denise Chiasson. Besides her parents,

Emma Cecile was predeceased by her sisters, Evangeline Torres, and Yvonne Olson; and nephew, Francis Torres. Visitation was held on Friday, September 15th, 2023, in St. Michael's Church, Margaree, from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Sacred Heart Hospital Palliative Care, St. Michael's Church, or a Charity of One's Choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LeBLANC

David J. LeBlanc, age 75, Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Monday, September 11th, 2023, at the Guest Home. David was a son of the late Placide and Dora (Aucoin) LeBlanc. David worked for the Boilermakers Local 73 for over 35 years. He loved camping and travelling and followed the bluegrass festivals. He liked cross country skiing, and hiking and in his spare time he liked doing jigsaw puzzles, and, of course, he loved the Montreal Canadians! David is survived by his wife, Isabelle (Doucet) LeBlanc; sons, Jason (Melissa) LeBlanc, and Shawne (Robin) LeBlanc; daughter, Tammy (Dale) Freeman; brothers, Donat LeBlanc, Rene LeBlanc, and Bert LeBlanc; sisters, Annette MacDonald, and Dorella Poirier; grandchildren, Logan and Declan Freeman, Marcus LeBlanc, and Sidney and Lucas Parise. Besides his parents, David was predeceased by his brother, Ernest LeBlanc; and sisters, Émilie LeBlanc, and Merina LeBlanc. A private graveside service was held, for family only, in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Donations may be made in David's memory to the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia or Foyer Père Fiset. Many thanks to the staff of the Foyer Père Fiset, as well as the doctors and volunteers for the care provided to David during his battle with Alzheimer's. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

Abby Lane MacDonald was a caring and kind wife, mother, grandmother, sister, cousin and friend. She left this world on September 15th, 2023. Abby was a daughter of the late Janet and Malcolm MacQuarrie, born on January 22nd, 1960, where she grew up at the Kenloch homestead. After graduating high school, she chased her dreams and attended St. Francis Xavier University where she received her BA and then onto her Bachelor of Education. She certainly studied hard, often modestly comparing her high marks with her brother Cameron. Abby then taught various grade levels casually throughout her teaching career, sharing her passion for learning with many children over the years. On July 3rd, 1982, Abby married Ned MacDonald, and went on to have two daughters, Janna and Breanna who were their pride and joy. They resided in Glenville and worked hard to make the old "ski lodge" a home where they hosted many gatherings over the years. During Abby's early years into adulthood, she was known for her love of music and enjoying time with her band "The 5 Bee's," as a drummer. She would often eavesdrop on her brothers practising in the shed in Kenloch, picking up on melodies by ear. Abby was a beautiful artist and still has many of her sketches at the Inverness Miners Museum upstairs. Abby also practised karate and completed her black belt alongside her brothers. Abby and Neddy enjoyed many outings including tennis, golf, and skiing. Once Abby and Neddy started a family, their daughters' friends were welcomed into their home as their own, creating many special memories growing up. Abby was predeceased by her husband, Ned; mother, Janet; father, Malcolm MacQuarrie; mother-in-law, Betty; father-in-law, Dan Joe MacDonald and brother, Stanley MacQuarrie. Abby is survived by her daughters, Janna (Reid) Saffarek, Breanna (Liam) MacDonnell and grandchildren, Raine Saffarek, Noah MacDonnell and Brooke MacDonnell who were the light of her life the most recent years. Abby is also survived by siblings, Angus (Mabel) MacQuarrie, Floanna (Al) Chisholm, Danena (Malcolm) (deceased) Mackinnon, Lauchie (Millie) MacQuarrie, Alex "Trapper" (Wilena) MacQuarrie, Cecil (Mary Anderson) MacQuarrie, and Cameron (Clare) MacQuarrie. Abby had many close cousins that she grew up with, especially Elizabeth (Wally) Forrest and Donna (Dale) Gatenby who stood beside her on their wedding day. Abby also loved spending time with her in-laws, who welcomed her with open arms. Abby was also survived by many nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews. Her love for children always showed with these relationships. If you knew Abby, you knew she was caring, compassionate, and always had a positive spin on any situation. There is a saying that "they would give the shirt off of their back for you:" this was more than true for Abby as she once gave the shoes off of her feet to her sister, who only complimented them. Abby

was never one to complain, this became true as Abby was faced with an unfair health battle over a long number of years. Abby kept on living as best she could with dignity and grace. Our family would like to thank the Inverary Manor staff who provided her with wonderful care over the last year. We would also like to thank Dr. Lowry, the palliative care team, and home support who all played a vital role at some point during her battle. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, September 20th, 2023, in the East Lake Ainslie Presbyterian Church from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. with funeral service to follow at 2:00 p.m. Burial to follow in Stella Maris Parish Cemetery, Inverness. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Inverary Manor, Inverness, Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

ROSS

It is with broken hearts we announce the sudden passing of our beloved mother and wife, Frances Letita Ross, on August 29th, 2023, in the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. She was born in Margaree on November 11th, 1944, where she lived her entire life. During her working years, Frances worked in the tourism industry; mostly gift shops in the local area, such as Marguerite's Gift Shop, The Red Barn Gift Shop, and Paul Picks Gift Shop. She also tried her hand at waitressing, working at Gisele's, Baddeck, The Normaway, Margaree; but her favourite was the Tea Room at the Bell Museum, where she enjoyed the beautiful view of the Bras d'Or Lake with the many boats sailing on a sunny day. In her spare time, she enjoyed quilting and blessed her family and friends with gifts she made with love that we will cherish. Left to mourn her passing is her husband of almost 60 years, Blaine; her son Blake, Halifax; daughter Wanita (Blair), Baddeck; her half-siblings Dave, Billy, and Ann all of Sydney. She was pre-deceased by her parents Dan and (Dorothy Carmichael) Stewart; birth-mother, Isabel; her brother Clarence Stewart and her sister Christine Munro. Funeral service will be held Saturday, September 23rd at 1 p.m. in the Kingdom Hall, Baddeck. There will be a gathering at the family home in Margaree following the funeral. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

LeBLANC

It is with heavy heart and immense sadness that we announce the passing of Luce Elizabeth (Zabeth) LeBlanc, who died suddenly but peacefully on September 4th, 2023, at the age of 94. She is survived by her children, Réjeanne, Marthe and Zoël; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and other family members. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Joseph; and her eldest daughter, Alcida. Visitation will be held at the Chéticamp Funeral Home on Friday, September 15th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be held on Saturday, September 16th, at 10:30 a.m. in l'Église St. Pierre, Chéticamp. Donations may be made in Elizabeth's memory to the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre Auxiliaries, P.O. Box 506, Chéticamp, N.S. B0E 1H0. To view full obituary and leave words of condolences for the family, please visit: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacISAAC

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Stephen MacIsaac, Mabou, at the age of 85. Stephen passed away peacefully, after a courageous battle with cancer, at the home of his daughter in Mabou Coal Mines. Stephen spent his last hours surrounded by the love of his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was born in New Waterford on June 28th, 1938, to the late William Joseph and Sara Ann (Rankin "Duncan Joe") MacIsaac. Stephen went to Ontario to work as a young man; where he met Marjorie Ryder. They fell in love and after several years they moved back to Cape Breton and settled in Mabou; where Stephen worked at St. Joseph's Convent for 25 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Marjorie Joyce (Ryder) MacIsaac; his loving daughters, Annette (Stephen) MacLellan, Dartmouth, NS; Bernadette (Bernie) Beaton, Mabou Coal Mines; his loving son Stephen (Angelyn), Mount Forest, Ontario; grandchildren, Charles (Erica) Beaton, Mary Frances, Christopher, Ryan, Andrew, and Katie Beaton; great-grandchildren Jaxtyn and Harley Jean; also his brother Michael (Joan) Rankin, Cottam, Ontario. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Margaret MacIsaac, Barbara Ann (Wally) MacDonald; brothers, Andrew MacIsaac, Gerald MacIsaac, John Willie Rankin, Allan Joseph Rankin; and great-grandchild Jackson. Stephen was a quiet, kind, and loving man. He always enjoyed people stopping in for a chat and maybe a few stories. He and his wife Marjorie made you feel right at home. Stephen was very proud of his children and grandchildren and always looked forward to their

visits. He always had time to have some fun with his grandchildren. We, the family, would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Mark Bennett, Dr. John Ritter, Lori Ann MacDonald, Sarah MacDougall, and all the Continuing Care nurses for the kind, compassionate care you provided over the past couple of months. Cremation has taken place. Funeral mass was held in St. Mary's Church, Mabou, Monday, September 11th, with Father Andrew Gillies officiating. Burial was in church cemetery. Donations in memory of Stephen may be made to The Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command, Poppy Trust Fund (supports veterans and their families) or a charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacLEAN

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Donald Peter MacLean of Strathlorne, Nova Scotia. He passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 9th, 2023, in Inverary Manor, Inverness. Donald was born on July 28th, 1942, in Inverness. He was a son of the late William MacLean and Jane (Roberts) MacLean. He will be greatly missed by his loving and devoted wife of 54 years, Kaye (MacDonald) MacLean; children, Cheryl MacIsaac (Ian), and Mark MacLean (Laura); his three grandchildren, William MacIsaac, Madelyn and Claire MacLean; and his brother, Bill MacLean (Vera Nearing). Donald was an electrician by trade and began working as an independent contractor. He spent the final 20 years of his career at the Strathlorne Forest Nursery. An avid outdoorsman, Donald could often be found golfing, fishing, and hunting. He loved to garden and spent many hours in his greenhouse and large vegetable garden. Donald was well known for his years of singing and entertaining, both solo and with his brother, Billy. Their gigs were a popular attraction at the Inverness Legion. His family was a source of pride and joy to him. He was particularly proud of his grandchildren and was always delighted to visit with them. The family sincerely thanks the staff at the Inverary Manor for the wonderful care he received and the many laughs he shared with them. Our gratitude is also extended to Dr. Egar and the nursing staff at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for their care. Visitation will take place on Saturday, September 16th, in St. Matthews United Church, Inverness from 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. with a funeral service to follow at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow at the Inverness Fire Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Donald's memory to Parkinson Canada or the Inverary Manor, Inverness. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.

MacNEIL

It's with absolutely broken hearts our family announces the passing of our beloved Dad, Gram-pie, Brother and Friend, Lauchie MacNeil. Lauchie was predeceased by his wife, Mary (Moran); his brother, Alexander; his parents: John and Margaret (McMaster) MacNeil. Left to grieve are his daughter, Valerie (Stephen) Sharp; his grandchildren: Natalie (Garrett Lambke) and Kyle Sharp; his sisters: Mary Annette Greencorn and Marge Cluett; his nephews: Ian Cluett, Wade MacNeil; and nieces: Nancy Greencorn and Kim Cluett; as well as the entire extended Sharp family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wallace Funeral Home, 34 Sunnyside Drive, Sussex, NB, (506-433-1176) from where visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. A mass of Christian burial will be held from St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, September 14th, at 11:00 a.m. In memory of Lauchie, people can make a donation to donor's choice or please do a random act of kindness or share a smile with Lauchie in your heart.

PHILLIPS

Francis George Phillips, of Margaree Centre, passed away peacefully in Inverary Manor, Inverness, with his family by his side on Monday, September 4th, 2023. Born on September 20th, 1939, he was a son of the late Barkes and Ethel (Crowdis) Phillips and was a member of Wilson United Church, Margaree Centre. Francis was a wonderful, kind, and caring man. His love of family was beyond measure, but when the grandchildren came, his pride was eight-fold. He was always up for fun and music; he had a passion for animals, especially racehorses and his dogs. Francis always had a great love for his church. As a child, he was in Tyro, Sicmac, and Youth Group. He was a janitor for many years. He also served on the Board of Managers and was a Sunday school teacher. Francis worked in the woods as a harvester operator, he loved modern square dancing and was a great sport, always teasing the girls at the manor. He even made a good attempt to dance five days before his passing, always making the best of every

event. Francis also loved gardening. Francis is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara; children, Lorna (James), Leroy (Kathy), Francie (Robert), Judy (Bradley); grandchildren, Emily Ann, Jamie Marie, Rebecca Lynn, Elon Mariner James, Breton Christopher Russell, Erica Susan, Mason Bradley Fraser, Avery Margaret Ann; mother-in-law, Margaret; sister-in-law, Marjorie; nephews, Jabez, Kelly; nieces, Priscilla and Nancy; and all his great-grandnieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his brother, Charlie; sister, Sadie; father-in-law, Neil; step father-in-law, Micheal; and brother-in-law, Harry. Visitation took place in Wilson United Church Hall, Margaree Centre on Sunday, September 10th, from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Funeral service was held in Wilson United Church on Monday, September 11th, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Alicia Cox celebrating. Memorial donations may be made to Wilson United Church, Wilson United Cemetery Fund or to a charity of choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

SUTHERLAND

John Francis “Frank” Sutherland: Frank was born in Colindale, Inverness County, NS, on November 3rd, 1925, to Mary A. (MacDonald) and William J. Sutherland. He was the last surviving member of his family, being predeceased by brothers, Alex, Johnny, and Collie; as well as sisters, Helen and Kay; and infant son, William. He leaves behind his wife, Edna (MacDonald); sons, Bryan, Randy, and Derek; daughter-in-law, Judi; grandchildren, Kristen and Keenan; great-grandchildren, Elsie and Colin; and many nieces and nephews in Port Hood and beyond. Frank was employed by Dominion Bridge as a steel worker on the Angus L. MacDonald bridge in Halifax when he met a young Inverness Lass at an Old Time Dance. They would marry a few years later and then enjoy the next 65 years together. Frank would take his skill set and move on to become a dedicated employee with CNR for 30 years before enjoying 34 years of retirement. Frank was a kind and gentle soul who enjoyed nothing better than an Inverness square set, a good game of crib (legendary player), a drive to Port Hood to visit his brother, Alex, or a trip to a ball field or rink anywhere around the province to proudly watch his boys. Visitation took place on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, in Inverness Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held on Wednesday, September 13th, 2023, in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, with burial to follow in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Stella Maris Parish Building Fund, Inverness. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

BURKE

Mary Florence “Tudy” Burke (73), was a loving mother, daughter, sister, and friend to many. She passed away suddenly in her home surrounded by close friends on August 18th, 2023. Florence was born to Margaret and Emmit Burke in Inverness on September 21st, 1949. She was one of six children. Florence is survived by her loving son, David Burke; her brother, John Burke (Lucy); and many other nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Margaret and Emmit Burke; and her brothers Lawrence Burke (Muriel), Daniel Burke, Vincent Burke and Ronnie Burke. Florence was a kind-hearted friend, a supportive sister, and a loving daughter to her mother, Margaret; but her most important role of all, was being a devoted mother to her son, David. She took pride in all of David's accomplishments and he was her beacon of strength while overcoming multiple battles with cancer throughout her life. Florence found happiness in spending time with David. She was always willing to have a nice conversation with anyone she ran into. With her keen sense of humour, she was known to leave a smile on the face of everyone she met. Florence will be missed by everyone who knew her. A private burial has taken place and a service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Palliative Care Unit at the Inverness Memorial Hospital. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Florence's family doctor, Dr. Egar. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacLELLAN

Mary Josephine MacLellan, 77, of Inverness died Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital with family by her side. Born in Inverness on April 10th, 1946, she was a daughter of the late Malcolm Dan and Annie (Gillis) MacLellan. She was a member of Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church, Inverness. A very private and gentle person, she tried to live by the adage “if you can't say anything good about someone, don't say anything at all.” Mary was a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University. Mary spent most of her teaching career in St Peter's. Upon retirement, she returned to her

hometown of Inverness. Mary enjoyed travelling and visiting local restaurants with her friends. She was an avid and discerning reader. She loved to both bake and cook and happily shared the products from her kitchen with family and friends. Mary loved animals especially her beloved dog, Juno. Mary is the last surviving child of Malcolm Dan and Annie. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by siblings, Marjorie, Freddie, Mary Josephine (in infancy), Johnnie, Elizabeth, Jerome, Alexander, Malcolm, Gregory, Eugene, Harold, Leonard, and very dear friend, Jim Jackson. She is survived by sisters-in-law, Marlene and Joan and brother-in-law, Roland; her 13 nieces and nephews, Anne Marie, Donnie, Bradley, Joan, Robyn, Rhonda, Jeffrey, Eric, Cheryl, Tanya, Mark, Jennifer, Lenny; and several grand nieces and nephews as well as great grand nieces and nephews. Funeral mass for the late Mary MacLellan was held on Friday, August 25th at 11:00 a.m. in Stella Maris Church, Inverness with Rev. Bernie MacDonald and Rev. Daniel Tshimbalanga officiating. Visitation took place in the church from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Donations may be made to a local charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

OLIVER

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Dorothy Sarah (MacKinnon) Oliver of New Waterford, NS, and formerly from St. Rose, NS, on August 29th, 2023, at the age of 96, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. At a very young age she became a teacher. She spent the first nine years in various schools throughout Inverness County before moving to New Waterford, where she later married and taught another 27 years before retiring. This was her greatest love where she inspired many young children to be successful and reach for their dreams through education. Dorothy was a long-time member of the Nova Scotia Teachers Association. A devout Catholic, she was a member of St. Agnes CWL for over 50 years and was very actively involved with many of the church functions. Dorothy was a member of St. Vincent DePaul and devoted most of her life to helping those in need and less fortunate. She was a member of the New Waterford Gaelic Society, where she savoured her Scottish roots. She was a wealth of knowledge for our family genealogy and always held a strong bond with St. Rose and the families of the community. Surviving is her daughter Maria (Gordon) Quigley. Gordon and Dorothy were very close, he helped care for her and was her partner in crime. She is also survived by her sister, Mary J. MacKinnon, St. Rose; foster son, Ernest MacLeod; grandchildren, Justin (Katie) Burke and Sherri (Tyson) Syrja; great-grandchildren, Rylan, Braydon, Noah, and baby David; nieces, Bonita, Kathey, Kelly, and Carol; nephews, Kevin, Michael, Ronnie, and Phil. Dorothy was predeceased by her husband, John Angus Oliver; her son John (Jackie) Oliver; her parents, John Angus and Theresa (Coady) MacKinnon; nephew Michael and niece Ann. A special thank you to the nurses, doctors, and staff at the Foyer Pere Fiset Nursing Home in Cheticamp. The kind, compassionate care she received was amazing. Also, thank you to the nurses and doctor from Cheticamp ER who cared for her during her last hours. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Special thanks to Miranda Morrison, who helped our family through this difficult day. Visitation was held at Sunset Funeral Home, Margaree Valley, Sunday, September 3rd, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral will be held in St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Broad Cove, on Monday, September 4th at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery, New Waterford, September 5th. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your charity of choice. Funeral directions are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home, Margaree Valley. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

ROSS

We, the family of the late Frank Jephtha Ross, of North East Margaree, regretfully announce his passing on Friday, September 1st, 2023, surrounded by his family in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Frank was born in Inverness on October 7th, 1946; he was the son of the late John Herb and Pauline (Tingley) Ross. In his early years, he was a mechanic at Midway Motors and a truck driver for Hart's Trucking. After leaving Hart's Trucking, he went to work for Mac-Ing Construction as a mechanic/truck driver and machine operator until his retirement. He is survived by his wife Annette (Hutchison) Ross; daughters, Kathleen, Ontario, Gail (Dan) Ryan, Howie Centre, Donna (Alexander) Ross, Bucklaw; grandchildren, Tonya (Andrew), Bryce (Bekki), Ontario, Brooklyn, Sheridee, Halifax, Neva Etheridge, Howie Centre, Daphne LeBlanc (Patrick), Sydney; great-grand children, Amelia, Cassidy, Paisley and Thomas all of Ontario. Also survived by his only brother Brian (Marguerite) Ross, N.E. Margaree and their

two sons, Trevor (Janice) and Steven (Treasure) and their children; two step-grandsons, Kyle and Tyler Ryan, Howie Centre. Cremation has taken place, at Dad's request there will be no visitation or service. We would like to send our heartfelt thanks to all of the doctors, nurses, EHS, local first responders, staff, and doctors at the Cancer Centre at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital and especially the care given by the emergency department at the Inverness Consolidated Hospital and the second floor staff, who went beyond to help Frank in his final days. Donations in memory of Frank may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care, Nova Scotia Heart and Stroke Foundation or a charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

ERNST

Darlene Mary Ernst, Port Hood formerly of Port Hawkesbury: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, Darlene Ernst, surrounded by family, on Saturday, August 26th, 2023, at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Darlene entered the world on September 26th, 1944, to the late William and Anita (Murry) Reynolds in Port Hastings with siblings, Sylvia and her late brother, Elwood. Darlene lived two wonderful lives. In 1965, she married her first love, the late Elias MacIsaac and they welcomed their beloved daughter, Leigh in 1966. Darlene and Elias shared 24 incredible years together in Port Hawkesbury, from snowmobiling to camping and simply spending time with their best friends and family, especially with her sister, Sylvia and husband, Donald Roddie and brother, Elwood. Sadly, in 1989, Darlene lost her first love, Elias. In 1990, her next life began when she crossed paths with Greg Ernst, her devoted husband of 30 years. They settled in Port Hood and the memories they share together will live on forever. Darlene was willing to take on anything, from getting her tractor-trailer and motorcycle license to travelling North America with Greg in their motor home. She was an entrepreneur with many talents. Throughout recent years you could find her cruising down Route 19 in her little red car, mowing the lawn or capturing the perfect sunset from her backyard. No matter what, there was always food on the table (delicious even though she would tell you it was ruined if you were a minute late). And don't you dare say "no" when she asks if you want more because she was already giving you another scoop of potatoes before you could answer. Those who knew her best knew that her pride and joy was her daughter Leigh and her three granddaughters, Jaymee, Jasmyn, and Celia. There was so much unconditional love between her and her girls. She loved them more than life itself. Darlene was a positive influence and inspiration to everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. She left a lasting impression on everyone who crossed her path. She was everyone's Nannie. It's clear that Darlene's positivity, warmth, and generosity made a significant impact on the lives of those around her. Her memory will continue to live on through the stories, memories, and moments shared by her loved ones. In times of grief, it's important to hold onto the joy and love she brought into the world. Darlene is survived by her husband, Greg Ernst; daughter and son-in-law, Leigh and Darryl MacDonald; and her prized possessions and granddaughters, Jaymee (Cody) Marchand, Jasmyn and Celia; her sister Sylvia (Donald) MacDonald; many nephews and nieces and their families, Dean (Holly) MacDonald, Darren (Tammy) MacDonald, Dale (Gerard) Ryan, Joel Reynolds, Ben (Whitney) Reynolds, and Erica Reynolds. She is also survived by her honorary Allan Ian family, whom she loved and cherished so much. She was predeceased by her parents, William and Anita Reynolds, her husband, Elias MacIsaac, and her brother, Elwood (Therese) Reynolds. We cannot thank Nannie's health care team enough, with special appreciation to Dr. Bhreagh MacDougall, Dr. Kate MacInnes, Dr. Susie Egar, and the most compassionate and caring nurses in Oncology, Ambulatory Care, Emergency, Palliative Care and Active Care departments at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 31st, 2023, in St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Port Hawkesbury, and from where the funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. with Father Duncan MacIsaac officiating. Following the mass, the burial will take place in St. Joseph Parish Cemetery, and a reception will follow in St. Joseph Parish Hall, Port Hawkesbury. Memorial donations may be made in memory of Darlene to the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Ambulatory Care, Oncology and Active Care Departments or to the charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com.

RICHARDSON

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Arthur (Art) Richardson on Thursday, August 24th, 2023, at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Chéticamp, at the age of 74. Born in South Bar, Cape Breton, Art was the son of the late Delbert Richardson and the late Clara Delaney. Known as Arkie to his family and friends in South Bar, Art left for Toronto at a young age and found his passion in the printing business for over 15 years before returning to Nova Scotia and settling in Chéticamp. He proudly owned and operated Richardson Printing Ltd. for over 40 years and, along with his wife Lise, owned Nancy's Flower Shop until the fall of 2022. Throughout the years, Art was always happy to support the community in a variety of ways. Before his health deteriorated, Art was an avid sports fan and enjoyed playing golf, softball, darts, and bowling. He loved a good game of golf with his buddies Raymond, Alfred Arthur, and Linus. Art was proud of his continued support to the development and growth of the LePortage Golf. He was also a long standing member of the Cheticamp Knights of Columbus. Through Richardson Printing, he was also especially proud of sponsoring a softball team for over 10 years. Art especially enjoyed the years he played alongside his son, Jimmy. He was always up for a house party for some guitar playing and singing his old country favourites. We know that he is in a better place playing a George Jones tune with his guitar buddy Linus. Art is survived by his wife Lise Aucoin; his daughter, Joanne (Michael), Kentville; his son, Jimmy (Jenn), Halifax; grandchildren, Christopher, Nicholas, Charlotte, Paige; brothers, Robert (Bob) (Eileen), Bernard Francis (Frank); sisters, Judy, Lorraine (Helen); many nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, Art was predeceased by brothers, Delbert (Junior), Wayne and Kevin; sister-in-law Denise, brothers-in-law Jerry, Joseph Arsène, and Linus. The family would like to thank the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department First responders, Dr. Amélie Maillet and staff at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, and Cape Breton Regional Hospital who provided such wonderful care and compassion to Art and the entire family. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. Burial to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Sacred Heart Charitable Foundation or a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Funeral Co-operative Ltd. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

AUCOIN

JW Edmond AuCoin, age 88: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Edmond AuCoin of Cheticamp on August 11th, 2023. Born in Cheticamp, Edmond was the son of the late Alexandre (Sandé à Lazarre) and the late Louise (AuCoin) AuCoin. Edmond was a man of few words, but of great integrity. He dedicated his working life to the Co-op Movement, spending 25 years as manager of the Cheticamp Credit Union. He was a founding member of Le Conseil Coopératif Acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse and sat on multiple community boards and committees throughout his life. Edmond wrapped up his career with Citizenship and Immigration Canada in Sydney for a period of 12 years. In 1996, he retired and they returned to their home in Cheticamp where he took up the sport of golf spending numerous mornings at Le Portage golf course with his golfing partners. Later in life, his interests shifted from golf to morning coffee with the "guys" at the Seniors' hall. Edmond is survived by: sons, Adalbert (Claudia) and Omer (Angèle); grandchildren, Janelle (Patrick) and Christien (Megan); and his sister Lorraine. Besides his parents, Edmond was also predeceased by his wife Alberthe; brother Clifford; and sister Edna. Visitation for the late Edmond AuCoin was held on Thursday, August 17th, at 10:00 a.m. at Église Saint-Pierre, Cheticamp, followed by a funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Interment in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations in memory of Edmond may be made to Foyer Père Fiset and/or to Paroisse St. Pierre. A sincere thank you to friends, the staff of Le Foyer Père Fiset, the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, and Cheticamp Funeral Services. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

GILLAN

Patricia A. (MacDonald) Gillan entered eternal life on August 18th, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Patricia was born and raised in Judique, on beautiful Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada. She came to Massachusetts at the age of 19, and met her late husband Philip Gillan (Prince Edward Island, Canada) at a Canadian American Dance at the Rose Croix Hall in Roxbury, Massachusetts. They married and raised their four children in Weymouth, where Patricia has lived for the past 58 years. Devoted and loving mother of "The Girls," Darlene Gillan of Weymouth, Gail Giles and her husband Michael of

Weymouth, Cheryl Coveney and her husband John of Weymouth, Linda West and her husband Bob of Weymouth. Sister of the late Mary (Tine) White, formerly of Weymouth, late Elizabeth Ayres, formerly of Quincy, late Gregory MacDonald, formerly of Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, Canada, and the late Cyril MacDonald, formerly of Judique, Nova Scotia, Canada. Loving "Nanny" of Shannon, Shaun, Colleen, Philip, Robbie, Kaliegh, and the late Gregory. Much loved "Aunt Tishie" of many nieces and nephews. Visiting hours at the Clancy-Lucid Funeral Home, 100 Washington Street, Weymouth on Friday, August 25th, from 8:00 am. until 9:45 a.m., followed by a funeral mass in the Sacred Heart Church Weymouth at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial in Mount Hope Cemetery, Weymouth. If desired, donations can be made in Patricia's name to the Weymouth Food Pantry at weymouthfoodpantry.org.

MacDONELL

John Lester MacDonell, 89, died peacefully on August 15th, 2023, at Inverary Manor, Inverness, following a brief illness. The son of Archibald S. MacDonell and Mary Fitzgerald, he was born October 30th, 1933, and raised on the family farm at Judique Intervale in Inverness County, Nova Scotia. The last living member of his immediate family, he was predeceased by his sister, Sister Ellen MacDonell, OSF, and his brothers Bernard, Leo A., and Laughlin. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Yvonne (Bourgeois) MacDonell, and numerous nieces and nephews. John earned his Engineering Certificate from St. Francis Xavier University in 1956. He played varsity football at St. F.X., winning an Athletic "X" in 1956. He also played interclass hockey and basketball, and was a member of the Engineering Society. He went on to graduate from Nova Scotia Technical College where he studied electrical engineering. He enjoyed a long career with Nova Scotia Power, where he worked from 1963 until he retired in 1991. His early career included stints in Quebec around Sept-Îles, before returning to Nova Scotia to take over ownership of the farm at Judique Intervale in 1960, which by then had been in the family a hundred years. He lived on the farm alone following the deaths of his parents in the mid-1970s. At various times, he raised sheep and lambs and purebred beef cattle, and exhibited many prize-winning animals in agricultural fairs. He raised prizewinning harness racing horses and was a regular at the Inverness Raceway for many years. He was a member of the original organizing committee and a longstanding member of the Judique Volunteer Fire Department, formed in 1968. John L. could be a hardheaded man with a penchant for diagnosing stupidity in others, according to his interpretation, but he also had a sense of humour, however wry, and in private moments could sometimes surprise you with the best and most tender qualities of a human being. His remains have been cremated, in accordance with his wishes. Visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Monday, in the Community Room of the Judique Fire Hall. Funeral mass was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in St. Andrew's Parish Church, Judique, Rev. Allan MacMillan officiated; reception followed. To protect the health of family members with chemical sensitivities, attendees avoided wearing scents. Artificial flowers only, or in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, <https://www.celticmusiccentre.com>, the Judique Volunteer Fire Department, or a cause of your choice. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

CHANDLER

Shirley Marcella Chandler, Whycocomagh, Inverness County: Surrounded by her loving family, Shirley peacefully passed away on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023, at the Inverary Manor in Inverness, Cape Breton. Born in Truro on January 25th, 1949, she was the oldest daughter of the late Margaret "Peggy" (Nock) and Samuel Pearo. She is survived and will be sadly missed by her loving husband of 57 years, Frank Chandler. Shirley was raised in Kewstoke, Cape Breton, with her large and loving family. Shirley spent her life taking care of friends and family and serving people at Vi's and will be remembered as a sweet, kind, strong, and independent woman. She loved music and valued her family greatly. Those who speak of her now comment on her big heart, sweet demeanour, and beautiful smile. Shirley adored her children: Brenda (Sandy MacInnis), Troy, Carl (Rachel Mac Donald,) Dawson Creek, Kevin (Michelle Matthews), Dawson Creek, Connie (Daniel MacLean), Dawson Creek. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life: Elisha (Michael Black), Chelcea (Dave Driscoll), Courtney MacInnis (James MacDonald), Ashton (Kelsey), Nathan (Hayley), Kaden Chandler, Landon (Fusha) and Sophie Chandler, Josie MacLean (Blain Crocker) and Bailey MacLean. Her great-grandchildren adored and cherished her

so very much: Ainslee and Lauchie Black, Lexi and Darci Driscoll, Norah MacInnis, Isla and Frankie MacQuarrie, Connley and Ronnie Crocker. Left to mourn are her siblings Diane Rouse, Wilma Matheson, Margie Ellis, John Robert (Sylvia) Pearo, Sheldon Pearo, Melody (Kenny) Ferguson; and brother-in-law Donald MacDonald. In addition to her parents, Shirley was predeceased by her sisters, Elaine Campbell and Patsy MacDonald; her brother, Timmie Pearo; and brothers-in-law, Gary Ellis, Gordon Rouse, and Ross Matheson; sister-in-law, Sharon Pearo. Shirley was very involved in the UCWL, and regularly volunteered at numerous organizations. A very special thank you to her home care support workers, the staff at the Inverary Manor and her palliative care team for their loving care of Mom. You will never be forgotten. Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 15th, in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Funeral service will be held today, Wednesday, August 16th, at 11:00 a.m., in Stewart United Church, Whycocomagh, with Rev. John Tapscott officiating. Burial to take place at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Inverary Manor. Family flowers only, please. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com.

GILLIS

Josephine Gillis, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI: Mary Josephine "Jo" Gillis, 99, of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, died peacefully on January 31st, 2023, with her daughters and granddaughters by her side. She was born in Hay's River on the Isle of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, Canada, July 31st, 1923, the last of nine children born to Hugh Rankin Beaton and Florence (nee MacInnis) Beaton. Jo received her early education in a one-room schoolhouse, where her older siblings were her most demanding teachers. She attended residential high school at St. Joseph Convent in Mabou, Nova Scotia. After completing a certificate program at the provincial normal college, she returned home to teach in the same schoolhouse where she had once been a student. Her first class held 20 pupils in grades one through 10. She later earned her R.N. at the Halifax Infirmary, where she was elected class president and won the Gold Medal for Academic Excellence. She taught nursing arts at hospitals in Halifax and North Sydney before emigrating to the United States. She retired after a lengthy career as a registered nurse in the Grosse Pointe area. Jo met her husband, Angus "Gus" Gillis of Port Hood, Nova Scotia, at a country dance in 1939. He courted her from afar through the war and his move to Detroit. They married in 1956; 17 years after their first dance, and eventually settled in Harper Woods, MI. They enjoyed 55 happy years as husband and wife before his death in 2012. She is survived by her daughters Anne (Thomas) Furlong and Margaret (Vittorio) Bruni. She leaves three cherished grandchildren, Alexander Furlong and Josephine and Meredith Bruni. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gus, daughter Elizabeth in 2015, two infant sons, her parents, and all her siblings, John Clarence, Angus, Donald, Florence, Lawrence, Charles, Catherine Marie, Margaret "Peggy," and foster brother, Jack Johnson. Jo was a devoted wife and mother who successfully balanced family and career before it was common practice. She encouraged and supported her children's education and ensured they had many opportunities to explore and develop their interests. She read extensively and knit sweaters and sewed quilts for family and friends. She found great joy and fulfillment in her Catholic faith and served for many years as a church lector and consolation minister. She and Gus were also long-time volunteers at the Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen and Women's Shelter of Detroit, where Gus was chief handyman, Jo was a cleaning lady, and they both were a friendly face and helping hand to anyone who needed it. When age began to limit her activities, she joined a prayer group and offered prayers for people in need. Jo loved people and drew energy from being around others. She was an easy and interesting conversationalist whose grace and warmth brought her many friends. Despite her advanced age, she easily transitioned from letter-writing, to email, to Facebook because each made it easier for her to connect with people. She had an uncanny gift for finding a personal connection with others: a distant relative in the theater seat next to her, or the friend of a friend across the counter in the department store. Meeting her made the world a smaller and more pleasant place. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated on February 11th at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI. Jo is laid to rest next to her husband and daughter on the Isle of Cape Breton in the Church of the Immaculate Conception/St. Mary's Cemetery, West Lake Ainslie, Nova Scotia, Canada.

MacINTYRE

Roderick Vincent "Roddie" MacIntyre: Surrounded by the love and company of his family, Roddie made

the journey to eternal rest on August 12th, 2023, in Inverary Manor, Inverness, at the age of 92. On April 23rd, 1931, Archibald and Catherine (MacDonnell) welcomed Dad into the world on MacIntyre Road, in Queensville. He was proud to share his birthday with his sister Marcella, her 10th birthday gift! His childhood was spent on the farm learning the importance of hard work and supporting family and friends when needed. Those values carried onto his adulthood, whether it be plowing driveways or making the trek down Route 19 with his backhoe. Dad married our mother, Mary Jane "Jean" MacMaster in the summer of 1954. Together they laid their roots in Judique where they welcomed five children. His life careers included working at his family's sawmill, CNR for 15 years, building and operating the Texaco garage, his business "MacIntyre Construction," a 25-year career with the DOT, and a collector of many things!! He was a member of the Judique Fire Department, a first responder and a Sir Knight 4th Degree, KOC member. Beyond his work titles, he was lovingly addressed by his family as "Dad," "Grampy," or against his own will, "Grumpy." He shared his life with many pets, with his greatest love being the horses. They shared a gentle and trusting bond. On Sundays, you could find him enjoying his love for Celtic music at the CMIC or in Inverness at the horse races. Evenings were spent indulging in episodes of Judge Judy with his licorice all-sorts in hand. Dad lived independently at home into his 91st year until ill health relocated him to the Manor. Dad is survived by his children, Angela (Richard) MacDonald, Inverside, Donna (Robert) MacLellan, Brian (Maryanne), both of Judique Sheila (Brent) MacDonald, Sackville, and Glenn (Carol), Burlington, ON; and sister-in-law, Do MacIntyre, ON. Grumpy's dry sense of humour and quick wit will be missed by his grandchildren, Corey, Krista, Joel, Brian, Tim, Emily, Dominic, Mitchell, Braedon, Cassie, Nikki, Chelsea, and Mickaela; along with 14 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Being the last surviving member of his immediate family, he can now reunite with his siblings, Annie, Sarah, Marcella, Liz, Margaret; brothers, Danny, Johnny, and Francis and infant brother. Welcoming him to paradise is his wife Jean, grandsons Ryan, Morgan and Logan MacIntyre, and his loving parents all of whom he missed immensely. We're certain that he and Logan are diligently working together on a long overdue project. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the staff at the Inverary Manor for their amazing care and for giving him a home away from home. We would also like to thank Dr. Ritter and Palliative nursing team, Dr. Lok and the active care team of the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for their excellent care. Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 16th, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Judique Fire Hall. Funeral mass will be on Thursday, August 17th, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's Parish Church, Judique, with Father Allan MacMillan officiating. Internment in the parish cemetery under the direction of the Inverness Funeral Home. Donations may be made to the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, Judique, the Inverary Manor, Inverness, or a charity of choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. Till we meet at "The River Bend!"

RYAN

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Margaret, born December 20th, 1943, to the late Kathleen Conway, NFLD, and Charles Jackman, St. Pierre - Miquelon. Marg was a graduate of the Nova Scotia Teachers' College, Mount St. Vincent University. She taught in Halifax, Calgary, Montreal, and Toronto. Marg is survived by husband, Jim Ryan; sister, Pat Youden; brother, Charles Jackman; sisters-in-law, Beth Ryan; Caroline Ryan; Joanne Jackman; brothers-in-law, Tom Youden, Tom Ryan, and Doug Ryan; nephews, Tom, Liam, Calum, James, David, Tim, and Michael Ryan, Keith Youden, Chad Jackman; niece, Karen Youden; and cousins, Ryan, Doucet, and Youden. Margaret and Jim married in Montreal in 1971, moved to Toronto in 1992 and retired to Inverness in 1999. Marg was active in the community as secretary of the IDA when Cabot Links came to Inverness; originator of the Inverness Crab fest, co-founder of the Inverness Garden Club; volunteer with the Hospital Palliative Unit; and instrumental in establishing the Cabot Links' Monday golf program. Although Marg was not a native Invernesser, she quickly adjusted to her new home, made many friends over the years, and thoroughly enjoyed every day in her new surroundings. Spending 25 summers at Beach Village prepared Marg for her residence in Inverness in 1999 and allowed Marg to endear herself to the Ryan family and the many friends she made. In our early retirement days in Inverness, Marg and her cohorts would organize winter parties which became known as the "Patsy Cline Days." The song of the day was Crazy and Marg did a mean rendition. Those days, and parties, will be remembered by participants for a long time. A few of you are laughing at this very moment as you recall Patsy and friends.

As members of The Garden Club, President Betty Anne Cameron and Marg came up with a fundraising plan that had a big impact on the community – “The Mistletoe Gala.” For a good number of years the Garden Club members would busy themselves in November getting the Art Centre ready for a dinner and dance for 100 guests. It turned out to be a great fundraising success and also gave the ladies an opportunity to model their latest finery and gave the men the opportunity to show their culinary talents. The Garden Club continues to beautify the “town” each year with its lavish bouquets on our Main Street. Marg always looked forward to winter months in Lakeland Florida, where a large contingent of friends from Inverness County, greater Nova Scotia, Ontario, and the northern USA congregated to escape the winter doldrums. These many friends enjoyed golfing, restaurants, travel, snowbird extravaganzas, concerts, and the odd party to ease the burden of retirement. A highlight of each year was Marg’s Academy Awards Party when the gals would dress as movie stars and arrive in front of 275 Country Club Road in rented limousines. Wine was poured and trophies were awarded. For many of us, those were “The Glory Days.” Marg has also left behind many friends in Montreal and Toronto. She bonded with her counterparts and made an impact on her students. At a reunion of students and teachers at Verdun Catholic High, one of her male students said to her, “You were the best teacher I ever had, but I wouldn’t want to have you for another year.” That was indeed, a great compliment. The student, and Shakespeare, would probably agree. Marg fought cancer for 25 years. In her fight against cancer, Marg began a running, then walking regimen of two hours daily. Her diagnosis of a two- to five-year survival term by her Toronto doctor in 1998 extended to 2023. She held cancer at bay for 25 years. Cancer patients can take solace from Margaret’s determination to live on. Marg was a special lady. Adieu, Margaret. You will be missed. Margaret’s family would like to thank the Palliative Care unit and the staff of the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for the very kindly and professional manner in which they cared for Margaret. A Celebration of the Life of Margaret will be held in late September or early October.

COPLEY

Russell Isaac Copley, 74, of Inverness, Nova Scotia, passed away suddenly and peacefully on Tuesday, August 1st, 2023, in Sacred Heart Community Health Center, Cheticamp. Born on July 10th, 1949, to parents George and Elizabeth (Russell) Copley in Inverness. Russell lived in his beloved hometown and grew to be a genuinely kind, caring, and generous man, loved and respected by anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him. Russell grew up on MacKenzie Avenue in the “Red Rows” as a young child with many fond memories which turned into many stories throughout his life. He completed school in Inverness and was a member of the Glee Club school band and he loved to sing. Throughout the school years he would regretfully take the advice of his brothers to “skip school” to go hunting or fishing. After graduating from high school, he began what would be a 34-year career travelling to the pulp and paper mill in Point Tupper, NS. During his years at “the mill” he worked with many great co-workers and after retirement he would speak fondly of them and tell stories of the times they had, and the antics they would get up to. In the mid-1970s, at a dance in Margaree, the clean-cut, tall, and handsome Russell caught the eye of a young Trudy Tingley, and shortly after on June 26th, 1976, they would be wed at Margaree Valley Baptist Church and begin their life together in Inverness and recently celebrated 47 years of married life. Together, Russell and Trudy would have and raise two loving daughters and a son, who truly adored their father. Throughout his life, baseball was his passion. Russell’s nickname was always “Coach” for years. There was nobody who loved playing a double-header in the scorching summer heat more than Russell. In his younger years, he was an exceptional player, known for his fastball as a pitcher. After his playing days, Russell spent two decades of his life coaching and umpiring for Inverness Minor Baseball, where he would go on to win nine provincial titles, various tournaments, organized baseball clinics for hundreds of kids and be named Coach of the Year by Baseball Nova Scotia. The game of baseball was not only a way for Russell to teach the sport, but it was also a way for him to mentor and inspire a generation of young boys to work hard, to be respectful, and to strive for greatness. He has left a lasting impression on many a ballplayer from Inverness, NS. People who would talk baseball during visits with Russell would marvel at how he could remember statistics, plays, and RBIs from games played years ago. Winning the game wasn’t Russell’s priority, but giving all kids a chance to play the game was. Russell was a coach for both male and female teams for Inverness Minor Hockey and served on the board of directors for Inverness Arena. He was also a horseman at Inverness Raceway, earning awards on occasion and he served as the president of the Inverness Raceway for several years, during which

time the new paddock barn was built, something he was very proud of. He was an avid outdoorsman, who truly loved hunting and fishing, particularly with his brothers, and they share many a tale, some true, about all the adventures they spent in the woods and on the water. His love for the outdoors lives on through his children and their children. His contributions to his community included his selflessness, gentle nature, humour, and humbleness and kindness. He was genuinely interested in everyone and noticed all the little things. Russell was a devoted fan of the Chicago Blackhawks Hockey team and Cincinnati Reds baseball teams, which he would watch faithfully with a bag of plain chips and Pepsi. If his teams were not playing, he would always cheer for the underdog. Over his lifetime, Russell faced several health-related challenges, beating cancer and living out his last 18 years with Parkinson's Disease, diagnosed in 2005. He handled every obstacle with grace, stoicism, humour and humility, never uttering a complaint, with the support and care of his loving wife, Trudy. During those years, Russell took many trips with his family, and would enjoy spending time on the Margaree River. Russell was an inspiration to all who knew him. His passing will leave many saddened, but his legacy and his memory will fill the lives of his family and loved ones for many years to come. Russell's faith was cornerstone of his life. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, and his family takes comfort in knowing he will be in peace in Heaven for eternity and we will be reunited again. Russell is predeceased by his father, George Copley; mother, Elizabeth Copley (Russell); sisters, Georgina Copley, Kaye Reid (Bill), Caroline Walker (Jordy), Jean Walker (Alexander); sister-in-law, Edith Copley. He is survived by his wife, Trudy Copley (Tingley); daughter, Amy Smith (Nick); son, Kevin Copley (Jennifer); daughter, Victoria Copley (Jason); sister, Genevieve MacMillan (Angus); brothers, Edward Copley (Marie), George Copley Jr., James Copley (Anne); his five grandchildren, Zack Smith, Charlie Copley, Alexander Copley, Elliott Smith, and Julia Copley; and many very special nieces, nephews, and cousins. Special thanks to his family physician Dr. Suzanne Egar, with her excellent care over the years. Special thank you to the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital staff who cared for him during his month admission. Thank you to The Foyer Pere Fiset long-term care home, where Russell was living the past two months. He developed many relationships with the residents and staff. Finally, thank you to the Sacred Heart Hospital staff for treating Russell with their compassionate care in his final moments. Thank you to the Inverness Funeral Home. Visitation will take place in Inverness Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 9th, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be held in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, on Thursday, August 10th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. A private family-only graveside burial in St. Matthew's United Cemetery, Strathlorne. Reception at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 132 at 15857 Central Avenue, Inverness after burial. Donations can be made to the Parkinson's Society of Nova Scotia or to Inverness Minor Baseball: www.parkinsonsocietynovascotia.com; Invernessminorbaseball@gmail.com. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

EVANS

It is with broken hearts we announce the passing of our beloved Trevor Thomas Evans, who died peacefully July 23rd, 2023, at the age of 45 surrounded by his family. Trevor is survived by his beautiful son, Isyc Evans; father Gary (Stacia) Evans, Inverness; mother, Karen (Billy) Azbell, Tennessee; brothers, Vaughan (Donna) Evans Inverness, William Evans (Adam) Tennessee. Also grieving are his two nephews, Lucas Evans and Logan Evans, whom Trevor loved very much. Numerous "buddies" who he spent great times with and special friend Sarah. Trevor was an animal lover never without a cat or a dog, he loved fishing with his brother Vaughan during the lobster season before his illness. However, Trevor's pride and joy was his son Isyc, who he loved to take fishing and biking and watch playing hockey. He had a huge heart and will be missed dearly by his family and close friends. Trevor fought a long brave battle with cancer and he held hope to the very end. Cremation has taken place. A small private memorial will be held at a later date. Donations may be made to the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society of Cape Breton and/or Canadian Cancer Society of Nova Scotia in Trevor's name. Special thanks to the team of doctors and nurses at Cape Breton Regional and Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospitals, who provided excellent service throughout his battle. Special thank you to Dr. Mark Bennett and Palliative Care Director Lori Ann, as well as RN Ashley MacLennan. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MORRIS

Sr. Catherine Morris passed away August 1st, 2023. She was born on May 30th, 1930, at the Morris homestead on Colindale Road, Port Hood, to Patrick and Florence (MacDonald) Morris. She is predeceased by siblings Loranna (Bill) Chisholm, Alexander (Catherine Burke), Hugh (Terry English), Fr. Angus Morris, Teresa (John) van Zutphen and three infant brothers. Sr. Catherine is survived by her siblings Fr. Eugene Morris, Sr. Mary Morris CND, Joseph Morris; and in-laws John (Teresa) van Zutphen and Mary (Joe) MacLellan Morris. In 1948, after completing high school at St. Joseph's Convent in Mabou, Sr. Catherine joined the Congregation of Notre Dame (CND) taking the train to Montreal and immersing herself in the French language. She celebrated her first profession August 22nd, 1950, and her final profession August 8th, 1956, as Sister St. Patrick Maureen. This would have been Sr. Catherine's 73rd year of religious life. Her dedication to St. Margaret Bourgeoys and belief in the wonderful work accomplished by her fellow sisters of the CND was evident in every part of her life. Sr. Catherine continued her French studies at Laval University; Middlebury, Vermont; and Saint Pierre and Miquelon. She then taught French as part of her ministry in high schools in Montreal, PEI, Port Hood, Mabou, and Antigonish. She told many humorous stories of her teaching experiences. She found great joy in chance meetings with former students, never missing the opportunity to make these connections. We are certain that when she meets St. Peter, she will ask "Where do I know you from? Did you go to school in Mabou?" Her next ministry was as a prison chaplain at the Springhill Institution. Her kindness and friendly manner were no doubt helpful in her work there. Following this, Catherine assisted many candidates in the RCIA program and many families in baptismal preparation at St. Joseph's Parish in New Victoria, Holy Name Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish in Truro and New Dawn Guest Homes in Sydney. Her pastoral work continued as she moved to Holy Redeemer Convent in Whitney Pier. As part of the Holy Redeemer Convent, for over 20 years she supported cancer patients staying at the convent while receiving their treatments at CB Regional Hospital. One of her great gifts was her ability to connect with people. She cared deeply and was interested in the story (and pedigree) of everyone she met. Along with her great faith, family was important to Sr. Catherine. She returned to Port Hood as often as she could, enjoying particularly summer at Loranna's or Fr. Gene's. She loved to catch up with nieces, nephews, and their families to learn what was happening in their lives and to assure them that she was praying for them. Sr. Catherine never missed a birthday, with the humorous card often arriving a week ahead of time so she knew you had received it on time. She had many close friends in every place she lived. Thank you to all who meant so much to her. Sr. Catherine retired to the MacGillivray Guest Home in September 2022. The family would like to acknowledge with gratitude the special kindnesses of the staff of the Holy Redeemer Convent and the gracious comfort and care given by the staff of the CND wing of the MacGillivray Guest Home. Visitation will take place in Port Hood and Area Resting Place Monday, August 7th, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held in St Peter's Parish Church, Port Hood, Tuesday, August 8th, at 11:00 a.m. Internment took place immediately following in the parish cemetery. The funeral mass was streamed on <https://facebook.com/st.peters.Parish.PortHood> and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@saintpeterporthood3234>. Sr. Catherine had a great compassion for those in need. Memorial donations can be made to any food bank or a local charity of your choice. E-transfers to the Port Hood Food Bank accepted at capebretonsouthwesternfoodbank@gmail.com. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

RYAN

John Alphonse "Phonse" Ryan, November 29th, 1940 – July 31st, 2023: It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our dad, which happened at home in Port Hood on July 31st, 2023. Phonse leaves behind his loving wife of 62 years, Heather Irene (Warner) Ryan; sons Albert (Karen), David (Jean), and Philip (Kim); grandchildren, Ashley (Sean), Jennifer (Caleb), Matthew (Bhreagh), Bradley (Judith), Dustin (Erica), Katelyn (Ivan), and Lucas (Kendra); as well as two great grandchildren, Zhaiden and Zhavia. Also left to grieve are his brothers, Charlie, Hubert, Lonnie (Alines), Ken (Helen), Mike (Shelma), Edward (Peggy); sisters Mae, Rita, Adeline, Jean (George), Diane (Jack), Marie (Johnny); brother-in-law Jerry Bennett, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents James and Georgina Ryan, brothers, Melvin and Michael, sisters Betty and Edwina, brother-in-law Junior Snair, sisters-in-law Jeanette Ryan and Rhoda Ryan and parents-in-law Albert and Muriel Warner. Dad

dabbled in many things, mechanics, carpentry, guitar, fiddle, and accordion. He was always ready to lend a hand no matter the task. He loved cars, road trips on his motorcycle with Mom, and the Caribbean cruises they took together. His early years were spent around garages doing mechanic work and driving an oil truck. He was town cop in both Mulgrave and Port Hawkesbury and later went to work in the recreation department with the Town of Port Hawkesbury until retirement. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation as per Dad's request. A service was held at Green's Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury on Monday, August 7th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Donations can be made to Shaid Animal Shelter or any other no kill animal shelter, or a charity of one's choice.

SHAW

It is with deep sadness we announce the sudden passing of Joseph Harvey Shaw, husband, big brother, uncle, and friend. Harvey passed away on Monday, July 31st, 2023 in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Born in Inverness on March 24th, 1954, he was a son of the late John R. Shaw and Leona (Kennedy). Harvey is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Linda (Delaney) Lou as he so lovingly called her; siblings, Brenda (Weston) Mackinnon, Johnny (Melody), Jesslyn (Wilson) Timmons, all of West Lake Ainslie; Jake (Diane), Upper Tantallon, Nicholas, Orleans, Ontario; in-laws, Joe (Elaine) Delaney, Kevin (Norma) Delaney, Marlene Delaney, Jeannie (Mark) Delaney Wertheim, and Allison Delaney, who all reside in the Boston area along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Besides his parents, Harvey was predeceased by his brother, Donnie; as well as his mother and father-in-law, Joseph and Mary Delaney. Harvey lived on Shaw's Mountain until the age of 10 before they moved to West Lake Ainslie. From the tender age of eight he worked at the sawmill, on the mountain, alongside his father and uncle where his first savings were used to buy work boots...and that was where his feet were most comfortable. He left home at a young age to travel and work in Toronto and Boston, but eventually moved back home to work as a woodsman, then in the salvage yard, and has been self employed ever since. Harvey enjoyed old cars and the simple things in life. He stayed close to home and many great friendships were formed with the many visitors to the "Bus." He enjoyed visiting friends and family in the neighbourhood and his unique sense of humour always left you with a laugh and a smile. We will miss him terribly. May he rest in peace. Thank you to Dr. Egar and the cardiac team at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital who worked so hard to keep him with us. Visitation was held in Inverness Funeral Home on Sunday, August 6th, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Funeral mass took place in Immaculate Conception Church, West Lake Ainslie on Monday at 11:00 a.m. with Father Bernie MacDonald officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

BOUDREAU

Sylvia Boudreau, age 69, of Grand Étang passed away on Tuesday, July 18th, 2023, in the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney. Sylvia was a daughter of the late Emile and the late Bernadette (LeLievre) Doucet. Sylvia moved to Massachusetts, USA, with her parents at six years old. When her dad died in 1980, Sylvia came back home to help her mom. Sylvia worked at T.R. Deveau, the post office, and NSLC, where she retired from. Sylvia is survived by her husband, Yvon Boudreau; son, Jeffrey Boudreau; daughter, Stephanie Boudreau; sisters, Amélia (Al) Toy, and Linda (Jimmy) LeBlanc; nieces, Brenda, Debbie, and Angela; nephews, Jimmy and René. Beside her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Arthur. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

CLEVELAND

A limb has fallen from our family tree as we announce the passing of Wayne Chandler Cleveland on July 19th, 2023, at the age of 87, after an long and courageous battle with cancer. Wayne was born on March 7th, 1936, and was the only child of the late Mark and Frances Cleveland of Blandford. Left to mourn him is his one and only sweetheart, his wife of nearly 62 years, Carolyn; his three daughters and sons-in-law, Christine (Tim) Wentzell; Mary Ellen (Ralph) Shatford; Opal (David) Myrden; grandchildren, Jeremy, Nathan (Kelcey), Cassidy (Jeff), and Jillian (Marc); and his wee twin great-grandsons Jackson and Bennett. Wayne is also survived by his dear Aunt Betty Zinck, and so many more family members and

dear friends who loved him deeply. Wayne's family will host a celebration of his amazing life on Saturday, August 5th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Blandford Community Centre. It was Dad's wish that in lieu of flowers please consider donating to the "Roof Replacement Fund" for the Blandford Community Centre. Donations can be mailed to: 30 Fire Hall Road, Blandford, NS, B0J 1T0 or e-transferred to blandfordns@gmail.com. Online condolences can be made to www.rawalker.ca. In his final days, he was surrounded by his wife, children, and grandchildren, who he adored more than anything else in the world.

GILLIS

The death of Jannette Marie Gillis of Upper Margaree, occurred peacefully in Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney, surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, July 5th, 2023. Jannette was born on July 16th, 1946, in Keppoch, Inverness County, to the late Mary Florence Gillis (Stewart) and Ronald Hugh Gillis. Jannette graduated from Margaree Forks High School and went on to become an employee of Maritime Tel & Tel (Bell Aliant). She worked in Halifax, Sydney, and New Glasgow. She retired back to Upper Margaree on the family homestead. Jannette became involved in the community organizations and also St. Joseph's Parish. She was a good friend to many and will be dearly missed by all. Jannette enjoyed a good game of cards, bingo, breakfast, and lunch at the Dancing Goat with her many friends, or a few hours at a casino. She especially enjoyed spending special time with Eden, her cat. Jannette was predeceased by her parents and is survived by her siblings, Katherine Ann Cannon (Ron), Neil William, Donald Angus (Ann), Mary Charlene King (Robert), and Allan Daniel (Carolyn). She is also survived by her nieces, Melissa and Lindsay; nephews, Andrew, and Cullen; and grand nieces, Brianne and Addison. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, August 2nd, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Inverness Funeral Home. Funeral mass to be held on Thursday, August 3rd, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, South West Margaree, at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Lunch will follow in the parish hall. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Family flowers only please. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MACOMBER

Wendy Patricia Macomber BFA, B.Ed., age 70, Upper River Denys: With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Wendy Macomber on Saturday, July 8th, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Wendy was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and grew up in Noel Shore, Nova Scotia, the daughter of David Pratt Macomber and Margaret Faith Macomber (Main). Wendy started school at a one-room schoolhouse in Noel Shore and completed high school at Hants North Rural High in Kennetcook. Wendy went on to the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, earning bachelors' degrees in Fine Arts and Education. Most of Wendy's 'official' career was spent in teaching Adult Education. A talented artist, Wendy did beautiful weaving, beadwork, and jewelry design. Quick and talented in crochet, we cherish the Christmas socks she left us in every colour and size. A keen learner and avid reader, Wendy immersed herself in any and all topics. Complementary / natural medical knowledge was a particular interest and those around her benefited tremendously. As a natural extension of this Wendy grew medicinal plants and developed delicious recipes that will live on long after her. Her baked oatmeal is legendary – sugar free of course. While very unpretentious, Wendy had a great interest in public policy. Some of her last words were a request to advocate for fairness and equality. Leading by example, Wendy was giving and kind to all who knew her. Wendy was a bit of a free spirit and spent many years travelling the globe. During one of these trips, she taught English as A Second Language in the Czech Republic and toured the nearby European countries. During a winter in Mexico, she studied painting with an emphasis on watercolour. In the 90s, Wendy spent months backpacking around Australia, New Zealand, and Tahiti. Wendy will be sadly missed by her loving husband of 45 years, Dougald MacNeil; daughter, Melanie MacNeil (James Ringwald), grandchildren Jayne, Olivia and Owen; Mother, Margaret Macomber (Main); sister, Carol Macomber; niece, Michelle Kelly (Louis) and grandniece, Kara Kelly. Wendy was predeceased by her father, David Macomber; numerous aunts and uncles; her brother-in-law, Douglas Lynch (Carol); and dear friends, Debbie Hepburn and Judy Grant. We are grateful to the nurses and doctors at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for all of the caring attention given to Wendy. We'd also thank Wendy's good friends Johanna, Rachel, and Allison. Wendy considered you more family than friends. A celebration of life for Wendy was held in the Blues Mills Fire Hall, 7548 Hwy 105, Blues Mills, on Tuesday, July 25th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Donations in memory of Wendy may be made to a charity of your

choice. Arrangements are under the care of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com.

RANKIN

John Malcolm Rankin, formerly from Northeast Mabou, Nova Scotia, passed away October 17th, 2022, at his home in Brampton, Ontario. Born September 14th, 1944, John was the eldest son of the late John Dan and Janie (MacArthur) Rankin. He spent many years as a truck driver. Although John suffered from MS for many years, he never allowed his disease to break his spirit. He had the best laugh and will be fondly remembered for sharing his singing and guitar playing for many a family gathering. John is survived by his stepdaughter, Charlene Bartlett and her children in Ontario, as well as numerous cousins in both Canada and the United States. John is predeceased by his brothers, William and Alexander. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, July 28th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Mabou, with Fr. Dan MacDonald officiating. Donations may be made to the St. Mary's Parish Building Fund, Cemetery Fund, or a charity of your choice.

RANKIN

Donald Leo Rankin, June 29th, 1944 – July 12th, 2023: With sadness, we announce the unexpected passing of Donald Leo Rankin, on July 12th, 2023, following a beautiful evening at a ceilidh with his beloved wife, Rosalind (MacIntyre). Born in 1944 at Inverness, Cape Breton, Donald was the eldest child of Archie and Mary Rankin. Donald was a seeker, and he carried a childlike curiosity until the very end. He was forever a keen observer. His long daily walks nourished his love of nature and offered the possibility of an impassioned conversation with a stranger. He held a Bachelor of Science from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and McGill University; education degrees from St. Francis Xavier University; and a law degree from Dalhousie University. He practiced law at Port Aux Choix, NL. He remained engaged in civic life and instilled that duty in his children. Donald's passion for the arts never waned. He loved books and poetry, with Carl Sandburg and T.S. Eliot being among his favourites. He had an eclectic taste in music, spanning from Bob Seger, to Bach, to Buddy MacMaster. So moved at times, he would have to stop the car when such beauty came over the radio. Donald and Rosalind raised their family in northern Newfoundland. After returning to Inverness County, he fondly recalled the wide open, untamed landscapes of his former home and the resourcefulness of its people. In Cape Breton, he reconnected with many of the simple joys of his youth including the thrill of live fiddle music and horse racing at the Inverness Raceway. His greatest love was his wife Rosalind. Spontaneity and fidelity, he agreed, were the twin elements of a life well lived. Along with his wife Rosalind, Donald is survived by his children, Heather Rankin (Robert), Melissa Rankin, Andrew Rankin (Sara), Christian Rankin (Jessie), and Meriah Rankin, and his granddaughter Ruby, all of Halifax. He is also survived by his sisters, Louise Marie (Ray) MacArthur, Judique, Jessica (Daniel) MacLellan, Judique, Cathleen (Paul) Seamone, Dartmouth, Joan (Ed) Lake, Dartmouth, Carmel (Andy) Raymond, Halifax, Kimberley (John) MacInnis, Mabou, and brothers Reginald (Chris), Timberlea, John Archie (Anne Marie), Dartmouth, Randall (Jeanette), Judique, Xavier (Sarah), Ottawa, Michael (Heidi), Mabou. Donald was predeceased by his son Liam and his sister Maureen (Ronald) MacKenzie, Mabou Coal Mines. Visitation was held on Thursday, July 20th, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Green's Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury. Funeral mass was held on Friday, July 21st, at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph's Parish, with Rev. Joby Augustin officiating. Interment will take place in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.greensfuneralhome.ca.

TRACEY

It is with much sadness and broken hearts that we announce the passing of our loving mother, Mary Agnes Tracey, of Little Judique on Tuesday July 18th, 2023, at the age of 86 years. Mary Tracey (Beaton) was born to Joseph and Annie Beaton on July 1st, 1937, in Little Judique, Nova Scotia. Mary is survived by her six children, Ellen (Rod); Karen (Willie); Charlene (Burt); Brian (Karen); Allison (Bob); and Darryl (Dawn). She was fondly known as Nana to her 13 grandchildren: Seela, Morgan, Ryan, Dylan, Mitchell, Kaylan, James, Bailey, Darci, Kade, Cassie Jo, Callee Jean, and Alexander. Mom will be dearly missed by her sisters, Sally Johnson and Florence Connors; many nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Mary Jane Tracey; brothers-in-law, Harold Tracey, Jerome Tracey (Betty). She was predeceased by her parents,

Joseph and Annie (MacIsaac) Beaton; husband, Hugh Tracey; brother Murdoch Beaton; and infant brother, Neil Beaton; daughter-in-law, Bonnie Jean Tracey; sisters-in-law, Helen Jean (Tracey) MacDonald; Catherine MacRae and Judy Beaton; brothers-in-law, John Francis Tracey, James Tracey, Phil Johnson and Bill Connors; dear friend Pauline MacMillan. Mom was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her children and especially loved her role as Nana. A person of deep faith, committed to her church, and daily prayers. Mom loved bingo and playing cards with friends, watching her grandchildren succeed at their chosen sports and activities. Most importantly, she was always cheering on the Montreal Canadiens, Toronto Blue Jays, and the Port Hawkesbury Strait Pirates. She leaves behind memories of the special lady she was and will continue to be in our hearts. Mom, we find comfort in knowing that Dad, the love of your life, will be waiting for you with open arms. We loved you every day and now we will miss you every day. We would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors and staff at the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home for their care and compassion during Mom's brief stay, as well as the doctors and staff at the Inverness Hospital. Visitation took place on Sunday, July 23rd, 2023, at Port Hood and Area Resting Place from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass was celebrated on Monday, July 24th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. from St. Peter's Parish, Port Hood, with Rev. Bernie MacDonald officiating. Interment to follow in the Parish Cemetery. A livestream service will be available from St. Peter's Parish Facebook Page: (<https://www.facebook.com/st.peters.Parish.PortHood/>). Memorial donations may be made to St. Peter's Cemetery, Port Hood.

BULMER

It is with much sadness we announce the passing of Mary Bulmer (Chisholm) in Toronto on July 3rd, 2023. Mary was born in Port Hood, Nova Scotia, on March 18th, 1934, to John and Marcella Chisholm. She spent her youth in Port Hood and after graduating high school attended St. Martha's Nursing School in Antigonish in 1954 receiving a degree in nursing (registered nurse). Her life took her and her family to France and Germany for many years before returning to Canada and settling in Ottawa, Ontario. There she worked for the National Defense Medical Centre in the position of head nurse until her retirement. Mary was a dedicated, caring person with a quick wit, she carried these traits in all aspects of her life, both personal and professional. She was a loving and caring mother, friend, and wife who enjoyed many lasting friendships during her life. In her later years, she spent her time on sewing and quilting, she made lasting works of art with her quilts that are treasured by anyone who was lucky enough to receive one. She will be remembered for her generous nature, her sense of humour and, of course, her lemon squares. She will be greatly missed by her children; Mom, we love you. Mary is preceded in death by her siblings: Alec, John, Duncan, and Coline. Mary is survived by her siblings: Bernard and Anne; her children, Lisa, David, and Robert; her grandchildren, Bruce, Gregory, Siobhan, Justin, and Kendra; and her great-grandchildren, Kaiden, Addison, and Dakota. Even though it is a time of sorrow, we need to remember that she lived a full and well-travelled life. Please say a prayer for Mary, a remarkable woman.

MacISAAC

Gordon S. MacIsaac passed away unexpectedly at The Moncton Hospital, NB, on July 3rd, 2023; 15 hours after suffering a cardiac event, with his son Glenn, grandson David, and his cousin Linda by his side. Born in 1946 at Harbour View, Inverness County, he was the third child of nine children born to David MacIsaac (son of Daniel J. MacIsaac and Catherine Graham) Harbour View and Mary Florence McMillan (daughter of Hugh McMillan and Catherine Gillis) of Seaside. Gordon is survived by his sons Glenn (Sarah) and grandchildren Alexa and David of Stewartville, New Jersey; and Gordon of Toronto and grandson Nick (Kala), great-grandchildren Blake and Anna Leis of Shubenacadie, NS; and the mother of his children Anna Sheppard MacIsaac, Dartmouth; siblings Sheila Catherine, Gregory Allan, Helen Louise, Norma Joan, Paul Joseph, Graham Francis, and Monica Ann. He will be greatly missed by his Digou, MacIsaac, and MacMillan cousins, who were very close. After graduating from St. F.X., Gord worked in Labour Relations with the Canadian Government until his retirement. During his retirement Gord worked short term contracts with Suncor in Fort McMurray until 2012. Gord belonged to the Army and Navy of New Waterford, where he enjoyed meeting friends and sharing in the group activities. His favourite pastime was watching the Montreal Canadiens hockey games; and in the summer Gord played golf. Gordon was predeceased by his parents David and Mary Florence, his oldest brother John David and his wife Mary Aileen Landry MacIsaac, his partner Rose Miriam Burton (daughter of Bernie Burton

and Stella McKinnon); sibling Anna Roberts (Allister), Maureen McNeil (deceased Edward), Stella (John Doucet) and Bernie Burton (Michael Noonan). Gordon and Rose had many enjoyable years together, spending winters in Florida where they had many close friends. Rose's children Kevin, Colin, and Merika appreciated the care Gordon took of Rose during the 10 years of her illness. Rose's siblings will miss Gordon greatly. There is no visitation or service. Interment of the cremains will take place at a later date. Rest in peace, Rose and Gordon.