

CAMPBELL

Karen Anne Campbell (nee Murphy) 67: In the early morning hours of June 28th, 2023, my most cherished mother went quietly to be with her Lord and Saviour in heaven. We all know she is in a beautiful place singing for all of heaven to hear. Karen was born on July 7th, 1955, at New Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. With her parents and younger sister, they moved to Dunvegan in 1959. She graduated from Inverness Consolidated School in 1972. She then attended St. Francis Xavier University attaining a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education. She continued her learning at St. Mary's University attaining her Master's in Education. Karen was a dedicated worker for Capital Health at the VG Bethune building, teaching medical staff I.T. programs. The last 15 years she enjoyed her retirement. She spent many summers at her and Lorne's camper at Lake Ainslie. A highlight of her life was taking her two grandchildren along camping for sometimes weeks at a time. Drew and Lily will forever remember those times. Her love of all things Celtic is evidenced in her love of the bagpipes. Karen was a member of the Bonnie Brae Pipes and Drums and was chosen to play in the Rose Bowl Parade in 1976. Karen had the most angelic voice and was always eager to share her talents, which included singing, playing guitar, piano, and the bagpipes. She was choir director with her parish for 30-plus years. Karen leaves behind to mourn her husband of 47 years, Lorne Hugh; her one and only child Megann Hughena (Andrew Conrad); and her two beloved grandchildren Drew Lorne and Lily Diane Karen - "Nana's sugar plums." She was predeceased by her mother Margaret Irene Murphy in 1994. Also left to mourn Karen's passing from this world are her father Michael Murphy, sisters Marie (Wayne), Michele, Betty (Mose), and Natalie (Robert) and brother Lloyd (Pamela); as well as many nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews who she loved so dearly. Arrangements have been entrusted to T. J. Tracey Cremation and Burial Specialists, 71 McQuade Lake Crescent, Halifax (902) 835-4212, where visitation will be held on July 12th, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8pm followed by a funeral service on July 13th, 2023, at 11:00am in St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, 18 Scholars Rd, Upper Tantallon, NS B3Z 0N2, followed by burial and then reception.

"May songs of the angels welcome you and guide you along your way. May the smiles of the martyrs greet your own as darkness turns into day. Every fear will be undone and death will be no more. As songs of the angels bring you home before the face of God."

CAMPBELL

Joseph Alexander, Seosaidh Alastair Campbell: Alex Campbell, born June 9th, 1931, at the Campbell home in Glenora Falls, to parents Dan J. and Mary Campbell, while apple blossoms were in full bloom in the orchard, on the Campbell farm. Attending physicians, Dr. Alexander MacNeil and Dr. Donald McDonald assisted the birth; his mother recalled him lovingly as a quiet and easy going baby. Alex was one of the 10 children born to Mary and Dan J. Campbell, five boys and five girls, namely, John, Angus, Donald, James, Catherine, Anne, Mary, Margaret, and Helen. The Campbells were raised in the Highland traditional manner, stressing the importance of Love, Respect, and "jump in the fire for each other," no shortcuts, work hard on the farm, eat nourishing food, listen to good music, therefore become strong, healthy, and self-reliant. Quoting Alex himself, "growing up on the farm we had everything, didn't need money, just follow Dan J. around. We went to events for free, Dan J was like a platinum credit card!" Alex loved animals, especially his prize bull calves, milking the cows by hand a joy! As he became older, he learned how to be a skilled hunter, taking down 15 deer in one season. One noble buck still graces the wall of the Campbell home. In Glenora, Alex and his brother Angus hiked Cape Mabou North and South, knew all the pioneer settlements and frequently explored them while the sheep and cattle were grazing in the summertime. Alex and Donald also built a rustic camp on the side of the Campbell mountain where they could play the violin, undisturbed, and you needed a "V.I.P" pass for admittance! Alex and his brothers worked for the neighbours, cutting wood, planting and digging potatoes, hay making, gratis. He loved sports, boxing, lazy

stick, and running high jump. The Campbell home in Glenora would welcome visitors from far and wide with drinks, music, food, and Highland hospitality. The neighbours called the place the "Embassy." Alex knew how to play the violin "old tradition" music never written; he learned it all from his father Dan J. Campbell (his hero). Alex composed a great bagpipe march, that he named the "Passing of the Campbells." Alex and brother Donald, both lived and worked in Ontario. Donald on the violin and Alex, the gifted story teller for keen listeners, was a treat to behold indeed! In the early 1950s, Alex stepdanced at the Antigonish Highland Games to the music of his father, Dan J. Campbell's violin, and his sister Catherine on the piano. Later in life, Alex settled in Watertown, Mass., USA, where he married Mary Irene MacIsaac of Blackstone, Inverness County, and raised four children: Donald Joseph (deceased), Jo-Ann Campbell-Cameron/Richard Cameron, Alexander John/Kerry Romano, Alexander Augustus/Krista. grandchildren, Russel Alexander Campbell, Greene Campbell, Anthony Tansino. Campbell siblings, already mentioned, and numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. Alex followed the trade of carpentry, had a very keen eye. He could build a bay window like no other. At age 19, he was appointed boss for Martell & Company, building a new highway, Route 19, Inverness County, Nova Scotia (1951); the culverts are still there. Alex often spoke in parables, i.e. "A rolling stone gathers no moss." "All that glitters is not gold." "The pyramids were not built in one day." He enjoyed concerts and dances at the Canadian-American Club; especially when John and Margaret Campbell were performing. Alex became an avid sports fan, especially hockey, baseball, and football.

From the Lord Byron poem Farewell:

These lips are mute. These eyes are dry. But in my heart and in my brain awake the pangs that pass not by. Though grief and passion there rebel. I only feel Farewell Farewell. Amidst The Mist Over Cape Mabou. "Truaich Nach Robh Thu Seo!"

-The Campbells of Glenora

Funeral mass will take place at St. Mary's Church, Mabou, Nova Scotia on Friday, July 7th, at 2:00 p.m. A private burial will be held at the old St. Mary's Cemetery, Campbells of Glenora plot. "A highland welcome to one and all."

CHIASSON

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Alphonse Chiasson, age 84, of Chéticamp, on July 6th, 2023. Born in Chéticamp, Alphonse was the son of the late Joseph Chiasson and the late Marie (Chiasson) Chiasson. Alphonse was a man of few words; his witty personality, sense of humour, and love for his family are how we choose to remember him. He and Madeleine spent over 60 beautiful years together in Chéticamp, where they raised their family. He never missed any of his children's activities and always volunteered his time and van, whether driving around the Cabot Trail for a walk-a-thon or following every sport. He spent years working as a coalminer at Evan's Coal Mine in St. Rose, where he was proud of his hard work. Although such years were cherished, retirement granted him more time to pursue other hobbies, whether, on his four-wheeler, trout fishing with his fishing buddies, or being outside in the woods brought him true joy. He could often be found at the arena, where he spent many hours watching all levels of hockey, but specifically bursting with pride when watching Scott play, never missing a game or practice, no matter the distance needed to travel. Alphonse had a sweet tooth, and was never too full, always ready for dessert "Madeleine, un beau morceau tarte au butterscotch s'rait pas mauvais ah." Alphonse is survived by his wife Madeleine (Bourgeois) Chiasson; his two sons Maurice (Denise), Réjean (Angela); daughter, Dina; grandchildren, Scott, Kelsey; step-grandchildren, Stacey, Melanie, Daniel; step-great-grandson, Nico; brothers, Arthur, Paul (Yvette); sisters, Isabelle, Sara, Therese, Germaine, Bernadette (Claude). Along with his parents, Alphonse was also predeceased by his brothers Lubie, Claudie, Levis, Wilfred, Gérard, and Daniel; and sister, Amelia. A funeral mass took place on Tuesday, July 11th, 2023, at 10:30am at Église Saint-Pierre, Chéticamp, presided by Fr. Daniel Tshimbalanga Musakay. Burial followed in the parish

cemetery. Family greeted friends and family at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Alphonse's memory to the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Care Fund. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to:
www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

SHAW

A graveside service will be held on July 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in Wilson United Church Cemetery, Margaree Centre, for the late Olga Alma Shaw (May 2nd, 1927 – May 22nd, 2023). Following the service, a Celebration of Life gathering will be in the Wilson United Church Hall, Margaree Centre.

FITZGERALD

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Florence Agnes Fitzgerald, at the age of 94, in Alderwood Rest Home, Baddeck, on June 21st, 2023. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, friend, and Grandma Florence. She was born in Middle River, Victoria County, on July 13th, 1928, the daughter of the late Malcolm and Mary (Nicholson) MacRae. Florence was raised in Middle River; in 1953 she went to the Camp Hill Veteran's Hospital, Halifax, where she took her training to become a CNA. After graduating, she went to work in Buchanan Memorial Hospital, Neil's Harbour. It was "Down North" she met her husband Charlie Fitzgerald. The young married couple moved to Dartmouth and if anyone from "home" had to go to Halifax and needed a place to stay Florence and Charlie welcomed them in their home. Florence worked at the V.G. Hospital until her retirement in 1986, at which time they moved back to Middle River. Florence was very active in the community; she was a member of Middle River United Church, the UCW, V.G. Hospital Auxilliary, and Middle River Seniors Club. She enjoyed playing crib, was an avid knitter, especially woolen socks, which many were grateful to receive. Florence is survived by her daughter Charlene (Jamie) Shaw, Middle River; son Malcolm (Jamie), Dartmouth; sisters, Evelyn and Mildred (Robert); brother Malcolm (Gail); brother-in-law Gordie Ellis; sister-in-law Jessie MacRae; also many nieces, nephews, and great friends. Besides her parents and her husband Charlie she was predeceased by her brothers Roddie, Donald, Eddie, Neil, and Alexander; sisters Rhoda, Mary, and Jean. The family would like to thank Dr. Carlyle Chow, Dr. Jamie Tribo, home care staff, Alderwood Rest Home staff, and Palliative Care. We appreciate the fact that Mom was always treated with care, kindness, and respect by each of you, as she also treated others throughout her life. A grave side service was held at the Middle River Cemetery, Saturday, June 24th at 11:00 a.m. A Celebration of Life followed the burial in the Middle River Community Hall. In Lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to a charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacPHERSON

The family of the late Thompson MacPherson regret to announce his sudden passing on February 4th, 2023, in Toronto. Born on July 1st, 1941, in Orangedale East, he was the son of the late Ross and Margaret (MacDonald) MacPherson. He is survived by a son, Thomas; daughter, Tanya; grandchildren, Billy and Caylee. He is also survived by sister Mary (Fred); brothers Archie (Velda) and Malcolm; nieces and nephews; grand-nieces and -nephews; great-grand-nieces and -nephews; sisters-in-law Margie and Marcie. He was predeceased by a son, Todd; sisters Edna (late Dan) and Effie; brothers Peter, Alex (late Anne Mae), D.J., and Jimmy. Burial took place on July 8th, at 10:00 a.m. in Little Narrows Cemetery with Margie MacIntyre LLWL officiating.

MacDOUGALL

John MacDougall, age 72, of Port Hood, formerly of Port Hastings, passed away peacefully on June 18th, 2023, in the Halifax Infirmary, QE11 Health Sciences Centre. Born in Inverness, he was a son of the late

John Duncan and Mary Ellen (MacNeil) MacDougall. John is survived by his daughter, Kimberley (Richard) Doherty; grandchildren, Megan and Connor Doherty; siblings, Betty Watts, Barbara (Joe) Gillis, Donald (Debbie) MacDougall, and Mary Louise (Raymond) Burns; sister-in-law, Cindy MacDougall; uncles, Charlie and Stanley MacNeil; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family, all of whom John shared a special bond. Besides his parents, John was predeceased by brothers, Brian and Lester; sister, Paula O'Toole; and niece, Jennifer Smyth. John had a deep faith and a passion for music, reading, his HABS and the great outdoors, especially being on the water. John was a humble man, known for his gentle and caring ways. He touched many hearts and took time to listen and make everyone feel valued. He will be remembered. We would like to thank the Port Hood Fire Department First Responders, Dr. Susie Egar and all staff of the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital as well as the doctors and nurses of 5.2 in the Halifax Infirmary for all of their compassionate care, we are so grateful. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held in Port Hood and Area Resting Place on Tuesday, July 4th, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass to take place in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood, on Wednesday, July 5th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Sunny Sebastian officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Family flowers only please. Memorial donations may be made to Port Hood and Area Resting Place, St. Peter's Parish Cemetery Fund or to a charity of choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

OLSEN

Murdoch Lauchlin Olsen: On Tuesday, June 20th, 2023, Murdoch Olsen, of Orangedale, NS, a man of great faith, left this world for the next at the age of 81. He passed peacefully surrounded by his family at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. He was born October 27th, 1941, to the late Annie Catherine (MacKinnon) and John Alfred Olsen at home in Sunnyside, Richmond County, NS. From an early age, he demonstrated what would be a lifelong dedication to caring and providing for his family as he went out cutting pulp by age nine. He began working full time as a teenager and by the time he was 17, he was chief engineer on a fishing trawler. He enjoyed telling stories of his fishing days, of 80 foot waves, harbour stops in Newfoundland, and needing to be smuggled off his fishing boat because the Russians were after him. He left the life at sea for a life on land, running a service station in Blues Mills where he met his future wife, Marguerite MacKinnon. From there he bought the store in Orangedale, where they moved, establishing 53 years of marriage and raising three children. Orangedale Building Merchants was not only a place of business, but a centre for talking politics, telling jokes, and sharing stories – some of which may even have been true. It was not uncommon for folks to just come in and talk about anything and everything. And if you needed to know how to do something, he could tell you just how to do it. While he may have seemed rough around the edges, he had a heart for the community and people in need. He was involved in establishing the Orangedale Railway Station as a museum and getting clean drinking water into the community. He was always thinking of ways to support others, whether local kids at risk, the homeless across Cape Breton, or people in far flung lands. He knew he was blessed with much and looked to give back, even to the very end. He will be missed by his wife Marguerite; his children Robert, Beverley (Nick) Phillips, and James; grandchildren Anna and Anthony; his sister Rena MacPhail; brother-in-law Pearlie Malcolm; and many nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he is predeceased by his sisters Betty Malcolm, Marie (late Freddie) Langley, and Jean (late Vernon) Amos, and brothers Oscar (late Gloria LeBlanc) and Roy (late Kay), and brother-in-law Gordon MacPhail. A special thanks goes out to his family doctor, Dr. Bennett, and the many doctors, nurses, and staff who took such great care of him in the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital and in the CCU and the ICU at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. As well, we would like to thank the Inverness County homecare staff and nurses who attended to Murdoch at home and took such good care of him there. Family flowers only. Memorial donations may be made to L'Arche Cape Breton, Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, Cape Breton Regional Hospital, or Forbes United

Church. The service took place Monday June 26th, at 2:00 p.m. at Forbes United Church, River Denys, with Jim MacNaughton DLM-R, the Rev. Nick Phillips and the Rev. John Tapscott officiating. Burial took place in the Orangedale Gillis Cove Cemetery and a reception followed at the Orangedale Smith Community Centre. Masks are required for the protection of vulnerable family members in attendance.

RIDDLE

Catherine Elizabeth (Betty) Riddle: It is with deep sorrow that the family of Catherine Elizabeth Riddle (nee MacEachern), of Mississauga, Ontario, announce that she passed away on Sunday, June 18th, 2023, at Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga, after a brief illness. Betty left this world surrounded by her two loving daughters, Charlene and Barbara Ann, who will miss her dearly. Betty was born July 28th, 1947, to the late John Archie and Alena (MacDonald) MacEachern of Mull River. She will be remembered as a loving daughter, sister, and aunt, but most of all, as a caring, kind, and wonderful mother and grandmother, who always put her family above all else. Betty worked at Shoppers Drug Mart, Mississauga, for over 25 years. In her retirement years, she was a devoted and conscientious care giver to her grandchildren. In addition to her daughters and grandchildren, Betty will be deeply missed by siblings John (Josephine) MacEachern, Karen (Wayne) Rankin, Josephine (Leo) Covin, Angus (Joan) MacEachern, Mary Theresa MacLean, Hughena (Dougald) MacLean, Marlene (Arnold) Rankin, and Marguerite (Paul) MacDonald; along with her aunt Teresa MacEachern, Sudbury. Besides her parents, John Archie and Lena, Betty was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Ken Riddle, who died four years ago. She was also predeceased by an infant sister and brother-in-law Alister MacLean as well as maternal aunts and uncles, Catherine, Mary Jessie, Danny, Archie, Duncan, John, Robert, and Hughie and paternal uncles Andrew, Angus, Duncan, and Alex Angus. Betty faced her illness with determination, dignity, and optimism. The family expresses their sincere gratitude and thanks to the doctors, nurses and other hospital staff that were involved in her care.

SAMPSON

Blaine Sampson, 69, of Louisdale, passed away peacefully on June 19th, 2023, at St. Martha's Hospital with his daughter Chasity and her partner Trevor by his side. Born in Sydney, NS, he was the son of the late Vincent Joseph and Dorothy Mary (MacRae) Sampson. Blaine was a proud member of The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 73 for over 50 years. He was a master in his trade and known among his fellow brothers for his expertise. Blaine received many acknowledgments for his dedication and contributions to making projects successful on the numerous shutdowns he worked on. In his younger years, he loved nice cars and old country music and passion and appreciation for both remained strong throughout his lifetime, Charley Pride being one of his favourite singers. Blaine enjoyed playing gentleman's hockey, boating on the Bras d'Or Lakes, hunting with brother Gary and watching Jeopardy. Very seldom did he get a question wrong. He looked forward to the morning paper to complete the daily crossword puzzle as he loved a challenge. He was a book of knowledge and very competitive. Back in the day, Blaine enjoyed playing crib on Sundays with his father, brother Gary, and Johnny Grandma. Being a sports fan, you could always find him cheering on the Toronto Blue Jays or The Montreal Canadians with an Alexander Keith's in his hand. Blaine was close with his brothers and sisters each in their own special way. He always looked forward to Brenda's daily visits and her home-cooked meals. They were very close in age and had a very thick bond. He looked forward to Marlene's phone calls and visits when she came home from Alberta. He wasn't much for the phone but always said "I love you" at the end of the call. Blaine introduced his younger brother Gary to the boilermakers. They travelled and worked together on many shutdowns. They were very close and one didn't go far without the other. Having his younger brother Vincent next door to him was a comfort. Vincent would check in on him and made sure that Blaine knew if he needed anything that he was always close by. Blaine also enjoyed a good game of pool or cards with Marlene, Vincent, and Gary but he didn't like to lose. Expecting his first child would be a

boy, Blaine was over the moon to have his baby girl in his arms. He would sing to Chasity, "Daddy's Girl" by Red Sovine. She was the centre of his world and the light of his life. He would talk about her every chance he could and his pride for her always shined through. Those who knew Blaine, all knew he had a big and soft heart, especially for his little girl. He leaves behind and will be lovingly remembered by his daughter Chasity (Trevor); his sisters, Brenda (Albert), Marlene (Bradley); brothers, Gary (Donna), Vincent; nephews, Trevor, Joshua, and Nathan. He was predeceased by his nephews Ashley and Justin. A special thank you to Dr. DeRoach, Melinda Aitken, Stephanie Covington, Duane Burke, and Clara Mandu all of the St. Richmond Hospital. We would also like to acknowledge Charlie Green who was Blaine's roommate at the Strait Richmond Hospital. They formed a special bond over the three months they spent as roommates. Many stories and hearty laughs were heard. At Blaine's request, there will be no visitation or church service. Cremation has taken place and there will be no burial. Memorial donations can be made to the Strait Richmond Hospital.

BROWN

February 6th, 1939 – June 14th, 2023: We, the family of the late John Robertson Brown, age 84, Margaree Centre, are saddened to announce his passing on June 14th, 2023, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family. John was the son of the late William and Mary (Pike) Brown. John is survived by his wife Alice (Gear) Brown of 64 years; his children, Leslie (Margaret); William (Dawn), Sydney Mines; Leonard (Rhonda); Kim (Ivan) Timmons, Hinton, Alberta; also 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Also survived by his brother Jimmy (Donna) Brown; his sisters, Judy Boudreau and Glenda (Al Provo) Williams; sisters-in-law Miriam Ferguson and Thelma Gear; brothers-in-law Alexander (Mary Higgins) Marks and Jackie Finney and Nancy Phillips. Besides his parents, John was predeceased by his sister Ida Finney; brothers-in-law, Bud Boudreau, Stanley Gear, Henry Gear, and William Ferguson; his mother-in-law Florence Marks; fathers-in-law, William Gear and Alex Marks. John was born and raised in Florence, Cape Breton. In 1980, John and Alice moved to Margaree Centre where they lived out the rest of their married life. John was employed with Devco. He ran an upholstery business with his friend Robert. John and co-owner (his wife Alice) owned and operated Brown's Inn and Cottages. Some of his joys in life were fishing and hunting. John made the best maple syrup around. Visitation was held on Saturday, June 17th, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley. Funeral service was Sunday, June 18th, at 2:00 p.m. in Wilson United Church, Margaree Centre. Special thanks to Dr. Susie Egar and the entire staff at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for their compassionate care given to John. Donations in memory of John R. Brown may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care, Inverness. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacDONALD

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of our beloved and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, who passed away peacefully on June 12th at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Daughter of Bill and Marie (Beaton) McDaniel, Mary Claire was born in Inverness on July 10th, 1948, and grew up in Brook Village with her sister and seven brothers. Married in 1967 to Charles MacDonald of Port Hood, they made their home there, and raised four children Katrina, Joseph (Ken), Shanne, and Aaron. At the family businesses they began together, Mary Claire was most renowned for her attention to detail and her home-style cooking. Family was the centre of Mary Claire's life and friends became family. In addition to her loving husband, children, and grandchildren Myah and Lewis, she leaves to mourn her siblings Elizabeth (Wayne), Gerry (Cheryl), and Francis (Anne Marie) and many nieces and nephews. She joins now her parents and brothers Matt, Colin, Clarence, Sam, and Ronnie in eternal rest. We are grateful to all of the healthcare professionals for the compassionate attention she received in her final months. Visitation

took place in Port Hood & Area Resting Place, Friday, June 16th, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass took place in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Port Hood, Saturday, June 17th, at 1:00 p.m. followed by interment in the parish cemetery. Family flowers only, memorial donations to Canadian Cancer Society, Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of Inverness Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

BOUDREAU

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Evelyn Ruth Marie Boudreau (McMaster) on May 26th, 2023, peacefully surrounded by her loving family at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, after a brief battle with cancer. Born in Sydney, NS, Evelyn spent most of her life growing up in New Waterford, NS. She completed her education in nursing at the Cape Breton Regional Vocational school and moved to Cheticamp, where she fulfilled 43 years as a devoted nurse, caring for the people of the community at the Sacred Heart Hospital. Evelyn will be forever remembered by her loving husband, Cyril Boudreau, Cheticamp, NS, and her children, who adored her, Jason Boudreau (Tara), Port Hood, NS, Crystal Doherty (Joe), Ottawa, ON, Grant Boudreau (Michelle), Edmonton, AB and Paige Boudreau, Ottawa, ON. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ethan, Port Hood, and Noah, Grayson, and Jordyn, Ottawa. She will be sadly missed by her sisters, Marilyn MacNeil, Stayner, ON, Rhona Lockhart, Kentville, NS; her brothers, Doug McMaster, Truro, NS, and Adrian McMaster, Truro, NS; her sister-in-law, Priscille Boudreau (Bob Hyland), Bedford, NS; and brothers-in-law, Jean-Claude Boudreau (EJ), Bedford, NS, and Earl McLellan, Sydney, NS, as well as her mother-in-law, Yvette Boudreau, Bedford, NS, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her loving mother, Helena "Grace" McMaster; her father, Russel McMaster; her stepfather, William Oliver; her brother, Richard (Rick) McMaster; her sister-in-law, Jeannine McLellan; and father-in-law, Wilfred Boudreau as well as her two brothers-in-law, Leo MacNeil and Chris Lockhart. A celebration of life will be held at a later date to honour the beautiful and full life that Evelyn lived. To read the full obituary and leave words of condolences for the family please visit: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

BOURGEOIS

Patricia Marie Bourgeois, age 84, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 4th, 2023, in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. Patricia was a daughter of the late Ernest and the late Lucy (Chiasson) Cormier. Patricia left her home in New Waterford at a young age and moved to Toronto. She married John Joe Poirier and had three children in Aurora, Ontario. In 1985, Patricia married Raymond Bourgeois and in 1992 they returned to her home in Petit Etang, where she lived out her golden years. She spent her last years at the Foyer Père Fiset in the special care of a group of angels, including her niece, Gayle Bourgeois. She was loved by all and was known as "Aunt Pat." She will be sadly missed but never forgotten. She will live on in our hearts forever. Patricia is survived by her son, Wayne Poirier; daughters, Wendy Graham and Wonda Roach; brother, Tommy Cormier; grandchildren, Shane Roach, Jennifer Roach, Holly Graham, Curtis Graham, and Olivia LeBlanc; great-grandchildren, Jeremiah Soryal, Jaxson Roach, Kaitlyn LeBlanc, Connor LeBlanc, and Jacob LeBlanc. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her first husband, John Joe Poirier and her second husband, Raymond Bourgeois; brothers, Henry Cormier and Leonard Cormier; sister Dorothy Doucet; granddaughter, Melissa Graham; and great-granddaughter, Jayde Roach. A funeral mass will be celebrated at a later date. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

GRANT

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mary Anastasia Grant on May 29th, 2023, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mary was predeceased by her mother and father Allan and Alice (nee Donahue) Grant; sisters, Teresa, Anne, and Elaine; and brothers, Gerald and Cyril. She is survived by her treasured nephews and nieces Bruce (Teresa) and Scott (Karen) Flinn, Carla Grant and Denise (Tony) Corra; grandnephew Grant Flinn; grandnieces Charlotte and Janice Flinn and Elena Corra. Mary was born in Inverness, Nova Scotia, where she received her elementary and secondary education at Holy Family School including a final year nearby at St. Joseph's Convent, Mabou. Following the footsteps of her mother, her love of learning led to a life-long pursuit of education. She received her B.A. and B.Ed. from Mount Saint Vincent University and began a teaching career in Halifax, then moved to Alberta where she taught for 32 years with the Edmonton Catholic School Board as classroom teacher, reading specialist, and principal. She pursued graduate studies at the University of Alberta, where she received her M.Ed., her Ph.D., and a post-graduate diploma in English. She became Language Arts supervisor with the school system and worked as a seasonal lecturer with the University of Alberta. Throughout her career, Mary served as an executive member on boards of professional organizations devoted to language arts and reading. She was ever grateful to family, friends, and colleagues for their support and encouragement throughout her career. Following her retirement, Mary returned to Halifax where her life revolved around her family and cherished friendships. Happy summers were spent in the family home in Inverness where Mary loved entertaining and her time was spent full of friends, conversation, and laughter. While in Inverness, she would attend concerts and ceilidhs and other celebrations of the local culture. She loved gardening and spent her afternoon hours planting and tending to the beautiful geraniums and other flowers in the many pots and window boxes around the property. Mary had a deep appreciation of the arts. She would regularly attend Neptune Theatre, Symphony Nova Scotia, the opera, and the cinema. She was also an avid reader across all genres, but she particularly enjoyed mystery fiction. Mary maintained wonderful, life-long friendships that brought her great joy. In addition, in her retirement she met new people, enjoyed her weekly Bridge group and was always excited to attend an auction. Mary was devoted to her family, and she was incredibly generous with her time and her love. She was clever and funny and loved a good joke. She attended all the family celebrations, birthdays, and holidays. She was there at a moment's notice if anyone needed support. By request, Mary's life will be celebrated in a private service at Stella Maris Parish, Inverness. Her family extends heartfelt thanks to the compassionate health care workers and everyone who helped provide support to Mary over the past few years. Memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Hospice Palliative Care at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital or to a charity of one's choice.

MacEACHERN

(Scott) Andrew MacEachern, 62, of Halifax passed away June 3rd, 2023, at the Halifax Infirmary, QEII site. Born in Ottawa on December 15th, 1960, Andrew was the son of the late Hon. William MacEachern and Alice Morgan MacEachern. Andrew was a proud graduate of Queen Elizabeth High School in Halifax. He then went to work at the Victoria General Hospital in the stores department. He retired in 2016 after 35 years of dedicated service. Andrew was a 50-year participant in Special Olympics in Ottawa and Halifax. He won many medals and awards in both swimming and bowling, but it was in the pool where he excelled. He participated in four national games over his career. He represented Canada at the 1983 International Special Olympics Games in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he won a silver medal in backstroke. He was a proud 29-year member of the Halifax Trojans Aquatic Club where he has an award named after him. Above all Andrew was a devoted and loving son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, nephew, and friend to many. To know him was to love him and he responded in kind. Andrew is survived by his siblings, Catriona, Donna (late John Legge), Ross (Diane) and Rebecca (Donna K) and his niece, Margaret and nephew, Connor. He also leaves behind a large extended family in Canada, USA, and Australia. Visitation to be held

at JA Snow Funeral Home, 339 Lacewood Drive, Halifax on Saturday June 10th, 2023, 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A Celebration of Life to follow in the summer of 2023 in Cape Breton where Andrew will be laid to rest alongside his parents. The family would like to extend their great appreciation to Dr. Ken Rockwood, Dr. Suhail Alamri, and Jody Wells RN and the team at the Geriatric Ambulatory Care Clinic for the excellent care they gave Andrew over the many years since his Alzheimer's diagnosis. We would also like to acknowledge the excellent care he received more recently from Dr. Burton, her team, nurses, and all the staff on 7.2 at the QEII Halifax Infirmary site. They made his final laps in the pool peaceful and pain free. Donations in Andrew's memory may be made to: Halifax Trojans Aquatic Club, 6260 South St. Halifax B3H 1T8 or e transfer: memorial@htac.ca or the Geriatric Ambulatory Care Clinic: on website qe2foundation.ca, select "Donate" or e-transfer: finance@qe2foundation.ca, please specify Geriatric Clinic in memory of Andrew MacEachern. To see full obituary or leave online condolences visit: www.jasnowfuneralhome.com.

MacNEIL

Archie B. MacNeil, 66, passed away peacefully at his home on Mt. Borden Rd., South West Margaree, on June 7th, 2023. Archie was a true friend. He was a kind and thoughtful neighbour, always willing to help everyone when he could. Archie cared deeply for the people in his life. He helped to guide the lives of his nieces and nephews, sharing their accomplishments with great pride. He didn't miss a game, concert, recital, graduation, or wedding. He was truly present in our lives, and we will miss his caring and attentive nature. Archie was the son of the late Effie (Gillis) and Rory Angus MacNeil. He was predeceased by his brothers John, Malcolm, and Hector; his sisters, Christina and Theresa; and nephews Frankie Grandy, Will Fraser, and Rory MacNeil. He is survived by his sisters, Mary, Jenny, Cecilia (Tom) and Libby (Neil), and his brothers Neil, Alex (Mary) and Norman (Theresa); his brother-in-law John Newby; his many nieces, nephews, and his good friends and neighbors. Archie enjoyed the simple things in life. He liked a good cup of tea, a warm fire, a feed of eels, a lively conversation and spending time in nature (especially at his home in "Egypt," surrounded by trees, flowers, and many hummingbirds). Archie was well aware that our time together was coming to an end and he thoughtfully prepared, making sure that his passing would be a bit easier for us to bear. He wanted us to remember him with a smile and laughter. He taught us by example to be kind, to listen, to take care of each other, and to show compassion and respect for all. May we carry those lessons with us in his memory. Cremation has taken place. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on July 18th, 2023, at St. Joseph's Parish, SW Margaree. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. A celebration of Archie's life will follow at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, SW Margaree. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Sunset Funeral Cooperative, Margaree Valley. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacLELLAN

It is with sorrow that the family of Mary Hughena MacLellan announces her passing on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, in the RK MacDonald Nursing Home, Antigonish, with family at her side. Born November 17th, 1938, in Centreville, Cape Breton, Hughena was a daughter of the late James and Margaret MacLellan. Early on, it was evident Hughena had a calling to nursing and she obtained her CNA designation from Camp Hill Hospital in Halifax. Shortly after completing the course, she began her career at a Veterans Hospital in Montreal. Hughena resided in Montreal for several years before returning home to Nova Scotia and worked at the RK MacDonald Nursing Home before retiring in the '80s. Hughena met her husband Roddie MacLellan, and they married in 1978. They built a life in Big Marsh, Antigonish. Hughena was a true caregiver, caring for her parents during periods of illness and her husband Roddie in his later years. She loved her annual summer trips with her three sisters, many memories were made, and laughs shared. Nothing brought her more joy than trips "home" to Cape Breton to see her family. Hughena loved a good

game of cards and she and Roddie enjoyed gardening together, always growing a healthy crop of potatoes. Hughena had a deep Christian faith and was called upon by her family and friends to pray for the sick or for their special intentions. We had great comfort knowing she was praying on our behalf. Hughena is survived by her siblings James (Mary) MacLellan; Elizabeth Beaton; Sister Isabel MacLellan, CND; Kaye Harrison; Donnie (Paula) MacLellan; sister-in-law Monica MacLellan and several nieces and nephews. Aside from her parents and husband, Hughena was predeceased by her brother Allan MacLellan and brothers-in-law Angus Beaton and Kent Harrison. Visitation will be Thursday, June 8th, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in MacIsaac Funeral Home, Antigonish. The funeral service will be held Friday, June 9th, 1:00 p.m. in Ninian Cathedral, Rev. Danny MacLennan presiding. Burial in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory may be made to the St. Ninian's Cemetery Fund or the St. John the Baptist Cemetery Fund (Brook Village).

SUTHERLAND

James Barry Sutherland, 81, passed away on May 30th, in Inverary Manor, Inverness, with loved ones by his side. Barry was born June 28th, 1941, in Timmins, Ontario to Elizabeth (MacDonald) and Alexander Sutherland. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Jimmy (Brenda), brother-in-law, Donald; sister-in-law, Mary; and grandsons, Cory and Alex MacDonald. He leaves behind life partner, Mary MacMillan; children, Debbie (Mike), Keith (Cheryl) and Dean; step-son, Jason (Kelly); grandchildren, Richelle (Trevor), Ellen (Bret), Christopher, Eden, and Avery; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Dessa, Russell, Abel and Oscar; siblings, Charlie (Merebeth), Betty Anne (Doug) Cameron, Sandra (the late Donald) MacDonald, Duncan (Bonnie), Ludy (Selina), Eldon (Darlene), Alex (the late Mary), Francis (Charlene), Johnnie, Peter (Sandra); sisters-in-law, Brenda and Theresa MacLellan; and numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and close friends. Barry had a zest for life. He was an ironworker at Stora for many years, and had a side-passion for crane operating. He was quick-witted and proud, loved his family, and always made sure to share news of their accomplishments. Port Hood where he spent his formative years was always near and dear to his heart. His passions included vehicle restoration, stock car racing, sailing, fiddle music, sitting on his deck soaking up the sun, and sipping a good cup of tea. Barry had many the adventures on the waters in Canada and the U.S. and enjoyed sharing those stories with all of us. We would like to take this time to thank the staff at the Inverary Manor for their care. They went above and beyond to make sure Barry was as comfortable as could be. Visitation was held Tuesday, June 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood, with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Inverary Manor, Inverness or Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

ALEX

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dear wife, mother, daughter, sister aunt, godmother, and friend. Joanne Madeline Alex began her journey to the spirit world at home on May 22nd, 2023, surrounded by loved ones, friends, and prayers. Joanne was born in Baddeck on November 8th, 1970, and was the oldest daughter to Josephine (Googoo) Peck and late Joseph "Joe" Peck. Joanne was an amazing educator, mother, wife, professor, principal, director, and leader. Joanne wore many different types of capes, she was our everyday superhero. Joanne touched the lives and hearts of many individuals all around Unama'ki. Joanne's love she had for her family was like no other; her daughters: Libbie, Abby, and Maria were the center of her world. Everything she accomplished in her life was for her children. Many knew Joanne by Mrs. Alex; this was her 2nd greatest title other than mom. Mrs. Alex started her journey in We'koqma'q 30 years ago. She filled the school halls, classrooms, boardrooms, and ultimately the community with her joyfulness and passion filled personality as well as her inspiring vision. Her humble way of being and her ability to see the greatness in people helped to foster amazing educators. Joanne has had

a passion for working with students with Autism from the moment she began working in the classroom. She has been an advocate for students and has worked with teachers to help them understand the importance of meeting students where they are to help them grow. She has led all of her fellow educators to see the gifts that children with Autism bring to the world. Her smile, laughter, energy, intelligence, and her beauty radiated out from her in every interaction. She leaves behind a tremendous legacy, for current and future educators to emulate and generations of students who can attest to. The impact of Mrs. Alex's beautiful but short life cannot be understated, as its reach is shared and far reaching, from school staff to students and their parents current, past and beyond. Joanne's short life, was lived to the absolute fullest, she was always ready for an adventure. She was the Captain. Whether it be laying on a beach in the sun or riding a roller coaster in Disney World. Joanne enjoyed going on her yearly summer vacations with family and friends from attending Saint Anne's Mission, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, camping and just recently her beautiful cottage in Mala. She also loved travelling to Toronto with her soulmate Rodney, to watch the Toronto Maple Leaf's. But one of her greatest adventures of them all was when she got to on a pilgrimage to Rome Italy, where she got to unwind and enjoy the moment with her greatest partners her mother and sister. Joanne had a strong Catholic faith, Joanne's devotion was to Saint Anne, attending the annual mission on Chapel Island in Potlotek. The Miniku was her favourite place in the world. This was her peace where she would spend the next three weeks surrounded by friends, family and her PEI bingo friends. She welcomed many to her welcoming cabin with her generous spirit, she made sure everyone was fed throughout the whole mission. This also led her to join Wagmatcook Pilgrimage to Ste Anne de Beaupre, annually. Joanne was devoted to the church and gracefully accepted the greatness that comes with having such a strong faith. Joanne is survived by her loving husband of 28 years, Rodney Alex; daughters, Libbie, Abby, Maria Alex of Eskasoni; daughters by choice, Candace, Shannon, Madeline, Kady and Ainsley; son by choice, Ross; sister, Neilene Peck; brother Jamie (Joanne) Peck, Shawn Paul both of Wagmatcook. Joanne is also survived by her BFF Kim Denny, Nitap John L Bernard, and many close friends. Sisters-in-laws, Darlene (Simon) Poulette, Pamela Poulette, Connie, Shelley Cameron. Brothers-in-laws, Douglas (Jackie) Alex, George Alex, Camillius Jr Alex, Junie Marshall; father-in-law, Howard Poulette. Joanne is also survived by her aunts, Rita Pierro, Nano Bernard, godmother/ aunt, Etheleya Peck. Joanne had a special bond with her all her nieces and nephews, Jaylene, Bison, Dallas, Duncan, John B, and Isla of Wagmatcook. Numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and nephews of Eskasoni, Pictou, and We'koqma'q. Also her pride and joy Alyssa, of Potlotek. Joanne is also survived by all her grandbabies by choice who she held close in her heart. She is also survived by seven godchildren Cody, Kaitlyn, Hailee, Lateesha, Duncan, Tyren, and Skyla. Joanne was predeceased by her sibling in infancy Baby Peck, Father Joseph "Joe" Peck, Godfather John Prosper, brother by choice Sheldon Jamie Peck, brother-in-law John Alex. Mother- and father-in-law, Annie Jane and Camillus Alex. Niece in infancy Nicole Bernard, godchild by choice Robert Berk. A special thank you to the Cape Breton Cancer Centre team, Palliative Care team, VON team Eskasoni Health Centre, Wagmatcook Health centre and We'koqma'q, Wagmatcook, Eskasoni Band Council for lovingly caring for our wife and mom. "Mom, we love you to the moon and back." Visitation for Mrs. Alex started after 7:00 p.m. on May 30th in her home at 167 Beach Road in Eskasoni. A funeral mass will be celebrated on June 1st at 10:30 a.m., Fr. Antolin Asor and Deacon Tom Sylliboy to officiate. Burial and salite will follow. To share memories and condolences please visit www.twcurry.com.

MacARTHUR

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Brad Gregory MacArthur, age 30, of Inverness, Nova Scotia, on May 21st, 2023. Brad's memory will live on forever in the hearts of those who he has left to mourn – his father, Lloyd MacArthur; his mother, Grace Chisholm; his sister, Jackie MacArthur; and half sibling, Janna Saffarek; his loving grandparents, Estelle MacArthur (Herbie); and Al and Floanna Chisholm; and his many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Brad was a kind-hearted, intelligent,

gentle soul who never asked for much. He lived day to day helping those he loved in his quiet way – whether it was supporting his father at home by cooking a good meal or learning the ropes on the boat; to checking in, with visits, to his mother, Nanna, or Papa Al; and giving Grandma Estelle a call to help, Brad's kindness, shy smirk, and quiet laugh in those moments will never be forgotten. We are grateful Brad got to share his passion and love of music with the world – from an early age sharing his favourite artists with his sister Jackie to becoming a self-taught drummer – Brad felt there was nothing better in the world than music – he always enjoyed a good jam session with his best friend, Mickey, and his other lifelong buddies. Those who knew Brad felt that he was wise beyond his years – to share a quote he had copied from Winston Churchill, "The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." Brad was loyal to his folks; had a kind word about everyone; and always an optimist – proven as he was a huge Leafs fan. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice. Visitation will be held in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, on Thursday, June 1st, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacINNIS

John Hector MacInnis (May 9th, 1925 – May 25th, 2023) passed away peacefully at the Inverness Memorial Consolidated Hospital. He was predeceased by his parents John Simon and Mary Anne MacInnis, and siblings Catherine Sarah, Alexander, Margaret, Hector, Ronald Joseph, Jessie, Florence; and Sarah and Joseph, who died in infancy; as well as his close cousin and caretaker, Lawrence MacDonald, whom John Hector always described him being "like a brudder to me." He is survived by his brother, Angus Allan (Heather) and many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. John Hector grew up in Hawthorne in a traditional Gael household where Gaelic was his first spoken language. There he lived in his family home and made a livelihood as a woodsman. In later years, he lived at the Seniors Complex in Judique and, with its close proximity, it enabled him to enjoy many a good meal, good company, and fine traditional music at the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre. He was a long-standing member of St. Andrew's Parish and the Knights of Columbus. Both recognized his many dedicated years of service as Sexton, where he ensured the heat was on, the bell was rung and the bulletins distributed. Due to advancing years and declining health, John Hector moved to the Inverary Manor where he enjoyed excellent care and company in his final home. Visitation was held at the Judique Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, May 28th, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held on Monday, May 29th, at 11:00 a.m., St. Andrew's Parish, Judique, with burial to follow in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrew's Parish (Judique), the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, the Judique Community Centre or a charity of your choice.

MacISAAC

Margaret Deborah "Debbie" MacIsaac, age 64: It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our dear wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend on May 22nd, 2023, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family; where she was retired from after working there for 21 years as an LPN. Born on December 9th, 1958, to Rose Gillis and the late John Francis MacDonald of Harbourview. Debbie is survived by her loving husband, Jordan; children, Devin MacDonald (Alberta), Heidi (John) Smith (Deepdale), Dylan MacIsaac (Sydney); grandchildren, Ethan, Kayleigh and Christopher; brothers, Rory (Wanda) Yarmouth, Wayne (Shirley) Harbourview, Raymond (Sherry) BC, Sheldon (Shelley) Halifax; mother-in-law, Julie MacIsaac; father-in-law, Wilfred MacIsaac; as well as many nieces and nephews. Besides her father, she was predeceased by sister, Carol Anne Smith; brother-in-law, Gord Smith; grandparents, Maggie and Duncan Gillis, and Margaret and Angus D. MacDonald. Debbie was born and raised in Harbourview, where she met her husband at the age of 29. They were truly each other's best

friend. Debbie had a close circle of friends through the years who will all miss her deeply. After finishing high school, Debbie put herself through business college then went on to nursing, which she loved. Debbie practised nursing in Halifax, then moved herself and her oldest son to Montreal before setting back home. She continued her nursing career in Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home before accepting a job in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Debbie was proud to care for her patients. She did everything she could for all around her and was very proud of her family. She enjoyed being outside and taking ATV rides with her husband, being in the garden, spending time at the beach, or just walking in the woods. She was known for her homemade bread, which she always shared with all who came around. Debbie enjoyed spending time in the cabin or sitting in the screen tent. Her family would like to thank the ICMH palliative care team of doctors and nurses and the staff of the Oncology Department for all their support. Visitation was held in Port Hood and Area Resting Place on Tuesday, May 30th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass took place in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood, on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. with Father Sunny Sebastian and Father Eugene Morris celebrating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. In Debbie's honour, memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or to Breton Ability, Sydney River, where her son Dylan resides. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MOORE

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of John Shane Moore of Dartmouth, formerly of Inverness and Pleasant Bay. Born in Neil's Harbour, Cape Breton, he was a son of Marion Moore and the late Rick MacDonald. Shane was a well-liked, spiritual, generous person wherever he travelled. He owned a painting company in Calgary, Alberta, for many years and he was a proud member of UA local Pipefitters. He was happy in the last few years, working his dream job at the Shipyards in Dartmouth. His most loved profession was being a great dad to his two children, Hannah and Daniel, whom he loved more than anything. He truly enjoyed taking them swimming, fishing, hiking, and just spending quality time with them. Shane is survived by his mother, Marion (Dougal) MacEachern; sisters, Maggie (Kyle) Durrant and Tara; nieces, Madison and Marina; and nephew, Kyle; and life-long friend and companion, Bernadette Poirier. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and many, many cousins, as well as his special aunt Murdell (Jim). Shane was predeceased by his father, Rick MacDonald; maternal grandparents, Percy and Marcella Fraser Moore; and paternal grandparents, John Andrew and Sadie McDonald. Visitation was held in St. Matthew's United Church, Inverness, on Monday May 29th from 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. with funeral service following at 2:00 p.m. with Rev Barbara Blois celebrating. Burial to be announced at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or to the Cancer Society of Nova Scotia. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. "Shane accepted Jesus as his Saviour."

PATTERSON

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Austin Frank Patterson on May 24th, 2023, at home in Scotsville. Austin was born in Inverness on April 30th, 1939. He worked for many years at Scott Paper, New Glasgow. In 1993, Austin retired and moved home to Scotsville, where he enjoyed helping in his brother's store, he enjoyed talking to people when they came to the store, another favourite pastime was doing crossword and Lexicon puzzles. He took great pride in maintaining his yard and home. Austin was an avid Toronto Blue Jays fan and attended several games. Austin was predeceased by his parents, John and Ada (Bradley) Patterson; brother Norman Patterson; sister Florence Ross; brothers-in-law John Edward Crowdis and Porter Ross. He is survived by his sister Sadie Crowdis, Cheticamp; sister-in-law Anita Patterson, Scotsville; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will take place at East Lake Ainslie Cemetery on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, at

2:00 p.m. with Margie MacIntyre officiating. Donations in his memory may be made to the Lung Association of Nova Scotia. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

SHAW

Olga Alma Shaw, May 2nd, 1927 – May 22nd, 2023: It is with great sadness that the family of Olga Shaw, Margaree Valley, announces her passing on May 22nd, 2023. Olga is survived by her six children, Albert (Reta), Helena (Carl) Hart, Diane Ross, Bradley (Barbara), Emmerson, Ralph (Janet); as well as 16 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; her brothers, Robie (Lorraine) Fraser, Donald (Anna) Fraser; her sisters, Lena (Ralph) MacPherson, Vera (Bill) Balcom and Ann Lupien; sisters-in-law, Josephine Fraser and Florence Shaw; many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Russell Shaw; her parents, Ernest and Vera Fraser; brothers, Malcolm, Lee, and Alex; sisters-in-law, Agnes Fraser and Laura Jean Fraser; and brother-in-law, Peter Lupien; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brothers and sisters-in-law, Catherine (Douglas) MacRae, Bertha (Irving) Fraser, Bill (Vera) Shaw and Hiram Shaw. Olga was a true farmer's daughter with a love of gardening, animals, and family gatherings. She will be remembered for her home-cooked meals, desserts, and other baked treats which were beyond compare. Her kindness and generosity touched many people in Margaree and beyond. A family graveside service will be held at the United Church Cemetery, Margaree Centre, at a later date. Memorial donations in her memory may be made to the Wilson United Church, Margaree Centre. We, the family would like to say an immense "Thank You" to the staff in all the departments of Foyer Pere Fiset for all the care and support they have provided during this difficult time. It will not be forgotten.

van ZUTPHEN

Teresa Marie van Zutphen (Morris), age 81, Port Hood, died peacefully at home on May 27th, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. Born October 17th, 1941, in Colindale, she was the daughter of the late Florence (MacDonald) and Patrick Morris. Teresa loved and cared for her husband, John, of 57 years; her children, Maureen (Mario) Ferrante, Ottawa; Lorraine (David) MacIsaac, Judique; Harvey (Janet) van Zutphen, Port Hood; and Sheila MacIsaac, Port Hood. She cherished and constantly prayed for her 19 beautiful grandchildren, as well as four great-grandchildren. She was a faithful friend and sister to her brothers, Fr. Eugene Morris, Joseph Morris (Mary MacLellan), and sisters Catherine Morris, CND and Mary Morris, CND. Teresa was predeceased by her oldest son, Patrick; her precious infant, Mary Teresa; her son-in-law, Duncan MacIsaac; her brothers, Alexander, Hugh, and Fr. Angus Morris and sister, Loranna Chisholm. After her childhood in Colindale, Teresa studied to be a teacher at Nova Scotia Teachers College. Her students from Northeast Mabou, Dunmore, and Port Hood continue to remember her as a tender-hearted teacher, always concerned about their needs. After her marriage to John in 1965, Teresa took her vocation as wife and mother very seriously. She fostered her own faith through daily prayer, Rosary, attendance at mass and Adoration. Family life was paramount. Leading by example, she inspired those around her to serve. She was hospitable and generous; leaving those she encountered the better for it. She had a special place in her heart for those in need, welcoming all into her heart and home. Music being a big part of her life, she continually encouraged others to develop and share their talents. She joyfully served her community through many organizations including the Catholic Women's League and the Hospital Auxiliary and as a palliative care volunteer. She especially shone in the last two years of her life through her gracious acceptance of her illness. The way she lived each day with gratitude, patience, and hospitality inspired many. Her family are extremely grateful for the compassionate care she received from Inverness County Palliative Care and Home Care services, her doctors, and the community for sharing this journey with them. Visitation will be held in Port Hood and Area Resting Place on Friday, June 2nd, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be held in St. Peter's Roman Catholic

Church, Port Hood, on Saturday, June 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. Internment will take place immediately following in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

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GILLIS

It is with great sadness that the family of the late Angus Louis Gillis of Grand Falls Windsor, NL, announces his passing, surrounded by his family, after a long and courageous battle with cancer at the Carmelite House in GFW on Friday April 7th, 2023, at the age of 68 years. Angus loved, and was loved back by, his family tremendously. He retired from the Department of National Defence in 2009 after a long and rewarding career. Angus was predeceased by his father Alexander Gillis, mother Mary Gillis, sister Olive Gillis, brothers Alexander Gillis and Donald Gillis, nephews Jamie Norman, Terry Swaysland, and Ben Gillis. Leaving to mourn with fond and loving memories are his wife Kay (nee Norman); sons Nic Etheridge Calder (Sam) Calgary, AB, James Gillis, Sydney, NS, Alexander Gillis, Sydney, NS; daughters Natalie Gillis, GFW, and Amy Gillis, GFW; grandchildren, Brayden Fraser, Josiah Fraser, Abba-Lynn Fraser, and Joshua Fraser; brothers, Stewart (Mary) Gillis, Earl Gillis, John Gillis, Stephen (Mary) Gillis, and Archie (Ruth) Gillis; sisters Josephine Gillis, Mary (Steve) Gillis, Ann (Hugh) MacDonald, Minnie Gillis, Rhoda (Stan) Mills, Cassie (Suey) MacDougall, Susan Gillis, Hughena Parlee, and Theresa Wilcox; mother-in-law Florrie Norman; brothers-in-law Neil (Linda) Norman, Barry (Joanne) Norman, Darren (Jennifer) Norman and Eldon (Karen) Norman; sisters-in-law Margaret Gillis, Annabelle Gillis, and Bess (Duane) Norman; along with a large circle of family and friends. Funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 11th, 2023, in Southwest Margaree, NS, at St. Joseph Parish, 73 SW Margaree Road. Interment will be at St. Mary's & MacDougall Cemetery. A reception will be held at the SW Margaree Hall following interment. Everyone is welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Grand Falls Windsor Community Kitchen, or a charity of your choice.

MacLEAN

Raylene Marie MacLean (Clarke), age 48: It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our beautiful Raylene on Friday, May 19th, 2023, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital surrounded by her loving family. Raylene was born on June 27th, 1974, and leaves behind her loving husband of 21 years, Blair; daughters, Ella Rae, Kate, Emmie Jean; mother, Willena (Alex); father, Cecil; brother, Lionel (Deanna); sister, Faith; grandmother, Jessie Clarke; mother-in-law, Bonnie (Joe); brother-in-law, Conrad (Shirley); and sister-in-law, Ellen. She will be dearly missed by her nieces and nephews, Jessie, Coady, Brody, and Rory; lovingly remembered by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Predeceased by grandfather and grandmother, Willie Dan and Annie Margaret (MacIsaac) MacLellan; grandfather, Cecil Clarke; father-in-law, John MacLean. Blair and Raylene were high school sweethearts. They were soul mates and treasured the beautiful life they created with their children. Their love story is truly inspiring, filled with so many adventures, laughter, happiness, and memories that will be treasured forever. Raylene was an amazing and dedicated mother. She cherished her Angel Girls and embraced every moment with them with unconditional love. Raylene's kindness, wisdom, and feistiness will live on through Ella Rae, Kate, and Emmie. Raylene had a wonderful connection with her "Ma," Willena and she shared a special bond with her that many envied. She was very close to her siblings Lionel and Faith and was blessed with the loving relationship they shared. Conrad and Ellen were bonus siblings for her, and she won the mother-in-law lottery with Bonnie. Raylene was fortunate to have two fathers, Ray and Trapper, who adored her. Raylene was a child care provider throughout her life. She offered a loving home away from home for many children in our community. Children adored her. She was a nurturer, a teacher, and a baby whisperer. She had

patience and grace. Parents often turned to her for advice and had immense trust in her. In addition to her commitment to children, she was an avid volunteer on several committees. Raylene took pride in her community with a heart to serve and help others. She maintained amazing lifelong friendships, some spanning 40-plus years. Raylene and her friends shared numerous fun-filled adventures together. Many good times were had, and these precious memories will be held close to the heart. She was the protector, the fashionista, the entertainer, and was truly extraordinary. Raylene's laughter, beautiful spirit, infectious smile, unique style, and her delicious spinach dip will be greatly missed. She will be loved and honoured forever. For someone who was always late, she sure left this world too early. "Bye, love ya, bye, love ya, bye" – Raylene. Memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, PO Box 610, Inverness, Nova Scotia, B0E 1N0. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 25th, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Inverness Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be held on Friday at 11:00 a.m. in Stella Maris Church, Inverness. Burial in the parish cemetery at a later date. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. "Because of Raylene, we all laughed a little harder, cried a little less, and smiled a lot more."

MacMASTER

Catherine "Kay" Mary (MacDonald) MacMaster: Kay passed away peacefully in the Inverary Manor, Inverness, on May 20th, 2023, the day following her 93rd birthday. Kay leaves behind a legacy of love, dedication, and cherished memories. Kay is survived by her beloved daughter, Jayne, of Inverness; her sons, Jim (Mary) of Inverness; Ron (Anita) of Burlington, ON; and daughter-in-law, Anne of Scotsville. She also leaves behind her adoring grandchildren, Carla (Corey), Cheryl (Breton), Tyler (Mary), Mitchell (Shannon), Quinn, and Caroline. Kay was immensely proud of her great-grandchildren, Sadie, Archie, Grace, Charlie, Ailey, Leah Catherine, and Mason. She is also survived by her brother, Wayne MacDonald (Donalda); and sister, Edna Sutherland (Frank); who held a special place in her heart. Kay was predeceased by her loving husband of 61 years, Archie; her son, John; and son-in-law, Kevin Beaton. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Elsie; and her brothers James, Ronnie, Ervin, Charlie, and Donald. Born in Halifax on May 19th, 1930, and raised in Inverness, Kay had strong faith and was a member of Stella Maris Parish. Kay received her education at Holy Family Convent and Saint Joseph Convent School, Mabou. She demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment throughout her life. Kay worked tirelessly both inside and outside the home, leaving an indelible mark on the organizations she served. Her professional journey began at RBC, then the Town of Inverness and concluding her career at Inverness Consolidated School, where she made a lasting impression on students, parents, and staff. Kay was a selfless individual who possessed a remarkable work ethic and an infectious sense of humour. She always put others before herself, readily lending a helping hand. Her unwavering commitment to her family and friends was evident in every aspect of her life. In her leisure time, Kay had a passion for crossword puzzles and an uncanny ability to solve them with ease. This hobby not only entertained her but also provided her with the opportunity to continuously enhance her lexicon. She would often challenge her children's knowledge with clever wordplay, sparking laughter, and playful banter within the family. Kay's departure leaves a void in the lives of those who were fortunate enough to have known her. Kay's family would like to thank the Inverary Manor care givers for their patience, love, and care of Mom in her final days. A funeral will be held at a later date. If you wish, donations may be made to a charity of your choice in Kay's name. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

AUCOIN-McELROY

Helen Elizabeth Aucoin-McElroy, 1950-2023: Helen passed away peacefully at the Ottawa General Hospital on Monday, May 15th, 2023, surrounded by her loving family, daughter Anne-Marie (Michael), son Michel (Tammy), and her husband Art. She was the proud and loving Nanny to Sam and Charlie de la

Mothe. She was predeceased by her parents William and Margaret (Doucet) Aucoin of Inverness, Nova Scotia. Helen was a long-time devoted Health Canada employee and handled many challenging files as Director General. Following retirement in 2019, she was an enthusiastic volunteer with Dress for Success and the Ottawa Public Library. She was happiest by the water with a good book, family and friends, and when possible, a lobster roll. She will be missed by many friends. Sincere thanks to the incredible and caring staff at the Ottawa General Cancer Centre and Intensive Care Unit. Family and friends may pay respects at the Kelly Funeral Home-Orleans, 2370 St-Joseph Boulevard, Orleans, ON, Saturday, May 20th, 2023, after 12:00 noon. A Celebration of Life will take place in the chapel at 1:00 p.m. In memoriam donations to the Dress for Success Ottawa would be appreciated. www.kellyfh.ca.

CHANDLER

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ernest "Ernie" Alexander Chandler of Soapstone Mines, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 13th, 2023, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Ernie was the son of the late Raymond and Ruth (Wheaton MacLeod) Chandler. Ernie was a kind person who would give you the shirt off his back. He was very dedicated to his mother and sister. He enjoyed fishing, tinkering with his car, and spent a lot of time in the woodpile. He drove a truck for many contractors and enjoyed his pets over the years, especially his special cat Mickey. Left to mourn are his son Kelly (Joy) and daughter Lucy; brothers Raymond (Anne), Frankie (Shirley), Harold, Melvin (Suzanne), Joey (Cheryl), Richard (Elizabeth), Gary (Nerissa); sisters Glenna and Elsie Munro (Jerry); grandchildren, Brylen and Hilary; and three great-grandchildren; uncle Arthur Wheaton and numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by father Raymond; mother Ruth; sisters Margaret Alice and Annie Mae who died in infancy; nephews Roger and Joel. Visitation will be held Friday, May 19th, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Funeral service will take place Saturday, May 20th, at 11:00 a.m. from Stewart United Church, Whycocomagh, with Rev. John Tapscott officiating. Burial to follow in the Stewartdale Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

LANCELEVE

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mom, wife, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, cousin, and co-worker, Wendy C. (MacDougall) Lanceleve on March 23rd, 2023, surrounded by her family. Wendy was born on April 29th, 1949, to Alex and Margaret (Beaton) MacDougall at the Halifax Infirmary Hospital. She is predeceased by her parents, Alex and Margaret, and grandson, Ty John Lanceleve. She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Louis Lanceleve; sons, Victor (Joy) Lanceleve, Louie (Marie) Lanceleve and daughter, Margie (Robert) Clark; brothers, Danny (Kathleen) MacDougall, Sandy (Rosalie) MacDougall and Billy (Mary) MacDougall; sister-in-law, Chlory (Gordon) Maclean; grandchildren, Adam (Erica), Colby (Alex), Breanna (Ryan), Bobbi (JC), Reid (Aly), Becca (Brian), Carson and Jake; great grandchildren, Myla, David, Jessi, Caden, and Rose-Ellen. Along with many special nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncle. Wendy was truly one of a kind. She had the ability to make everyone whose path she crossed feel incredibly special, from children and grandchildren to those who she cared for and worked with at the Inverary Manor – where she was employed for 33 years. She touched many hearts during those years by the way she showed her true-self while caring for others, dedication to making those around her better and having the ability to bring smiles to both her residents and co-workers faces. She will be remembered for her kind heart, her loyalty, her beautiful smile, and sense of fun. Each day, her family hopes to be a little bit more like her and continue her legacy of the wonderful qualities she displayed in her everyday life. A special thank you to Dr. Ritter, Dr. Egar, Lori Ann, Lyndsey, and the staff at Inverness Hospital, Inverary Manor, Foyer Père Fiset and home care services for the special care and support they provided. Visitation will take place in Inverness Funeral Home on Friday, May 19th, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00

p.m. Funeral mass will be held in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, on Saturday, May 20th, at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the Inverary Manor, Inverness, or charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

BEATON

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Donald Alexander "Andy" Beaton, 76, of Antigonish and formerly of Port Hawkesbury on Friday, April 28th, 2023, in the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home, Antigonish with family at his side. Andy was the son of the late Christopher and Annie Margaret (Beaton) Beaton of Skye Glen. Andy is survived by his daughters, Marianne (Wesley) Trenholm and Andrea (John) Beaton; grandchildren, Michael, Juliana, Katherine, Charlotte, Emma, Jacob, Matthew, and Anna; sisters, Jessie Catherine (Oren) MacLean, Susan (Neil) MacDonald and sister-in-law, Lillian Beaton. As well as his close nephew, Chris Beaton, and many more nieces and nephews. Andy was predeceased by his wife, Doris (Wright) and brothers, Neil Dan, Stewart, and sister-in-law, Alice. In his formative years Andy worked at the Heavy Water Plant and then at Stora Enso as an Instrumentation Mechanic. He was an active member of his community and was there to lend a hand if you were in need. Andy enjoyed hockey, horses, fiddle music, and his grandchildren. He very much enjoyed having horses Mr. Weeks and Charlotte's Flight. Charlotte's Flight won the Gold Cup and Saucer in PEI in 2001. A special heartfelt thank you to Andy's sisters Jessie and Susan who were with Andy in his final days. A heartfelt thank you also goes out to the staff of the RK MacDonald for everything over the past three and a half years Andy resided there. Your care and compassion, we the family, are forever grateful for. At Andy's request there will be no visitation or funeral. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held at the Skye Glen Cemetery on Saturday, May 13th, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Margie MacIntyre, LLWL will be officiating the service. In case of inclement weather we will have committal service at the Skye Glen Hall. A reception to follow in the Skye Glen Hall. Memorial donations can be made to the Skye Glen Cemetery Fund, Skye Glen Hall or the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home. Arrangements are under the care of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com. "Kind faces will meet me, and welcome me in, and oh how they will greet me, back home again. This night round the fireside, old songs will be sung. At last I'll be hearing my own mother's tongue."

COADY

Phyllis Ann Coady, 85, of Dartmouth, NS, died on May 1st, 2023. Born in Port Arthur, Ontario (now Thunder Bay), Phyllis was the daughter of the late Wilbert and Mabel (Swain) Tom. She married James Thompson (Jim) Coady of South West Margaree on May 20th, 1961, in Thunder Bay and they were together for 58 years until James's death in 2020. Phyllis and James raised their four children in Port Hawkesbury on Cape Breton Island and later retired to Dartmouth, NS. Phyllis met Jim while working at the hydroelectric sites in Northern Ontario, where she was one of a small cohort of courageous, adventurous women doing secretarial work in the middle of the wilderness as the sites were being constructed. During this period, Jim and Phyllis made friends they kept for life. Moving back to Cape Breton after the wedding, they soon became valued members of the growing community of Port Hawkesbury and worked tirelessly as small business owners. They also cared for Jim's parents and brother for many years. Phyllis was an avid curler and later became a Prothonotary in the Provincial Judge's Office. She is dearly missed and fondly remembered by daughter Lynn (Robert Appleford) of Kentville, sons James (Catherine), Kincardine, Ontario, Britt of Kentville and Clint of Dartmouth, grandchildren Christopher, Kevin and Jack, sister Margaret (Ross Tom) Parsons of Halifax, and brother Bill (Laverne) Tom of Thunder Bay, nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Phyllis may be made to St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery Fund in South West Margaree, Nova Scotia. Online condolences: www.coleharbourfuneral.com.

DOUCET

Patricia Marie Doucet (née Cormier): On May 3rd, 2023, Patricia "Tish" Marie Doucet passed suddenly in Inverness, NS. Born in Waterloo, ON, July 19th, 1960, to Patrick (deceased) and Anne Cormier. She is survived by her loving husband, Redmond Sr., and her children Redmond Jr. (Tanya Beth), Ryan (Elizabeth), and Laura (Jason), as well as her sisters, Mary Mae, Stacy, and her brother Charlie. She was always proudly boasting about her five grandchildren, the lights of her life, Mallory, Miranda, Walker, Brett, and Scottie. Tish and her husband ran their own business in Inverness for 20 years serving the community. She also worked at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital in various departments where she was well loved. Tish loved sitting trackside watching Redmond Jr. with her family, and watching her children excel at sports throughout their lives. You could find her at Lake Ainslie spring to fall with her best bud, Ben. The bond that she shared with her sisters and her mother was celebrated each Tuesday night with a game of cards. This set an example for Red, Ryan, and Laura for what sibling love truly is. Tish was a huge Toronto Blue Jays fan as well as a supporter of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Hopefully they win the cup for her this year! She was surrounded by a long list of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and too many friends to list. Despite her large circle of family and friends, she was always there to provide support and love to whoever needed her. Visitation will be held in Inverness Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 10th from 3:00 p.m – 7:00 pm. Funeral mass to take place in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. with Father Danny MacLennan officiating. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations made in Patricia's memory may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, PO Box 610, Inverness NS, B0E 1N0. Online condolences to www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

KING

Terrence "Terry" Lloyd, August 9th, 1947 – May 4th, 2023: We are saddened to announce the death of Terrence (Terry) Lloyd King of Long Point, Cape Breton, on May 4th, 2023, at the age of 75. Born in Long Point, Cape Breton, to parents Lawrence and Hectorina (Chisholm) King, he was the fourth of six children; John (deceased), Doug (deceased), Alice (Hughie MacEachern), Mary (Miles Jarvis), and Gerald. Terry is remembered with love by his wife Margie (Chisholm), children Shaun, Jason, and Sharon (Neil Manson), and grandchildren Abigail and Cameron, as well as his wonderful extended family and friends. Terry was proud of the years, experiences, and friendships he made through mining, fishing, and later in his work with the Coast Guard. Terry loved all things Cape Breton particularly dances, music, cards and most importantly his family. While his sudden passing is very sad, we are sure everyone has a happy memory of a time spent with Terry. Abigail and Cameron will forever remember their early introductions to the ATV, the wood-splitter, trips to Tim Hortons, and secret sweets stashed in pockets. Visitation will be held at Judique Fire Hall on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at Stella Maris Catholic Church in Creignish, on Thursday, May 11th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, we invite you to make a donation to the Cape Breton Southwestern Food Bank (formerly Port Hood Food Bank) by contacting the Port Hood Credit Union: 902-787-3246. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

LONNY

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Marie Lucille Lonny (née Desveaux), a proud veteran who died much too young, at the age of 68. Lucille's family requests that you visit her tribute page at EthicalDeathCare.com. A photo-biography as well as memories and stories published by those who knew her are available there.

MacNEIL

Lauchlin (Lauchie) Charles MacNeil, 73, of Inverness, Cape Breton, passed away peacefully on May 1st, 2023, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. He was surrounded by his wife, Eileen, and children

Benjamin and Rebecca. Lauchie was born in Inverness, the second of five children to the late Charlie MacNeil and Catherine (Kay) (MacIsaac) MacNeil. In 1950, Lauchie moved with his family to New Waterford. After the sudden passing of his father, the family returned in Inverness in 1957. As a young man, Lauchie worked in hard rock mines in Ontario, then later in coal mines in Cape Breton. In 1992, he studied to become a Certified Construction Electrician, a career that took him to many parts of North America. He was a proud member of the IBEW Local 1852. Lauchie was a dedicated union man and a passionate advocate for causes he strongly believed in. In his retirement, Lauchie enjoyed travelling and spending time with his three precious grandchildren. All who knew Lauchie, knew that he valued his family above all else. Lauchie was predeceased by his parents, Charlie MacNeil and Catherine (Kay) (MacIsaac) MacNeil; and his brother, Charles. He is survived by his loving wife, Eileen (MacKinnon) MacNeil; his son, Benjamin (Joyce), Brockville, ON; his daughter Rebecca (Ama), Calgary, AB; his beloved grandchildren, Tyree, Emery Rose, and Henry Lauchlin. He is also survived by his brothers, Daniel (Faye) MacNeil, 30 Island Lake, ON; John Warren MacNeil, Inverness; and sister, Bridget (Brian) Campbell, Kemptonville, ON; half-sister, Mechele Oliver; brother-in-law, Russel (Judy) MacKinnon, Sydney; as well as his many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the Inverness Palliative Care Society or the Canadian Cancer Society. An informal celebration of life will take place at a later date for family and close friends. If you wish to send online condolences you may do so by visiting: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacDONALD

Lorne Ainslie MacDonald, July 4th, 1947 – April 23rd, 2023: It is with great sadness that the family of Lorne Ainslie MacDonald announce his passing on April 23rd, 2023, at Inverary Manor, Inverness, NS. Lorne was raised in Margaree Valley and moved to Margaree Centre in 1969 after marrying the love of his life, Cheryl Phillips. Lorne was employed by Mac-Ing Construction for over 40 years. During that time, many amazing friendships were forged. Lorne loved his job and his truck. When he wasn't spending time with his family, he could always be found making sure that it was spotless. Lorne was predeceased by his parents, Donald and Frances MacDonald; his parents-in-law, Bill and Lorraine Phillips; aunts, Hughena, Peggy, Martha; uncles Neil and Ross. Lorne is survived by his loving wife and soul mate, Cheryl; daughters Melanie (Chris Graten), Christena (Alex Green), and Jillian (Johnathon MacLeod); grandchildren, MacKenzie, Seth, Sasha, Leela, and Eleanor. Lorne also leaves behind his aunt, Jean Burns; his loving cousin/sister Valerie (Wendel Shepherd); and very special cousins, Ian (Gert) MacKinnon, Barry (Karen) MacKinnon, Rosalyn (George) Coady. Another special cousin, Iris (Robert) Morton predeceased him. There are many other cousins, too numerous to mention. A family service will be held at the Wilson United Church Cemetery at a later date with Dale Crawford officiating. Memorial donations can be made to Inverness County Palliative Care or Parkinson's Research Canada. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley. We, the family, would like to say an immense thank you to the staff of all departments of Inverary Manor for all the care and support they have provided during this difficult time. It will not be forgotten.

MacDONALD

Graeme Macdonald, October 9, 1952, to April 7th, 2023: "I pick my favourite quotations and store them in my mind as ready armor, offensive, or defensive, amid the struggle of this turbulent existence." – Robert Burns. It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Graeme Macdonald of Port Hood, on April 7th, 2023, in Inverness Consolidated Hospital. He is survived by daughters, Tiffany and Mariann, and his former wife Lynn (Martell) Macdonald. He is also survived by his sisters, Margaret Holder and Morag Graham; brothers, Lewis and Donald Andrew. Besides his parents, Dan Lewis and Annabelle (Macdonald) Macdonald, he was predeceased by his sister, Flora MacLaughlin and brothers Randal and Allan. Graeme worked for a number of years in Calgary and Edmonton. After returning home to Cape Breton he was

deputy sheriff of Inverness County for many years. In his younger days, Graeme played hockey for the Strait Pirates and the Port Hood Bees. He excelled at high school track and field and softball. Graeme was an avid reader who loved knowledge and never stopped learning. He was most interested in the subjects of nature and history; more generally, he had great appreciation for people and loved a good story. He was particularly fond of reading and writing poetry, and collections of his poetry were published in the Inverness Oran several times. Graeme will be remembered as a true individual with a gentle spirit and quick wit. He was a kind soul who was a friend to everyone, but he was especially close to his grandchildren, Reilly, Nate, and Max. The visitation was on Friday, April 14th, 2023, followed by a prayer service in the Port Hood Resting Place. Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacLEAN

John Lawrence MacLean (Big John): It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our dear father, papa, brother, and husband, John Lawrence MacLean, age 76, of Northeast Mabou, who passed away peacefully on April 24th, 2023, while surrounded by his family. John is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marion MacLean; children, Deniese (Raymond) MacEachen, Mabou; Kyle (Robin) MacLean, Sudbury, ON; Trevor (Erin) MacLean, Mabou; Alex MacLean, Pictou; Melinda (Jared) Crawford, Doctors Brook; Allister (Jacqueline) MacLean, Dartmouth; grandchildren Roddy, Laine, Alex Angus, Draper, Caylee, Nolan, Kaiden, Mardi, Cam, Mary Ellen, Harlee, Belle, Colin, Sadie, and Sally Mae; siblings, D.A. (Teresa) MacLean; Christina (Malcolm) Campbell; Dougald (Hughena) MacLean; Gerard MacLean; Jackie MacLean, and Norman (Elsie) MacLean. Predeceased by his parents, Alex Joe and Teresa MacLean; father and mother-in-law, Alex and Mary Anne MacNeil; brothers Joe and Allister MacLean; son, Draper MacLean; and grandson, Angus Crawford. Dad was born in Mabou Coal Mines on February 10th, 1947, and shortly after his family moved to Northeast Mabou. He spent his early years fishing lobster, and at the age of 19 moved to Sudbury, Ontario, where he spent several years working as a miner, got married, and started a family. In 1975, Dad returned to Northeast Mabou to raise his family. For 37 years Big John provided for his family by driving a milk truck for Scotsburn Dairy and developed lifelong friendships with his co-workers and the many farmers on his route. Big John was a humble man who enjoyed the simple things in life. He was his happiest with a house full of family and friends, on the water fishing lobster, boiling the catch in the "shed," or waiting for Dougald to pull into town. He loved a good story, playing a trick or two, beating Donald at a game of cards, and having scotch music blaring from every device he owned. He was best known for his strong faith, his big heart, and his gentle way of making you feel welcome when or wherever he met you. We would like to thank Dr. Egar, Dr. Ritter, Lori Ann, Inverness County Home Support and Continuing Care nurses, and the nursing staff at ICMH for the excellent and compassionate care he received. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society PO Box 610, Inverness, Nova Scotia, B0E 1N0. Visitation took place Sunday, April 30th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Mabou. Funeral mass to celebrate John's life was held on Monday May 1st, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Mabou, with Fr. Dan MacDonald officiating, burial followed in the parish cemetery. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacRAE

John Roddie MacRae, age 73, passed away on Friday, April 28th, in Inverary Manor, Inverness. Born in Inverness on October 10th, 1949, he was a son of the late, John Charlie and Annie Agnes (MacIsaac) MacRae. Roddie is survived by his brothers, Rannie (Stella), Port Hood, D.A., Mississauga, Ontario, and is predeceased by his sister Kay (Fred) Swain, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Roddie was a member of St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove. He worked at the Pulp Mill in Port Hawkesbury at an early age until his retirement. He volunteered for both the Dunvegan Parish Centre and the Broad Cove Concert,

where he always devoted his time at the gate. Roddie enjoyed his drives as well as good Scottish music playing in the background. Roddie was a very quiet person and enjoyed the simplicities that life had to offer. Roddie was a good neighbour and always would lend a hand whenever asked and did not want any thanks in return. Visitation will be held in St. Margaret of Scotland church, Broad Cove, on Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Inverary Manor, Inverness, or to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MATHESON

A gentle soul left our community April 27th, 2023; Carleton Lamont Matheson passed away peacefully at the VCMH surrounded by his family and friends, caregivers, and doctors. Carleton was born in Jubilee, Cape Breton, on April 30th, 1936, to the late Charles and Mary Jane (Smith) Matheson. He eventually made his home in Estmere and considered many of his neighbours there like family. During the last 20 years before his retirement, Carleton enjoyed his work at the Bucklaw Fish Hatchery. Carleton moved through life with a quiet ease. He had a kind and gentle presence about him, only to be interrupted by his quick-witted sense of humour. His thoughtful and caring nature was always at the forefront, lending a helping hand if he could, and he was a very loyal friend. To have a friend in Carleton was to have a friend for life. Carleton is survived by his siblings, Sidney, Jessie, and Janie; and his many nieces and nephews. Carleton will also be deeply missed by his other family 'down the road,' where he spent many holidays, birthdays, shared stories, and enjoyed a cup of tea. He was predeceased by siblings Maymie, Angus, Johnnie, Charles, Ernest, Walter, and Rose. A special thanks to his doctors and nurses at the VCMH who were so kind and generous to Carleton during his time in hospital, especially to Paulette, Hannah, and Sara for their kind touch and support. There will be no visitation or funeral by his request. A private graveside service will take place at a later date.

McDANIEL

Blair Matthew McDaniel, age 64, of Margaree Forks, NS, passed away unexpectedly at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax on Thursday, April 27th, 2023, due to complications following heart surgery. Blair was the third of six children, born on June 11th, 1958, in Cheticamp, to Austin and Joan (Andrews) McDaniel. He was passionate about fishing, hunting, and farming. He would often be found down at "the point" or at Tanner's Run with his rod catching fish, or maybe even picking berries to bring home to his grandchildren. His earliest jobs were working in the woods and with the Department of Highways. He spent many years working as a bricklayer, so drives around Cape Breton would have him pointing out all of the chimneys that he had built. Every day would include a trip to 'the Goat' for his coffee, where the staff would always have his order ready to go. The last years of his life were spent working as a bus driver, and the happiness and safety of the children on his bus was of great importance to him. He was incredibly proud of his three sons – the seventh generation to live on "the hill." He was always quick to share their accomplishments and the latest news about their families. Above all, his grandchildren were his greatest pride and joy in life. Teaching them to fish and hunt, taking them for tractor rides, making them some "Poppy toast," and having them ask for gum from the front left pocket of his plaid shirt are just some special ways that memories were made. He was also always very proud to attend events that supported his grandchildren like Antigonish Bulldogs hockey games and events supporting Autism Nova Scotia. Poppy served his community as a Life Member of the Margaree Kinsmen, and volunteered for the likes of the St. Patrick's Hall Committee, and the Western Cape Breton Cursillo and Challenge Movements. He also took great pride in serving his community by plowing driveways after heavy snowfalls, delivering fresh-caught fish to senior citizens, and caring for neighbouring summer properties. He was able to hold a conversation with pretty much anyone, as storytelling was one of his many gifts. Blair is survived by his loving wife of 41

years, Stella (Doucet), his three sons Matthew (Amber), St. Andrews, Jason (Sarah), Margaree Forks, Christopher (Mariah), Bible Hill, and his five beautiful grandchildren: Myles, Ty, Ainsley, Layla and Wyatt. Blair is also survived by his brother George (Danette), Lower Sackville; brother-in-law Bernie (Rose Anne) MacIsaac; and sister-in-law Donna. He is further survived by his brothers-in-law Isidore (Delina), Dennis (Bertha), and Daniel (Marcella) Doucet; sisters-in-law Rosella (Stephen) Chiasson, Dora Aucoin and Marie-Stella Doucet; as well as his aunts Shirley (Claude) and Debbie; uncle David (Diane); two godchildren; Adrian and Rebecca; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Blair was predeceased by his parents, Austin and Joan; his brothers Billy, Herbie, and Frankie; his sister Sherri-Lee; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arthur and Margaret Doucet. He was likewise predeceased by his brothers-in-law Freddie LeBlanc, Raymond Doucet, and Edgar Aucoin; and his sister-in-law Marie LeBlanc. Visitation took place on Monday, May 1st, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Hall, NE Margaree. A funeral service took place on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023, at St. Patrick's Church, NE Margaree at 11:00 a.m., presided by Fr. Silvichan Dominic followed by interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Blair's memory to the Margaree Salmon Association to contribute to restoration efforts along parts of the Margaree River, which he greatly loved and where he spent much of his time. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

PLANT

Pastor Margaret Ann "Maggie" Plant, DLM, age 76, passed away on Tuesday, April 18th, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, with her devoted husband by her side. Maggie was born in Wallaceburg, Ontario, on September 21st, 1946, and was the daughter of the late Betty and Edgar Apthorp. She is survived by her husband, Larry Plant, Inverness; daughter, Vicky Plant, BC; son, Chris (Naomi) Plant, Esquimalt; brothers, Robert (Jan) Ontario, Mickey (Linda), Ontario; sisters-in-law; many nieces and nephews; and her four-legged friends, Laddie and Babe. Maggie's hobbies were reading, cooking, gardening, and special drives with Larry. She was pastor of St. John's Pastoral Charge including St. Matthew's United Church, Inverness, St. John's United Church, Strathlorne, St. Stephen's Jubilee United Church, Port Hood. Maggie served in The Royal Canadian Navy for 10 years. Her 1st Pastoral Charge was in Bright, Ontario, and then on to Inverness in 2010 until her passing. She was a very modest, witty and humble person who touched the lives of many and will be deeply missed by all who came to know her. Maggie organized and led the manor services and was the Legion Chaplain for Branch 132, Inverness. A special thanks to all nurses and staff of Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, Dr. Rhea MacDonald, Lori Ann MacDonald, and Dr. Ritter and a special thanks to all our neighbours and friends. Memorial donations in Maggie's memory may be made to St. John's Pastoral Charge, Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or to a charity of choice. Visitation will be held in St. Matthew's United Church, Inverness, on Friday, May 5th, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. with funeral service to follow at 2:00 p.m., Rev. Janice MacLean celebrating. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

GILLIS

Margaret Gillis (MacPhee): Peacefully surrounded by her loving family, Margaret was welcomed into the arms of our Lord on April 2nd, 2023, at 96 years of age. She was born May 29th, 1926, in Mabou, Cape Breton Island, NS, to John Dan and Catherine MacPhee. She was the beloved wife of the late James D. Gillis; the adored mother of the late Ron Gillis, Sylvia Falconio (Amedeo), Rod Gillis (Susan), John Gillis, Marie Rice (Dave), and Al Gillis (Wayne); the proud grandma "grams" of Katie (Jason), James, Nancy, the late Mark, Terra (Paul, Amedeo Jr. (Katie), Daniela (Becky), Angelo, Shannon, Matthew, Damian and Felicia. She was the loving great-grandma of Noah, Lucas, Cassandra, Isabella, Sophia, Savannah, and Luca. Margaret was the dear sister of the late Teresa MacDonald (late Allan), the late Catherine MacPhee

(late Danny), the late Sarah MacDonald (late Colin), the late Angus MacPhee, the late Rodena Gillis, the late Joe MacPhee (late Dorothy), Helen Gillis (Ron), Jean Parent (Leonard), the late Duncan MacPhee, the late Judy Haslam (Bob), and Kaye Holmes (late Richard). She will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, especially her best friend of 75 years, Marie Willis. Margaret was the matriarch of our family. She lived her life to the fullest and always kept her Scottish roots and traditions close to her heart. Margaret was a woman of deep faith and belonged to the Catholic Women's League at Corpus Christi Parish. She spent endless hours crocheting for family and friends, which brought her great joy. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Hospice of Windsor would be appreciated by the family.

MacDONALD

Malcolm Daniel MacDonald, 1957-2023: It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden death of Malcolm (Malkie) MacDonald on April 17th, 2023, in Halifax. Born in Inverness on December 10th, 1957, to the late James F. and Annie Agnes (Campbell) MacDonald. Surviving is his son Gavin, Camrose, Alberta; his twin brother Jim (Fern), Inverness; his sister Debbie (Roddie) Beaton, Mabou Coal Mines. He will be sadly missed by his nephew Geoffrey, Halifax and his niece Sonya, Red Deer, Alberta; also by Gavin's mother Deborah and her son Ryan. Fondly remembered by Ron, Adam and special thanks to his friends in Halifax and in Cape Breton. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Dartmouth Funeral Home. A visitation will be held at Stella Maris Church, Inverness, on Saturday, April 29th, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with funeral to follow at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be with his parents at Stella Maris Cemetery in Inverness. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alcoholic Anonymous or a charity of your choice. Rest in peace, Malkie.

DEVEAU

John Joseph Deveau, age 57, of Sydney, NS, passed away on April 2nd, 2023. John was born on June 4th, 1965, in Cheticamp, NS, to Dauphine (Hunt) and the late Hector Deveau. He graduated high school in 1983 and went on to work in many different areas in Cheticamp and Sydney. Most people knew John for his love of music and VW bugs. Many of us remember hearing John come down the road long before seeing him. His love of technology and music will always be remembered. He went to work at the Fortress of Louisbourg and finally at Citizenship and Immigration where he made lifelong friends. He will also be remembered for being a huge Boston Bruins fan and was hoping to see a Stanley Cup come back to Boston. John is survived by his wife, Darleen; mother, Dauphine, and her husband, Real; sister, Johnelle, and her husband Derek; and nieces, Makayla and Megan, who he loved with all his heart. He was predeceased by his father, Hector Deveau. Donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Funeral service will be held for family and invited guests only. The many phone calls and messages have meant the world to us during this difficult time. Please hold your loved ones near, you never know when it will be the last time. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LARSON

June 2nd, 1956 – April 11th, 2023: Christena Marie "Tena" Larson (nee Deagle) was someone you were happy to meet, she was full of life, laughter, and love and this is well known to all who had the good fortune to know her. Tena lived large and loved deeply. Tena was born in Inverness on June 2nd, 1956, the fifth oldest child to Peggy and Johnny Deagle. She was one of 11 children and took care of many siblings along the way that continued well into her adult years. Tena grew up in Inverness was a proud piper with the Inverness Pipes and Drums, loved music, family, gatherings, and children of all ages. Like her brothers, Tena had a deep love for horses and would often be seen at the racetrack mulling over the scorecard of the day. She took her education at Mount Saint Vincent and moved to New Brunswick after graduation where

she met her husband of 40 years, Karl Larson. She and her husband made a home in Halifax for a number of years and for the past 15 or more years settled in Centerville, Nova Scotia. Tena was known to love her dogs and they were the happiest, luckiest dogs on the mountain. Tena loved to travel and take whomever she could along for the ride, and while these travels took her to Paris, Greece, Italy, and Alaska to name a few, her most favourite place to work, live, and play was in Cape Breton. Her qualities were many and the one thing she cherished above all others was family. Tena treasured getting together to celebrate the big and the small milestones in life. Tena was devoted to her family and her love and bond ran deep. She loved hearing about the goings on with all her nieces and nephews and wanted nothing but the best for all of them. Tena took extreme pride in being a Godmother and considered it an honour that she didn't take lightly. She loved her nieces and nephews like her own and was genuinely interested in what was happening for them and their successes in life. Tena had a way about her to make everyone feel welcomed and wanted. Those who knew Tena, know that a hot cup of tea between friends could solve just about any crisis. She had a gift in listening intently, teasing out the details, and leaving you to your own devices to make a needed decision. Tena lived her values of knowing who she was and what she stood for. She was known to speak her mind and offer sage advice from time to time such as "let it float" or "fill your boots." To Tena, it was faith, family connection and clannish roots that were important above all else. We feel her loss today deeply and likely more in the days to come. Tena is survived by her loving husband of 40 years, Karl Larson and their puppy Ginger, a beautiful golden retriever. She was predeceased by her parents, Peggy and Johnny Deagle, and brother, Raymond Deagle. She is survived by her four sisters and five brothers. Memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, P.O. Box 610 Inverness, Nova Scotia, B0E 1N0. Visitation was held from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Sunday, April 16th, in Inverness Funeral Home. A funeral mass was held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 17th, in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, with Father Danny MacLennan officiating. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

SMITH

In loving memory of Pauline Smith, age 81, of Port Hood, Nova Scotia, passed away on Saturday, April 15th, 2023. Pauline was born in London, England, on June 22nd, 1941, to the late Phillip and Catherine Morris. Pauline loved her family. Some of her favourite times were when friends and family would come for visits, and they all enjoyed her famous cherry pies. She also enjoyed her time working out in the garden and taking that trip to get her fish and chips with her husband, Angus. Other simple pleasures for Pauline was enjoying that odd candy and, of course, her dog Rex. Besides her parents, Pauline was also predeceased by her brother, Stanley; sisters, Joan, Olive, and Megan; and by her granddaughter, Cheryl Tracy MacSween. Pauline is survived by her husband of 52 years, Angus Willie Smith; eight children, Julie MacSween (Michael), Ian Crichton (Clorice), Brian Crichton (Lisa), Darren Smith (Joanne), John Smith (Andrea), Phillip Smith (Michelle), Megan Smith, Stephen Smith (Kathryn); as well as 21 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Thank you to Dr. Susie Egar, staff of Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, Inverness County Home Support and in home nursing staff. Cremation has taken place and a private burial to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Pauline's memory may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, PO Box 610, Inverness, Nova Scotia, B0E 1N0. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.invernessfuneralhome.com for the Smith family.

EMMERSON

Joan Mary Emmerson, age 91, of Toronto, Ontario passed away March 31st, 2023, peacefully at home in her bed as she had wished, and surrounded by family. Joan was born in Inverness and grew up in Port Hood, the second of nine children to Dr. Dan and Frances MacLellan. Joan spent her first working years as

a teacher in rural Nova Scotia. After moving to Ontario, Joan worked in various positions, but spent most of her career with Philips Electronics. Joan and Bill, her husband of 36 years, were very active and loved activities that kept them both remarkably fit for a long time, whether it was biking, cross-country skiing, hiking, skating every Saturday night with friends, or square dancing in hoedowns around the continent. Joan was forever busy and didn't like to be idle at any time. Her favourite pastimes included completing every crossword puzzle that she could get her hands on and making sure she read every article in The Toronto Star, The Oran, and her many magazines. No page was left unread. Her biggest passion however was hosting family events; whether it was Easter, Christmas, birthdays, New Year's, Thanksgiving, or Canada Day, the meal and table were always prepared meticulously. Joan was also a walking encyclopedia, able to recall and tell great stories about past events and all the many relatives and family friends from days gone by. The only thing that slowed her down in life was the late stages of her cancer, which she had successfully battled over the last six years. Joan and Bill also spent many hours volunteering for various charities, including preparing chili every month for the Toronto soup kitchen, delivering each week for Meals on Wheels, or donating to one of the many dozens of charities that they never seemed to be able to say no to. Joan was very generous with her time and money, and helping and giving to others was very much a priority. She will be missed, but her presence will always be felt. Joan was the loving mother of Gary (Margaret Anne Huxley) MacDonald. She will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren Brett, Jeffrey, Kelly, and Anna. She was a stepmother of Jean, Audrey, and Sheila and step-grandmother of Jennifer and Lindsay. Joan is survived by siblings Elaine (George) Hall, Carole (Paul) Lundy, Jack (Lynn) MacLellan, Anne (Steve) Malick, and Brian MacLellan, and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. She was predeceased by her husbands William Emmerson, Henry Iwanski, and Fabian MacDonald. She was a dear daughter of the late Dr. Dan and Frances MacLellan. Joan was also predeceased by her sister Pauline, as well as her brothers Donald and Keith. A funeral mass celebrating Joan's life will be held at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church (3220 Bayview Avenue, Toronto) on Monday, April 17th, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. Interment to follow at York Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, in memoriam donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.kanejerrettnorthyork.ca for the family.

GILLIS

It is with great sadness that the family of the late Angus Louis Gillis of Grand Falls Windsor, NL, announce his passing, surrounded by his family, after a long and courageous battle with cancer at the Carmelite House in GFW on Friday April 7th, 2023, at the age of 68 years. Angus loved, and was loved back, by his family tremendously. He retired from the Department of National Defence in 2009 after a long and rewarding career. Angus was predeceased by his father Alexander Gillis, mother Mary Gillis, sister Olive Gillis, brothers Alexander Gillis and Donald Gillis, nephews Jamie Norman, Terry Swaysland, and Ben Gillis. Leaving to mourn with fond and loving memories are his wife Kay (nee Norman); sons Nic Etheridge Calder (Sam) Calgary, AB, James Gillis, Sydney, NS, and Alexander Gillis Sydney, NS; daughters Natalie Gillis, GFW, and Amy Gillis GFW; brothers Stewart (Mary) Gillis, Earl Gillis, John Gillis, Stephen (Mary) Gillis, Archie (Ruth) Gillis; sisters Josephine Gillis, Mary (Steve) Gillis, Ann (Hugh) MacDonald, Minnie Gillis, Rhoda (Stan) Mills, Cassie (Suey) MacDougall, Susan Gillis, Hughena Parlee, Theresa Wilcox; mother-in-law Florrie Norman; brothers-in-law Neil (Linda) Norman, Barry (Joanne) Norman, Darren (Jennifer) Norman, Eldon (Karen) Norman; sisters-in-law Margaret Gillis, Annabelle Gillis, Bess (Duane) Norman; along with a large circle of extended family and friends. A celebration of life was held at the St. Alban's Anglican Church Hall, 13 Masters Avenue, GFW on Tuesday, April 11th at 1:30 p.m. Funeral will be held at a later date in Southwest Margaree, NS. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Grand Falls Windsor Community Kitchen, or a charity of your choice.

LANCELEVE

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mom, wife, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, cousin, and co-worker, Wendy C. (MacDougall) Lanceleve on March 23rd, 2023, surrounded by her family. Wendy was born on April 29th, 1949, to Alex and Margaret (Beaton) MacDougall at the Halifax Infirmary Hospital. She is predeceased by her parents, Alex and Margaret, and grandson, Ty John Lanceleve. She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Louis Lanceleve; sons, Victor (Joy) Lanceleve, Louie (Marie) Lanceleve, and daughter, Margie (Robert) Clark; brothers, Danny (Kathleen) MacDougall, Sandy (Rosalie) MacDougall, and Billy (Mary) MacDougall; sister-in-law, Chlory (Gordon) Maclean; grandchildren, Adam (Erica), Colby (Alex), Breanna (Ryan), Bobbi (JC), Reid (Aly), Becca (Brian), Carson, and Jake; great-grandchildren, Myla, David, Jessi, Caden, and Rose-Ellen. Along with many special nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncle. Wendy was truly one of a kind. She had the ability to make everyone whose path she crossed feel incredibly special, from children and grandchildren to those who she cared for and worked with at the Inverary Manor - where she was employed for 33 years. She touched many hearts during those years by the way she showed her true-self while caring for others, dedication to making those around her better and having the ability to bring smiles to both her residents and co-workers faces. She will be remembered for her kind heart, her loyalty, her beautiful smile and sense of fun. Each day, her family hopes to be a little bit more like her and continue her legacy of the wonderful qualities she displayed in her everyday life. A special thank you to Dr. Ritter, Dr. Egar, Lori Ann, Lyndsey, and the staff at Inverness Hospital, Inverary Manor, Foyer Père Fiset, and home care services for the special care and support they provided. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Memorial donations can be made to the Inverary Manor, Inverness or charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacLEAN

It is with profound sadness that the family of Gordon Anthony MacLean announce his passing on April 2nd, 2023. Born in Montreal, Quebec, February 23, 1947, and raised by his loving family in Colindale, Nova Scotia.

Gordon was predeceased by his mother Euphemia Brown and his father Gordon Morrison. He is lovingly remembered by his spouse Betty Pittman; daughters Valerie MacMillan (Brad), Natalie MacLean (Jason), Shelley MacLean (Josh). Stepchildren, Tracy Pittman Rousselle (Jeremy), Todd Pittman (Mieka), Tiffany Maddock (Matt); grandchildren, Lakyon, Axle, Harley, Jolie, Jonathan, and Austin; step-grandchildren, Brittany, Amanda, Kennedy, Bailey, and Nick; siblings, Glen, Murray, and Lynn Brown.

Gordon was fortunate to have grown up on a farm where his excellent work ethic began. He was very dedicated to his mining career throughout his life and up until his passing. He worked in many different fields including, farming, fishing, forestry, and the Heavy Water Plant in Port Hawkesbury, NS. He loved to go to work at Hemlo and interact with the crew and come home and tell stories about his day. Work was such a big part of his life that he worked until his life was taken by kidney cancer.

His love for walking the boardwalk in Inverness, NS, Scottish music, and square dancing was always close to his heart. He meant the world to us and so many others with his kind, generous nature. He was one of a kind. The void we will feel without him will be unimaginable.

Gordon lived in Cape Breton for 43 years where he loved to visit and spend time with family and friends. There were not too many square dances that he missed. He loved fiddle music and mingling with the crowds, being silly, and joking around.

Gordon's mining career brought him to Marathon, Ontario, in 1990 where he spent the remaining 33 years of his life. He met the love of his life, Betty Pittman in Marathon. He was always happy when "Bett" was by his side.

We would like to thank the medical staff at Wilson Memorial General Hospital for their dedication and hard work. They truly go over and above to ensure that everyone's needs are being met and that they receive excellent care. We are so grateful for your compassion and kindness at the end of Gordon's life. Special thanks to Dr. Newbery, Stefan Terence, and Allison Noble.

A celebration of life for Gordon was held on Thursday, April 6th, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Marathon, with interment to follow. There will also be a service for Gordon at a later date in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

Condolences may be made through www.nwfainc.com.

MacLEAN

Robert Alexander ("Bob" to many) MacLean, 93, of Marble Mountain, Cape Breton, on April 7th, 2023: Bob passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family members at Alderwood Rest Home, Baddeck, Cape Breton. Robert was father to Doreen (Allan) MacCalder, Donnelly, AB; Irene (Joe) MacDonald, West Bay Road, NS; Sandra (Warren) Johnston, Port Hastings, NS; Papa to Jo-Anne (Charles), Ottawa, ON; Bob (Cindy), Red Deer, AB; Tara (Kajtek), Crousetown, NS; Dexter (Sydney), Edmonton, AB; Sara (Willie), Bedford, NS; Jennifer, Donnelly, AB; great-grandfather to Skylar, Madison, Mason, Fraser; brother of Sara (Glen) Mattinson, Peterborough, ON; brother-in-law of Jessie, Truro, NS; and Uncle Robert to numerous nieces and nephews. Robert was predeceased by his loving wife Evelyn (MacDonald) in 1986; his parents, Charlie George and Jessie (nee MacLean); brothers, Murdock and Charlie Dan; and numerous sisters- and brothers-in-law. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Robert's life and interment of ashes will be held at a later date in Lime Hill Cemetery, Lime Hill, CB. Family flowers only and memorial donations may be made to the Lime Hill Cemetery Fund. For Robert's full obituary and to send condolences please visit: www.haverstocks.com.

TIMMONS

On April 1st, 2023, Mary Grant "May" Timmons passed away peacefully in the Inverary Manor, Inverness, with her granddaughter, Niki by her side. May was born July 15th, 1927, in Bilston, Scotland. She worked as a CNA in Scotland caring for the wounded in WWII. She came to Canada as a war bride in 1947, settling in Pleasant Bay with Alfred Timmons. They enjoyed 61 years together until Alfred passed away in 2008. May was predeceased by her son, David (1972) and daughter, Jeannie (1992). May will be remembered for her sense of humour, warmth, and kindness. The door was always open and once inside, you were greeted with "I'll put the kettle on." She had a large collection of books and a visit wasn't complete until she read aloud a short story while tea and home-baked scones were enjoyed. If music was playing, her hands were tapping – she had a beautiful soprano voice and loved to sing along. Guests left with smiles on their faces and warmth in their hearts from May and Alfred's kindness. Left to share May's memories are her daughters, Heather, Sylvia (Jet), and Deanne (Judith); grandchildren, Sean, Rana, Judah, Heddy, Jayson, Jesse, Niki, Jessica, and Tamra; and great-grandchildren, Matej, Kasra, Nika, Seamus, Elsie-May, and Joshua. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Words of comfort can be sent to the family at www.sydneymemorialchapel.com.

FISSET

Roderick Pierre Fiset, age 74, Cheticamp, passed away on Friday, March 24th, 2023, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Roderick was a son of the late Pierre and the late Josephine (Doucet) Fiset. Roderick worked as a member of Local 73 as a tig welder from 1969-2008, when he retired. Over those 38 years, he became respected as a master of his trade, while remaining very humble. His passion and knowledge have been lovingly passed on to his two sons, Curtis and Rodney. During many of those welding years, he worked at many welding shops, and fished crab with his brothers, on the Helene

Pierre. In 2008, Roderick dedicated his time fishing crab with his son-in-law, Gilles Larade and his daughter, Cortney on Carter's Catch. He was always willing to lend a helping hand in his shed without wanting anything in return. He had a huge heart and touched many lives with his kindness. Roderick was a volunteer fireman for many years. He enjoyed trout fishing with his brothers, playing 200, and watching his favourite team, the Montreal Canadians, play. Throughout his sickness, he had constant care and companionship from his beloved wife, Patricia, and his loyal German Shepard, Jack. Although he was a man of few words, he loved and felt deeply for his family and friends, who will miss him dearly. Roderick is survived by his wife, Patricia; sons, Curtis Fiset and Rodney (Jessica) Fiset; daughters, Amanda (Claude) Deveau and Cortney (Gilles) Larade; brother, Wilfred (Freda) Fiset; grandchildren, Parker Fiset, Summer Deveau, Chloe Fiset, Ava Fiset, Dustin Fiset, Chase Fiset, Carter Larade, and Emma Larade. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by brothers, Vincent Aurel Fiset, Aurel Fiset, Armand Fiset, and Jean Pierre Fiset. Visitation was held on Thursday, March 30th, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Cheticamp Funeral Home followed by a memorial service at 4:00 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Memorial donations in Roderick's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia or the Canadian Cancer Society. We would like to thank Dr. Amélie Maillet and the nursing staff of the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre for their compassionate care in Roderick's final days. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LeBLANC

Gérald LeBlanc, age 71, Petit Etang passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. He was a son to the late Mederick and the late Justile (AuCoin) LeBlanc. In his early years, Gérald worked as a truck driver for P.C. Bourgeois, followed by many years at Cormier's Service Station and retired from C.A.R.E.S. (Green Door) after 12 years, where he treated the residents as his own children. After retirement, he worked a summer at the NSLC and L'Acabie. Gérald was secretary for the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department and was commanding officer for the Army Cadets for many years. Always the entertainer, he loved making people laugh, music, dancing, and playing cards. There was no better Santa at Christmas. Following retirement, his passions were spending time with his grandkids and mowing the lawn. Gérald is survived by his wife of 50 years, Ginette (Poirier) LeBlanc; son, Gary (Marsha); daughter, Jessica (Chris); brothers, Charle Joseph (Judy), Neddie (Liza), and Roland (Angie); sister, Camelle Larade; grandchildren, Henry and Felix. Besides his parents, Gérald was predeceased by his brother, Roger; and sister, Pauline. Visitation was held on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023, in the Cheticamp Funeral Home from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. followed by funeral service at 4:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Burial to follow in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Memorial donations may be made in Gérald's memory to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacINNIS

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Gary MacInnis announce his unexpected passing on March 27th, 2023. He was surrounded by his loving wife, Hilary and his three daughters, Lynn, Jackie, and Carol. Born on September 18th, 1945, Gary was the son of the late John Neil and Melanie (VandenBroeck) MacInnis. He is survived by his caring wife of 56 years, Hilary (Corser), his "3 Girls," Lynn (Inverness), Jacqueline (Ottawa), and Carol (Norm LaBillois, Ottawa), "The Boys" of whom he was so very proud, Stephen, Gregory, and Nathan; his brothers John (Barbara Hykle, Ottawa) and his "sidekick," Lorne (Liz, Inverness) along with many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly. He was predeceased by his eldest brother Aloysius (Kelly, North Bay) and his sister and brother-in-law, Melanie and David. Gary spent most of his teaching career in Inverness, where he also coached the high school boys' basketball, girls' volleyball, and girls' track and field, many of whom won provincial titles. He will be remembered not only as a coach but

as a person who had a profound influence and impact on those he coached. Gary was always on the go and could not sit still. He enjoyed golfing with his buddies and yelling at the horses at the Inverness Raceway. He was especially proud of participating in the World Senior Games for softball. The family would like to thank the Palliative Care Society of Inverness, the ICMH staff, and this wonderful community of Inverness. Visitation was held on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Inverness Funeral Home. The funeral service was held in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, on Monday, April 3rd, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. with Father Danny MacLennan officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Gary's memory may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, PO Box 610, Inverness, Nova Scotia B0E 1N0. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.InvernessFuneralHome.com for the MacInnis family.

McINTYRE

David Allan McIntyre, affectionately known as “Davie B,” 69, born February 14th, 1954, in Glace Bay, NS. Son of the late Judge Leo McIntyre and Lenore Kennedy, younger brother of Michael (Sue Lojewski), Ronald (the late Verne Boudreau), older brother of Mary-Rose. A proud Bay Boy from Main Street. You could count on seeing him, every March Break, with his best friends, Glace Bay Pizza, and tons of laughs. It was a highly anticipated event, and the spot where his kids first learned the true meaning of friendship. After his studies at St. F.X. in Antigonish, Dave made his way out West where he spent the better part of a decade “making money, and having a ball.” He discovered his passion for teaching, and, most importantly, met the love of his life Joan (née MacLellan). He sealed the deal with a historic first kiss under The Trestle in Canmore. The birth of their first child, Jon-David, in 1985, brought them back to their native Nova Scotia, where they eventually became official Dartmouthians, living a pleasant life on Pleasant Street, and bestowing Davie yet another circle of friends that would last a lifetime (notably, the greatest family-fusion-friendship of all time, with the Scattolon Family). Kayla (Germain LeHay, Alice 5, and Felix 3) was born in 1989. The family became complete with Kathryn (Tyson Cameron) in 1994. A big crew and a lot of love in a small house with a warm fire. Mr. McIntyre was a natural teacher (and administrator), who had a gift for turning the occurrences of life into teachable moments. For Dave, not all lessons came from a book, and he believed that the humanity which filled the world around us was often the best resource for learning. He had a long-lasting impact on thousands of students who will remember his one-of-a-kind way of getting messages through to his pupils, and helping them cultivate critical thinking skills about society at large. Although it could be said that the best thing Joan gave David was their children (and The MacLellans), he himself would say that, above all, she gave him Margaree. In 2001, they acquired “The Glebe” in SW Margaree; a game-changer for the McIntyre family. Anyone who has driven down the River Road during the summer has certainly received an affectionate wave from Davie, often perched on his Throne – the Veranda – with a smile on his face and a glass of red wine in hand. The memories he made at The Glebe are countless, precious, and will live on in the hearts of the hundreds (yes, hundreds) of people who were fortunate enough to experience his unforgettable energy in his most Happy Place. Davie will undoubtedly be remembered for his insatiable love of life, people, and laughing. A natural storyteller and impersonator, who seemingly had all the time in the world to share a story or tell a joke. His priority in life was to savour each moment, each meal, and each person in his midst. He leaves us with the ever-important reminder that all that matters in life are the people you love and the memories you share. It would be impossible to list all of David's friends, but he would have insisted on a few shout outs: The Black Street Aces, the Glace Bay gang, his nieces and nephews, the MacLellans, the Mancinis, his teaching buddies (old and new), the Thursday night neighbours crew, his pour-at-four team, his cherished neighbours in the SW, and his precious grandchildren. Funeral to be held, Friday, July 28th, 11:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph's Parish in SW Margaree, Inverness County. Online condolences may be sent to: www.mattatallfuneralhome.com.

ROACH

In loving memory of Marie Effie Roach, who passed away March 19th, 2023.

This day is remembered and quietly kept.

No words are needed we will never forget.

Loved and sadly missed by, Janet (Ken), Debbie (Rob), grandchildren Taylor and Brooke, great-grandchildren Casey and Benjamin. Predeceased by grandson Kenny Joe. If desired, memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Mundell Funeral Home, 79 West Street North, Orillia, ON, 705-325-2231.

BEATON

Christena Beaton, 90, of Mabou passed away peacefully on Friday March 17th, in Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home. Born in Mabou on September 6th, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Murdock Beaton and Annie May Basker. Christena was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Christena was a very quiet person who enjoyed the simplicities in life such as a good game of bingo or a quiet walk while enjoying conversation with the people she met along the way. She will be missed by all who came to know her. She is survived by her niece and nephew and several cousins. Christena is predeceased by her husband, Archie Beaton; brother, Mattie MacIntyre and sister, Mildred Sharpe. By family request, there will be no visitation. Funeral mass was held on Monday, March 27th, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Mabou, with Fr. Dan MacDonald officiating. Burial in the parish cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

BOUDREAU

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Arthur P. Boudreau, 86 years old, at the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp, on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023. He was the son of the late Henri-Jean Boudreau and the late Josephine (LeFort) Aucoin. He is survived by his sisters, Giselle (Robert) Urquhart, Dundee, and Linda (late Bernie) Beaton, Little Judique; his brother, Gilles (late Janis) Aucoin, Calabogie, Ontario. He is also survived by his goddaughter, Lianne (Brian) Larade, (with whom he resided before moving to the Foyer); and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Besides his parents, Arthur was predeceased by his brother, Joseph Emile (late Barb); and sister, Laurette (late Matt) Kohut. Arthur enjoyed a quiet life, the outdoors and hockey being his favourite pastimes. He was a loyal Montreal Canadian fan. He spent much time at the rink, cheering on local teams, or travelling to neighbouring rinks with Kenneth, Lianne's son, who was a hockey referee. Arthur was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and enjoyed playing and volunteering at bingo. We wish to thank the staff of the Foyer Père Fiset for the compassionate care they gave Arthur, and for being so welcoming to his family. Donations in his memory can be made to the Foyer Père Fiset or the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Care Fund. Funeral will be celebrated a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

EGAN

Mary Egan (nee MacKinnon) passed away peacefully on March 11th, 2023, at age 100. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 72 years, John William Egan. She was predeceased by her parents David Archibald MacKinnon and Annie Maria Butterworth. She was the third of eight children. Predeceased by Agnes, Irene, Lena, Lauchie, Edgar, Cinderella, and Sheila. Mary was the doting mother of John (Mairi), Michael (Holly), and Patrick (Tracey). She was the caring grandmother of Sheila, Mitchell, Holden, Chloe, Freddie, and Serena. She was born on the family farm at East Lake Ainslie on September 8th, 1922. Mary enlisted in the Canadian Women Army Corps in 1942 with WWII ongoing. She served overseas in London,

England, while it was being bombed. She was awarded three medals for her service: the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, The War Medal, and the Defence Medal. In 1945, she left the military and was hired as a teletype operator in Halifax. It was here that she met Bill and they married in Halifax on August 16th, 1951. Funeral mass was held at St. Isadore Parish, Kanata, Ontario, on March 18th, 2023.

MacLEAN

Bruce Wayne MacLean passed away February 9th, 2023, at the age of 55 in Vancouver, BC. Bruce was raised in Inverness, NS, where he resided until he moved to Ontario to first work and then attend Carleton University for his undergrad. After graduating from Carleton, he moved to Winnipeg to attend law school and fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a lawyer. Bruce moved back to Ottawa to complete his articles and was successfully called to the Bar in 1996 and moved to Vancouver the same year to begin his law career. Bruce was known for his quick smile, keen intellect, and witty banter. Bruce loved to play and watch hockey. He was an avid reader who liked to stay up to date with current affairs. Bruce was predeceased by his parents, Henry and Isabel MacLean, and his sister, Fern. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Jane Logan; sisters, Carol Gillis (Wayne), Sharon Fraser (Reg) and brother, Barry (Louise); along with his nieces and nephews. His memory will live on in all the lives he touched over the years. May the angels watch over you and find peace in heaven. Cremation has taken place and there will be a burial service at a later date in Inverness.

AUCOIN

July 30th, 1938 – March 11th, 2023 (age 84), Sydney Mines: With deep sadness, the family announces that Arthur Patrick Aucoin (84), Harbourview Hospital, long term care, formerly of Belle Cote, Inverness County, passed away peacefully on March 11th, 2023. Born on July 30th, 1938, in Margaree Harbour and raised in Terre Noire, he was the son of the late George and Marie (Leblanc) AuCoin. He was a long-serving member of St. Michael's Church, East Margaree. He is survived by his children, Jackie, Patrick, (Troy Hill), Delaware, USA; Nicole, Dana (Monty Montgomery); sisters, Honora "Nora" Considine, Dartmouth; Sister Anne, Antigonish; and Theodore, St. Joseph du Moine (Annette Aucoin); and grandchildren Joseph and Louis. He was predeceased by his brothers George, Wilfred, Jerry, John, and his sister Harriot. Uncle Arthur loved all his nieces and nephews, and had many fun times with them, jokes, lots of laughs, and songs...he was blessed with all of them. Singing, playing guitar with his brother Ted, hootenannies with friends and family, always loads of fun! He was well known for his very social and engaging personality. He loved telling jokes (often the same joke over and over again, ha-ha) He was always the first to help people, not only his family but anyone that needed help. Since we (Dana and Monty) moved back home to Cape Breton to be with my father, we have really appreciated the past year we have spent together, and wouldn't trade it for anything. My father was so incredibly proud of his air force service, as he should have been, and also, very proud to be a very long-standing member of the legion. He also loved when our little dogs came to see Grandpa and his friends every Saturday at Harbourview. He loved our dogs, Daisy and Jenny. Even when we were there for a visit, without the dogs, he always said tell the dogs "I love them, and give them a scratch from me"...very sweet. Living in long-term care, he made some amazing friends, Piercy, Katherine, Yvonne, and many more. Thank you so much to all the staff at Harbourview who treated him with respect and dignity, especially in his last days. It meant a lot to myself and Monty. My Dad loved all of you, you now have an angel on your shoulders forever. In lieu of flowers please donate to the food bank Cape Breton, NS. Service to follow at a later date. Words of comfort may be forwarded to his family at www.jmjobesfuneralhome.com.

DEVEAUX

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Joseph Arthur Deveaux at Foyer Père Fiset, age 82, on March 12th, 2023. Born in Chéticamp, he was a son of the late Lubin Deveaux and the late Éléonore (Bourgeois) Deveaux. Joseph Arthur was a devoted fan of the Montreal Canadiens, loved fiddle music, fishing, gardening, and Toyota cars. He enjoyed visiting family and friends during Sunday drives with his loving wife of 49 years Léa, who was always by his side, together till the end. His son Bruce was his pride and joy without forgetting his love for Bernadette, his son's common-law wife, and two grand-children, Craig and Loressa. In his early years, Joseph Arthur worked at the Cheticamp Cooperative Fish plant then joined the staff at Foyer Père Fiset for 33 years of service. Joseph Arthur was a quiet, shy, spiritual man with few words. He was very appreciative, humble and caring toward others. A kind soul... nevertheless he could be very witty and be seen grinning and chuckling when a good joke was said. Along with his wife Léa (Aucoin) Deveaux, he is survived by his son Bruce (Bernadette Michael); grand-children, Loressa Michael and Craig Michael. He was predeceased by brother, Sémi Deveaux, sister, Julie Mae Bourgeois. The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff and members of l'Acadie, Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Homecare Services, Foyer Père Fiset. Dr. Claudie Aucoin, Dr. Marcel Aucoin, Dr. Paul Sonier, Dr. Michel Chiasson and Dr. Amélie Maillet for their loving, supportive and compassionate care over the years. Visitation was held on Saturday, March 18th, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Parish Church, Chéticamp, with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Burial was in the parish cemetery. Donations in his memory can be made to the Foyer Père Fiset or the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Care Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

John Malcolm MacDonald of Surrey, beloved and devoted father, husband, and friend to many, passed away peacefully on March 2nd, 2023. A native of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and a longtime resident of Surrey, British Columbia, he was 98 years old. John was born in Mabou Coal Mines, Cape Breton, on April 23rd, 1924, son of Mary Agnes MacLean and Dan Hugh MacDonald. His father died when he was two. Soon after, his mother left to seek work in New Jersey, leaving John in the care of his maternal grandmother and uncle, Charlie Joe MacLean. The family in Mabou struggled to make ends meet; John recalled there were times when there was nothing to eat at home. As a teenager, he set out on his own, working at logging camps in Cape Breton and the Nova Scotia mainland, and also in a chocolate factory in Halifax. In 1942, at age 18, he joined the Canadian Merchant Navy. He was crew aboard British and Norwegian ships travelling in convoys to deliver army supplies, jeeps and artillery to Allied Forces during the Second World War. Following his return from one such voyage, John was admitted to Midtown Hospital in Manhattan with severe stomach pains. During his convalescence after an appendectomy, a visitor to the hospital overheard John's Cape Breton accent and said she knew a woman who was also from Cape Breton. That turned out to be John's mother Mary, who was by this time working in New York and remarried. He had several visits with his mother, who let him know that he had a half-brother, Thomas Abel, who was nine years younger, and a half-sister, Patricia Riley, who was still a baby. It would be many years before the siblings would finally meet. After leaving the hospital, John returned to life at sea. After the war, he worked on tow boats, bringing the returning Liberty ships into New York Harbour. He also made many trips to Rio De Janeiro and Cuba aboard freighters picking up sugar, fruit, and rum. In between these voyages, he lived at the Seamen's Institute on South Street in Lower Manhattan. In 1955, after his discharge, John headed back to Canada where he spent a few years in northern New Brunswick and Ontario before settling in Vancouver. There, he met his future wife, Virginia. They were married in 1957. The couple welcomed a daughter, Louise, in 1958 and a son, Malcolm, in 1960. In 1961, the family moved into its own home in Surrey, which John built himself with help from friends. In the 1970s, John was hired by Canada Public Works as a bridge operator. He retired in 1989 and did part-time shifts as a school

crossing guard, joking that he ran an “escort service.” John returned to Cape Breton on multiple occasions to become reacquainted with friends and family. He was known to Cape Bretoners as “Johnny Vancouver.” In 1984, he finally met his siblings, Tommy and Patricia and their family members at a reunion at the Halifax airport. John and Tommy inherited their uncle's land in Mabou, which has now passed to their heirs. The property has remained in the family since an original nineteenth century land grant to the first family member arriving in Cape Breton from Scotland, Isabel MacLean. John enjoyed remarkably good health in his golden years and never lost his sense of humour. He amazed family and friends when, at age 90, he set off on a 6300-kilometer drive from his home in Surrey to Cape Breton, travelling solo in an old Mercury Marquis, seldom answering his cell phone when anxious relatives called to check in. He “fired” his doctor when the physician told him, a few years after the cross-country trip, that he was too old to drive. Deprived of a license, John began using a motor scooter as an alternative means of transport. John was a beloved member of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Surrey and the Whalley Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 229. For more than 40 years, he was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous, attending meetings and helping others find recovery. John was predeceased by his wife Virginia Hagberg and son Malcolm. He is survived by his daughter Louise and her husband Don “Curley” Parcher, nephew Andrew Abel of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, niece Katy Abel of Boston, Massachusetts, a cousin, Mary MacKinnon of St. Rose, Cape Breton, and their families. The family is indebted to Carl Beaton of Abbotsford and Charlie Martens of Surrey for their care and support of John in his final days. A funeral service celebrating John MacDonald's life will be held Thursday, March 23rd, at 11:00 a.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 13388 104 Avenue, Surrey. Burial will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Valley View Funeral Home Cemetery, 14644 72 Ave., Surrey. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association.

MacDONALD

Rose Mary Macdonald, February 18th, 1958 – March 17th, 2023: It is with broken hearts that the family of the late Rose Mary Macdonald announce her peaceful passing at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on March 17th, 2023, at the age of 65 surrounded by her loving family. Left to mourn with fond and loving memories, the love of her life and husband of 44 years, Andrew Macdonald; children, Darcy (Lauren), and Aileen (Jesse), the joys of her life her grandchildren; Bailey Jane and Andrew Noah; siblings, Donnie, Catherine Ann (Wendell), Johnena, Lauchie, Jason, and Angus; in-laws, Lena, Eleanor, Murdock, Heather, Calum, Kathleen, and Ian; as well as a large circle of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Rose is pre-deceased by her parents, Rosena and Angus MacPhee and in-laws John Andrew, Sadie, John Duart, and Rick Macdonald. Rose Mary truly enjoyed the little things in life, affectionately known to her family as “Rosie Bingo,” she was never one to turn down a game with her lifelong friend Mary Judson and sister Cath. She had a love of music, dancing, Inverness beach, a cold can of Keiths, a good story, a drive in the country, and getting together with the girls. Most of all, she loved helping people. She was an exceptional woman with a powerful voice that she used to better her community and the people within it. Rose Mary spent 30 years working for Service Canada, she took pride in her position and was dedicated to keeping employment opportunities and funding accessible to the residents and small businesses of Inverness County. After retirement, Rose found a new labour of love in Inverness Development Association. She volunteered in different positions within the association and was involved with many successful initiatives that aligned with her goal of keeping Inverness a strong and resilient community. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the team of medical professionals that surrounded her throughout her journey: Dr. Ritter, Dr. Butler, Dr. Saliba, Lori-Ann, the Inverness Oncology unit, and the nursing staff of the Inverness Hospital. We can never fully express our gratitude for your dedication and care. In keeping with Rose Mary's wishes and her selfless spirit, her remains have been donated to the Dalhousie Human Body Donation Program where medical students build their knowledge and pave the way

for a healthier future. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 24th, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. with a memorial service at Stella Maris Parish on Saturday, March 25th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception at the Inverness Legion. Memorial donations can be made to the Inverness Palliative Care Society.

SMITH

Albert Richard Smith, 99, of East Lake Ainslie, Nova Scotia, passed away on March 14th, 2023, at Strait Richmond Hospital after a short struggle with COVID. Albert was born on April 15th, 1923, in Hull, England, to Ann (Griffin) Smith and Henry Francis Smith. Albert always worked around ships and the sea, starting at age 14 when he began working at the Hull Fish Market, and later as a fisherman, cook, and Chief Steward. During World War II, Albert joined the war effort at the young age of 16, first joining the Hull Fire Station (Auxiliary Fire Service), which was responding to German incendiary bombs, and soon after by enlisting with the British Merchant Navy, where he served as a gunner and cook. In 1982, Albert re-enlisted in the British Merchant Navy, and served during the Falklands War between Argentina and the United Kingdom. Albert's sea travels took him around the globe, and he visited almost every country. Albert is survived by his wife, Verna MacMillan of East Lake Ainslie, daughter Mavis Dick; sisters, Elsie Johnstone and Joan (Ken Hodgins); son-in-law Arthur Stratton, stepsons, Rob Smith (Patti), Vincent Smith (Krista), Allan MacMillan (Maureen); granddaughters, Vicky Jepmond (Andy) and Michelle Stratton; grandson, Raymond Dick; several nieces and nephews, including Trina Smith (Cipri Baci), Lorraine Hussey and Victoria Sarel-Daddy (Adrian Daddy), Steve Sarel (Denise) and Dean Smith (Pippa); great-granddaughters, Ruby and Scarlet Jepmond. He was predeceased by his first wife of 58 years, Dora Parr; daughter Denise Stratton; sister, Florence (Alan Sarel); brothers, Frank and Roy Smith; sister Nancy (Barry Groizard); son-in-law Eddy Dick. Celebration of Life service will be at Lake Ainslie Fire Hall on what would have been Albert's 100th birthday, April 15th, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with Reverend Janice MacLean officiating. Lunch will follow at the fire hall. Interment to follow at a later date in Hull, England, beside his first love. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lake Ainslie Fire Hall or the charity of your choice. The family wishes to extend its gratitude to the dedicated staff at Strait Richmond Hospital, who treated Albert and Verna with great care. Online condolences may be made at: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

DELANEY-AUCOIN

March 27th, 1936 – March 4th, 2023, age 86: It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, Marie Dora (LeBlanc) Delaney-Aucoin at the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Chéticamp, NS. She is survived by her children, Johanne (Jean-Gilles Chiasson) Delaney, Gordon (Monique) Delaney, Dorena (Thom) Gillis, Donna (Patrick Rogerson) Delaney; siblings, Helene Delaney, Alfred LeBlanc, and Jeanne (Bill) Roode; her dear friend, Daniel Aucoin; and her son-in-law, Kevin Tompkins; as well as seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was the eldest child of Adèle and Siméon LeBlanc of Cap-le-Moine. She was pre-deceased by her parents; spouses, Clifford Delaney and Georgie Aucoin; daughter, Marie Tompkins; and siblings, Agnes (Aldéric) LeBlanc-Melanson, and Arthur (Elaine) LeBlanc. Dora was an integral part of the community of St. Joseph du Moine and Grand Étang. She was an active member of various committees and was very involved in the church and choir. She provided catering services for various events for many years and, well into her later years, was still selling her homemade rolls at the local co-op. She very much enjoyed playing 200 and crib. The family wishes to thank the staff of the Sacred Heart Hospital and the Foyer Père Fiset for their care of Dora during the past year. Visitation took place on Friday, March 10th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine. A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine on Saturday, March 11th, at 10:30 a.m. with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia or the Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements are

under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to:
www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacKINNON

Euphemia "Phemie" MacKinnon, 94, passed away peacefully at the Inverary Manor, Inverness, in the early hours of Sunday, March 5th, 2023, surrounded by family and caregivers. Born January 12th, 1929, to the late Peter and Tina (Dunbar) MacKay in Scotsville, Inverness County. She was the fifth of nine children, and the last surviving member of her family. When both parents passed away, the young family was left to support each other, older members taking care of the younger ones. They learned to have a strong work ethic early, and Phemie maintained that work ethic throughout her life. Very independent, she lived in her home in Blues Mills until moving to Inverary Manor in October, 2021. Family was very important to her and she maintained contact with relatives throughout her long life. As she learned early, she always said to family "take care of each other, and be sure to get along." Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband and father of her three children, Neil William MacDonald; her second husband, Ernest MacKinnon; daughter, Ann Cameron; son-in-law, Richard MacLennan; as well as brothers, Lauchie, Philip, John and Malcolm MacKay, and sisters, Christie MacLean, Margaret MacKay, Violet MacRae, and baby Alice who died shortly after birth. She lived at Ainslie Point until 1967 when she remarried and moved to Blues Mills. She is survived by her daughter, Marie Collins (Clifford) and family John Neil, Curtis (Kelly), Jason (Crystal) MacLennan and Karen (Carl) Ferguson; son, John Kay MacDonald (Nellie), and there family Derek (Marie), Allie (Dallas), Darren (Nicole) MacDonald; son-in-law, Alex Cameron and family Mark (Sally), Andy (Gill), Craig (Darlene), Kellie and Lisa Cameron, as well as great-grandchildren, Ethan , Liam , Nicholas, Jorden, Shelby, Brody, Ella, Quinn, Duncan, Mia, Edan, Carter, Lilly, and Isla. Visitation was held on Friday, March 10th, from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Funeral took place on Saturday, March 11th at 11:00 a.m. in Stewart United Church, Whycocomagh, with Rev. John Tapscott and Margie MacIntyre, LLWL, officiating. Burial of ashes to follow (family only) in St. John's United Church Cemetery, Strathlorne. Memorial donations can be made to the Inverary Manor, Central Inverness Palliative Care, or a charity of your choice. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com.

POND

Harold Douglas Pond, July 15th, 1952 – March 10th, 2023: It is with broken hearts we announce the sudden passing of a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother, Harold Douglas Pond of Port Hood, Nova Scotia, on March 10th, 2023, at the age of 70. Harold is proceeded by his parents John and Esther; brother, Jackie; parents-in-law, Angus and Mary Florence Beaton; brothers-in-law, Danny Gillis, Terrance MacIntyre, and Sterling Morrison. Leaving to mourn are his loving wife of 43 years, Caddy (Beaton); best friends and treasured sons, Adam (Christine) and Cory (Jillian), his grandchildren, his pride and joy, Hannah, Addison, Dessa, Maren, and Aj and his four-legged grand baby, Nash. Also mourning Harold are his sisters, Patricia and Norma; his brothers, George (Bev), Clifford and Kent, other members of the Pond and Beaton families as well as a large circle of relatives and friends. Harold was a kind man, the true meaning of a gentleman; he was known by many for his infectious smile and quick wit and was often seen cruising town in his prized 52 Chevy, "Molly." Harold was considered by many to be the unofficial mayor of Clan Ranald, a man who loved the Red Wings and always made time for a chat during which you were sure to be left laughing. Visitation will be held in Port Hood and Area Resting Place on Thursday, March 16th, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Funeral service to take place in St. Stephen's United Church, Port Hood, on Friday, March 17th, at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Alicia Cox celebrating. In lieu of flowers, donations in Harold's memory can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, St. Stephen's UCW or the Port Hood and Area Resting Place. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

AUCOIN

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Florence Patricia "Patsy" Aucoin on February 25th, 2023, at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp, at the age of 74. Patsy was born on December 16th, 1948, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Cheticamp to the late Frederick and the late Margaret (Tompkins) Arsenault. She left home at an early age to work in Toronto, but a few years later found herself in Halifax pursuing her studies to become a CNA. Her heart brought her back to Margaree where she met her husband, Leonard. Patsy and Leonard settled "au lac" where they raised their two children, Leonora and Terry. She worked at Sacred Heart Community Health Centre up until her retirement in 2006, as a medical records tech. Patsy and Leonard were happily married for 50 years. They enjoyed travelling, playing cards, and spending time at "Shantytown," their paradise on the Margaree River. Patsy's door was always open, and you were sure to find a hot pot of tea on the stove. She was an active member of the community and volunteered countless hours to numerous committees and fundraisers. She had many hobbies which included gardening, knitting, painting, and, of course, quilting. Most importantly, Patsy was very proud of her family and loved spending quality time with her three granddaughters, Anabelle, Samantha, and Hanna. Patsy is survived by her loving husband, Leonard; two children, Leonora Aucoin-Satri (Ravi) and Terry Aucoin (Nicole); siblings, Claire LeBlanc (Simon), Rosie McCloskey (Vernon) and Earl Arsenault (Michelle). She will be remembered and missed by many other family members. Patsy is predeceased by her brother, Michael Arsenault (Kay). The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff of the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp, for their care and compassion. Visitation was held on Friday, March 3rd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Cheticamp Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, March 4th, at 10:30 am in Église St. Joseph, St. Joseph du Moine with Fr. Peter LeBlanc officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Joseph's Cemetery Fund, St. Joseph du Moine. E-transfers can be made to: paroissestjdm@gmail.com. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca. Mémère, you left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

MacKAY

Daniel Charles (Danny) MacKay, 60, passed away February 11th, 2023, at Dartmouth General Hospital. Over the last three years, Danny's health steadily declined due to Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Antigonish on April 16th, 1962, to the late Alex Francis and Jessie (MacDonald) MacKay Kingsville, Cape Breton. He is survived by brother John Eric (Heather) Fort McMurray, sister and caregivers Mary Jane (Michael MacLellan) Dartmouth, and sister Eileen (Karl Grabka) Halifax, nephew James MacKay, niece Anna Grabka, and many "favourite cousins." Predeceased by his sister, Mary Alexandra in infancy. After graduating from SAERC, Danny attended The Regional Occupational Centre Port Hawkesbury. Danny was a great support to his parents and after their passing, he moved to Dartmouth to live with his sister Mary Jane and Michael in 2012. In his youth, Danny was an avid swimmer and bowling enthusiast, having participated in The Special Olympics; winning numerous medals. He was able to continue this passion when he moved to Dartmouth. Danny was a true Gael, proud of his MacKay and MacDonald heritage; he loved Cape Breton fiddle music and dance especially accompanying fiddlers on the spoons. He was a gentle soul and always had a compliment for everyone he met, a friend to all and will never be forgotten. Arrangements are under the direction of Green's Funeral Home Port Hawkesbury. Visitation took place Thursday, February 16th, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mass of Christian burial took place Friday, February 17th, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary of the Angels Church, Glendale, with Father Duncan MacIsaac officiating. Donations may be made to St. Mary's of the Angel's Building Fund. Na's fhaisge air Dia (Closer to God).

MacLEAN

We regretfully announce the passing of Catheryn Isabel MacLean, 93, on Thursday, March 2nd, 2023, formerly of Alexandra Street, Sydney, Cape Breton. Born June 24th, 1929, in Big Harbour Island, Cape Breton, she was a daughter of the late James MacDonald MacLean and Anna Dolena (MacKay) MacLean. Catheryn spent 14 years in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a medical secretary, travelling across Canada and Europe. She was also passionate about the care and welfare of animals in need. Catheryn is survived by her two nieces, Ann, Grande-Digue, NB and Claire, Antigonish, NS and her sister-in-law, Victoria, Antigonish, NS. The last surviving member of her immediate family, she was predeceased by her parents, her two brothers, Alexander and Angus and her sister, Christene. Cremation has taken place under the care of Sydney Memorial Chapel. The interment will take place in the Malagawatch Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Paws Fur Thought- PTSD Service Dogs, ElderDog, My Grandfathers Cat, Feral and Abandoned Cat Society or charity of your choice. Words of comfort can be sent to the family at: www.sydneymemorialchapel.com.

MacLEAN

August 24th, 1937 – March 4th, 2023

Melva Dawn (Justason) MacLean, 85, of Central Avenue, Inverness, passed peacefully on March 4th, 2023, with her family by her side at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Melva was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and mother-in-law, who leaves behind her two sons, Roy (Tobi), Inverness and Edwin (Lynn), Paradise, NL; two granddaughters, Lindsey, Inverness, and Kaitlyn, Halifax; brother Neil Justason, Pennfield, NB; sister Marilyn (Dean) Rovithis, London, ON, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Born in Blacks Harbour, NB, Melva studied nursing before she got on the last passenger train to Inverness, where she met the love of her life, the late Myron MacLean. Melva and Myron married shortly after and started both a family and a family business, MacLean Agencies. Melva enjoyed the outdoors. She spent many summers enjoying Lake Ainslie with family and friends from near and far at the family cabin. Melva shared a love for hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling with her boys, and enjoyed road trips with her family as well as her best friends, the Camerons. Anyone who knew her, knew of her love for baking and baked goodies, gardening, reading, dogs, phone calls with family, visits with friends, her view of MacIsaac's Pond, and her beloved cherry centers. She was predeceased by her loving husband Myron; parents Prescott and Leona; and siblings Greta Ukrainetz and Howard Justason. Melva's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the medical, dietary, and housekeeping staff at both the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital and the Cape Breton Regional Hospital for their dedication to mom's care and for making our family feel cared for and comfortable during this time. Visitation will take place in St. Matthew's United Church, Inverness, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14th. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Maggie Plant celebrating. Memorial donations in Melva's memory can be made to the Inverness Palliative Care Unit or a charity of your choice.

TOUESNARD

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Allan Cletus Touesnard of River Bourgeois which occurred at St. Martha's Regional Hospital in Antigonish on February 28th, 2023, at the age of 94 years. Born November 8th, 1928, in River Bourgeois, he was the son of the late Alain and Annie (Burke) Touesnard. If you wanted something fixed, you brought it to Cletus. He owned and operated two different auto service stations, a chain saw sales and repair shop, sold and repaired appliances. He joined the "mill," Stora in 1966 in its maintenance department retiring in 1993. He had great memories of working there and shared many stories, sometimes tall ones of the jobs and people he worked with. He impressed an incredibly strong work ethic on his children; he told them if "it could be built...it could be taken apart and fixed." He worked long hours in his chain saw shop and when asked why he did, he always said the people

who came to him were only trying to feed their family. Cletus will be dearly missed by his sons Robert (Rita), Brantford, ON, Kevin (Madonna), Roger (Sharon), both of Antigonish, Peter (Mary), Park City, UT. Brother Edward (Florence) Touesnard, River Bourgeois; sister Anne (Leo) King, Oakville, ON; sisters-in-law Ann Touesnard River Bourgeois, Isabel Campbell ON, and brothers-in-law Archie, Gerard, ON, Bill and Pat Cameron. Grandchildren: Dennis, Nicole, Mitchell, Michelynn, Tiffany, Christopher, Ethan, Ryan, Ashley, and Erin. Great-grandchildren: Josée, Sophia, Logan, Josée, Gavin, Jelynn, Ivy, Charlotte, Poppy, Oliver, Eleanor, Reese, and Drew. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his loving wife Mary Margaret (Cameron) Touesnard; daughter Renee Touesnard; brother Alfred Touesnard; sisters, Mary Burke, and Helen Sampson; brothers-in-law Martin and Alex Cameron and Angus Campbell. Visitation was held in the River Bourgeois Community Resting Place in River Bourgeois on Friday, March 3rd, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass to celebrate the life of Cletus took place on Saturday, March 4th, at 11:00 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Church in River Bourgeois with Rev. John Yake officiating assisted by Deacon Sander Burke. A reception was held at the Tara Lynn Community Centre in River Bourgeois. Burial in St. John the Baptist Parish Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations can be made to St. John the Baptist Parish or Cemetery Funds, the Tara Lynn Community Centre, or to the charity of one's choice. Tributes, words of comfort, and memories of Cletus may be shared with the family at www.chboudreau.com. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to C.H. Boudreau Funeral Home Ltd., Arichat.

WALKER

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Duncan "Dunkie" Gerard Raymond Walker, which occurred on March 2nd, 2023, at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Born in Inverness on February 20th, 1950, to the late Duncan and Sadie (MacPherson). He is survived by his loving children, Raymond (Michele), Victoria, BC; Sadine (Johnny) Inverness; Amanda (Travis), Port Hood; Matthew (Kayla), Port Hood; and the mother of his children, Georgette, with whom he shared a special friendship over the last number of years. The pride and joy of his life, his grandchildren, Keely, Kenzie, and Tori. He was so proud of their accomplishments; he was the happiest when they were around. Dad leaves behind his siblings, John Dan Walker, Scarborough ON; Ann(Donald) Gillis, South West Margaree; Elaine(Wally) Mac Donald, Inverness; many nieces, nephews, and close friends. He is predeceased by his parents, his brother Allan, sister Rose, and twin brothers Kevin and Gerald. He worked at Stora Pulp and Paper Mill for over 30 years before his retirement in June 2007. He was an avid sports fan, a die hard Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Blue Jay fan. He loved to play the game of hockey himself, playing with the Alpines back in the Inverness County League. He loved fishing, playing cards, and trying his luck at Bingo a few nights a week. He could be found driving around town with Wally and his buddies. He was the chauffeur for his grandkids for many years until they were old enough to return the favour. The family would like to thank all his neighbours and friends at Greenacres Senior Complex, for always looking out for him. We also would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Dr. Susie Egar and the staff at ICMH for everything you did for dad, we thank you for your care and compassion. Also, Elaine Nicholson NP, for looking after dad the last number of years, he thought so much of you. Visitation will take place in Inverness Funeral Home, Wednesday, March 8th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Funeral mass will take place the following day on Thursday, March 9th, at 11:00 a.m. in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, with Fr. Dan MacDonald and Deacon Dr. Duncan Mc Master officiating. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Dr. Bernie MacLean Recreation Centre's "Fill the Net" Fundraiser in memory of dad. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. Burial to be announced at a later date.

GRAHAM

On Friday, February 24th, 2023, Donald David Graham, 65, from Judique, lovingly known as "Gypsy" by family and friends, was suddenly, and much too soon taken from this world. Left to mourn this great loss is

his best friend, and the love of his life, Donna (nee Boutlier) and their two sons, Jesse and Keaton (Suzanna). He also leaves behind and will be greatly missed by family members, Tommy (Debby), Allan (Vi), Nancy (Sam), Norma, Nora, and Kenny (Shauna); along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Also, he is remembered by in-laws, Eleanor Brucks (mother-in-law); sister-in-laws, Patricia Boutlier and Jeanette Head; and brother-in-laws, Wayne and Donald Boutlier. David was predeceased by his parents, Kaddie and Vincent Graham; infant brother, Colin; and step father-in-law, Don Brucks. David had a great appetite for life. Always ready with a quick wave, a dose of humour, and a good story, he could brighten the dullest of days for anyone who met him. David spent many years out west, working in the pipe trades and raising his family. He was a huge sports enthusiast and was highly involved in his son's sports pursuits and other interests and never missed an opportunity to cheer on his beloved Maple Leafs. When he retired, he returned to his homestead in Judique, and lived life to the fullest. You could often see him and Donna walking along Route 19 together heading for Christie's Look Off or tending their fire pit on warm summer evenings, while never missing an opportunity to wave to passersby or welcoming them to drop in for a visit. David and Donna also loved spending a nice hot summer's day at Baxter's Cove, soaking in the sun and enjoying beach life. They also liked going to the horse races with brother Tommy. When David and Tommy golfed together, Tommy did not miss an opportunity to tease and remind David that he did not have to collect every single golf ball in the woods. David also enjoyed taking back road trips while eating egg salad sandwiches and drinking tea with his brother Allan. In every way he was a beloved husband, father, brother, and friend with a work ethic and personality like no other. Being such a great "people person" in recent months he decided to pursue a new career and joined the Home Hardware family in Port Hood. This pursuit quickly became a passion project for him, as he greeted each customer with his infectious smile, and warmly asked "How you doin'?" David always went the extra mile keeping the warehouse in top notch shape, while attending to customers in a quick and efficient way. He also gained a reputation for his penchant for neatness, as he even swept the parking lot while waving to everyone who honked and waved as they passed by. To say that he will be missed is an understatement. There was so much more that David wanted to do – including holding his new little grandchild due in April. He was a model for each of us to live life fully and to remember words from one of his favourite songs "Life is good today." There will be a funeral mass for David at 11:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's Church, Judique, on Saturday, March 4th, with Father Allan MacMillan officiating. A tea will follow in the Judique Community Centre. All are welcomed to attend. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Heart and Stroke Foundation or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacEACHERN

Donald Angus MacEachern, age 88, of Glendale, passed away on February 20th, 2023, at his home in Glendale. Born in Maple Brook, Inverness County, Donald was the son of the late John and Catherine (MacIntyre) MacEachern. Besides his parents, Donald was predeceased by his wife Mary MacEachern (MacMullin) and his sisters Anne MacEachern and Mary Rudderham. Donald will be remembered by his family and neighbours as a quiet, gentle man, who loved to visit, share a cup of tea with sweets, and then nap shortly after. Donald was a very able man and there was never a job too big to tackle with his strength. Over the years, he loved being outdoors, cutting wood in Maple Brook, and tending to his vegetable garden. He and Mary were always going to concerts and looking for the nearest square dance to attend. Life became much slower after Mary passed, but Donald continued to stay active including the occasional drive to the Casino or Papa's Pub for a meal and a few rounds at the games. Donald loved playing card games and could never resist an opportunity to enjoy a competitive game of crib or auction. He loved to win and had to play until he won at least one hand without fail. Donald is survived by his sister Masie MacDonald, his nephews Greg (Jean) Rudderham, Arnie (Char) Rudderham, Paul (Debbie) Rudderham, Brenda (Kerry) White, Maureen (Wayne) MacLean, Robert (Patricia) MacDonald, his sisters-in-law Sally

Rudderham, Lori MacMullin, Delores MacIntyre (Kevin Currie), Danette (Guy) Chapados, brothers-in-law, Joey (Sandra) MacMullin, Alexander MacMullin, Frank (Janet) MacMullin, and many nieces and nephews in the MacMullin clan. He was also predeceased by brothers-in-law Jimmy MacMullin and Rowe Rudderham. The family would like to thank Donald's close neighbours and friends for the check-ins and goodies that were always being dropped off. A very special thank you to his home care worker, Paula MacDougall and her family for the amazing friendship and care provided for Donald in the last few years. Your kindness and care will not be forgotten. Cremation has taken place. Funeral was held Tuesday, February 28th, 2023, in St. Mary of the Angels Church in Glendale. Family flowers only. Donations in memory of Donald can be made to the Glendale and Area Community Co-op at time of visitation. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacISAAC

Lynn MacIsaac, December 27th, 1959 – February 20th, 2023: It's with warm memories and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, Lynn MacIsaac. A fierce, bright light until the end, she passed away at home in Inverness on February 20th with her family by her side. Born in Inverness, Cape Breton, on December 27th, 1959, she was a daughter of Benjamina and Joseph (Junior) MacIsaac. Besides her parents, she is also survived by her daughter, Meriha Beaton and partner, Tim Tobin, (Sydney, Australia); sister, Judi (Bryan) Sutherland (Inverness); brothers, Joseph MacIsaac and partner, Carolyn Williston (Ontario), Bruce MacIsaac (Vancouver) and Lennan MacIsaac and partner, Crystal Campbell (Inverness); niece, Kristen Sutherland and husband, Derick MacAdam (Inverness); nephew, Keenan Sutherland and partner Lyne Allain (Bridgewater); step-son, Joel Phillips and partner, Lauren Sundstrom (Vancouver), step-daughter, Emilie Phillips and husband, Josh Lamb (Kelowna). She is predeceased by her great love and long-time partner, Corbett Phillips. They met in 2007 and enjoyed 13 years of adventure together. Never taking time for granted, they conquered their bucket list one epic trip at a time. Their travels took them to the top of Machu Picchu, traipsing throughout the Costa Rican jungle, and on a month-long boat trip – on their cherished boat The Bluebottle – from Vancouver to Alaska. They are now reunited and undoubtedly planning their next wild journey together. Lynn's first love was her 40-year career in respiratory therapy. She was a passionate leader and mentor in the industry, always advocating for best practice and happiest when taking care of others. She started out professionally in Nova Scotia, before eventually moving to Vancouver, where she dedicated her time working in the neonatal unit at the BC Children's Hospital. Throughout her illustrious career, she taught respiratory therapy to students at Thompson River University and was a long-standing director of the BC Society of Respiratory Therapists. Her role with the BCSRT took her all over the world, including trips to Peru and China where she provided and taught respiratory care to hospitals in need. She was an unparalleled force in the industry and her colleagues all believe that the respiratory profession would not be where it is without her. A benevolent soul with a cheeky spirit, she will be with us wherever we go. Whenever we help someone in need, speak up for what we believe in, or pour a crisp glass of Sauvignon Blanc, we will do so with that special Lynn flair. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Dr. Ritter and the Palliative Care team. We also want to thank Lynn's nurse and friend, Mary Anderson, and her neighbour and home care worker Tish Gillis, who made her so happy and comfortable in her final weeks. Visitation took place in Inverness Funeral Home on Monday, February 27th, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Funeral mass took place the following day on Tuesday, February 28th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Stella Maris Church, Inverness with Fr. Danny MacLennan and Deacon Dr. Duncan McMaster. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or the BC Society of Respiratory Therapists. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacNEIL

It is with broken hearts that we announce that Donna Marie (Boyd) MacNeil passed away on Sunday, February 5th, at home in Creignish, Nova Scotia. Donna was born in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, on August 10th, 1947, to the late Donald and Edna (Samson) Boyd. She leaves behind her devoted husband Jack, the love of her life, with whom she shared 53 wonderful years. She will be greatly missed by her sons Chris and Craig (Jill). She will be lovingly remembered by her five grandchildren, Joshua, Michael, Monica, Callum, and Daniella, the pride and joy of her life. Donna is survived by her six siblings with whom she shared an incredible bond, Margaret Ellen, Sylvia, Angus (Marlene), Carol (Don), Almeda (Peter), and Donald Gerard. She is also survived by Jack's family, Connie (Eric), Roddie (Paula), Bernice (Frankie), Tipton (Irena), Dan E. deceased (Liz), her cousins, and many nieces and nephews who loved their Aunt Donna, and whom she was always interested in and proud of their accomplishments. Donna possessed a joyful presence. She was giving, loving, welcoming, adventurous, and energetic. She loved her Creignish community and volunteered in parish activities, the Ladies Auxiliary, visiting the sick, and helping her neighbours. Donna was active on the committee for welcoming Syrian families to Inverness County, and she continued to visit and participate in their activities. She loved to share her passion for knitting, Tai Chi, and yoga with her women's groups. Donna enjoyed gardening and loved hiking the Ceilidh trails. Her daily emails kept us up to date on news events, the best book to read, the newest recipe to try, the next ceilidh we should attend, the photos of the grandchildren, and her answers to Wordle. She challenged you to a great game of cards, whether it be cribbage, auction or pass the Ace. She loved entertaining with Jack, and each meal was a feast. She was our family anchor for gatherings, lobster boils, and reunions, which were overflowing with laughter and love. Donna loved to travel with Jack, and they created many cherished memories and looked forward to more adventures. Donna filled our lives with joy, love, and kindness, and she will live on in our hearts forever. We all loved her beyond measure. Donna embraced the L'Arche community. If so desired, donations can be made in Donna's memory to L'Arche Cape Breton. Funeral services for Donna have been entrusted to Green's Funeral Home.

RANKIN

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we regret to announce the passing of our sister Mary Janet "Janie" Rankin, on February 22nd, 2023. Janie was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Inverness, NS, on October 9th, 1960. Janie was the daughter of Kenneth Finlay Rankin and Catherine Sarah (MacIsaac) Rankin, both predeceased. She is also predeceased by her sisters, Christena Deveau and Geraldine (Sam) Cameron. As well as her brothers, John William (Lorraine) Rankin and Alex Allan "Mookie" (Shirley) Rankin. Janie is survived by her sisters and brothers Sinda (Fred) Dobson, Catherine (Ronnie) Trenholm, Marcella (Garry) Watts, Sally Thomas, Mary (Dan) Stevens, Norman Rankin, and Alexander (Roxanne) Rankin. Janie will be greatly missed by her nieces and nephews, as well as grand-nieces and grand-nephews that she adored so much. Janie was a kind, loving, caring person with a heart of gold and her generosity knew no bounds. The family would like to thank the staff at the Inverary Manor, especially "The Highlands" for the special care she received. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held in the Community Room of the Judique Fire Department on Monday February 27th, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass was celebrated on February 28th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. from St. Andrew's Parish, Judique; Rev. Allan MacMillan officiating. Burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association, or a charity of choice.

AUCOIN

Edward Joseph "Eddie Joe" Aucoin, age 88, Chéticamp, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 12th, 2023, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Chéticamp. He was a son to the late Joseph and the late Marie Emma (LeBlanc) Aucoin. Eddie Joe was a loving husband and father. Born and raised

in Chéticamp, he left as a young man to enlist in the Canadian Armed Forces. During his time in the military, he also served in the US Army (early 1960s.) Eddie Joe's time in the US Army saw him serve a tour of duty in Vietnam and stand as part of the honour guard for JFK's 1963 funeral. Also in 1963, Eddie Joe and Therese were married in Chéticamp. After several years living in the USA, they returned to Chéticamp, in 1973, with their daughter Paula (born 1971). Several years of working odd jobs led to him starting his own flooring company. Eddie Joe's brother, Laurent Edmond, worked alongside him until he sold the company and retired. During his retirement years Eddie Joe liked to stay busy with gardening, regular golfing, guitar playing; and was always ready to lend a helping hand to friends and family. Eddie Joe was always an active volunteer with the local branch (#32) of the Royal Canadian Legion. He was extremely interested in the activities and projects that both his daughter and son-in-law, Kevin, were involved with or undertaking. Most of all, Eddie Joe will be remembered for his always-friendly demeanour, greeting everyone with a warm smile. He was a well-loved, highly-respected, modest man; who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Eddie Joe is survived by his wife, Therese Irene Aucoin; daughter, Paula Aucoin-Camus (Kevin); brother, Laurent Edmond Aucoin. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by brothers, Davy Aucoin, Yvon Aucoin, Gordon Aucoin, and Georgie Aucoin; sisters, Marie Julie Cooper, and Carmella Aucoin (LeBlanc). A funeral mass was celebrated on Friday, February 17th, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in l'Église St. Pierre, Chéticamp, with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

AUCOIN

Joseph A. Aucoin, age 96, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Monday, February 13th, 2023, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Joseph was a son to the late Amédée and the late Anne "Nanoune" (Doucet) Aucoin. Joseph was a member of the Senior Citizen Club of Cheticamp and he was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 32, Cheticamp. He was a fisherman most of his life. His passion was dancing...all kinds of dances, especially waltzing. He was a great square set caller. He also loved fiddle music, his favourite being Mike Hall. He enjoyed having his morning coffee with the boys at the senior hall. His last wish came true this past week, when he passed his driver's license at the age of 96. Joseph is survived by his sons, Real (Dauphine) Aucoin, and Andre (Anita) Aucoin; daughter, Jeannine (Semi) Larade; daughter-in-law, Sharon Aucoin; sister, Marie Anne (late Johnny) Maillet; grandchildren, Robert, Mark (Kathrine), Dale (Gisele), Cindy (Carl), Shauna (Tyler), Byron (Jillian), Jennifer (Myles), Carole (Emile) and Matthew; great-grandchildren, Zackary, Allison, Ava, Katelyn, Nathan, Grayson, Caleb, Chloe, Breanna (Gordon), Paige, Connor, Ainsley, Ellie, and Giana; great-great-granddaughter, Hazel. Besides his wife, Sadie Mae (Bourgeois) Aucoin, he was predeceased by his son, Roger Aucoin; brothers, Leo and Johnny; sisters, Maggie Muise, Louise Deveau, Yvonne Bourgeois, and Adele Aucoin. Visitation was held on Friday, February 17th, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cheticamp Funeral Home followed by funeral service at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

FRASER

With fond memories and heavy hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of Duncan Laurne Fraser at Inverness Hospital on February 13th, 2023, with his loving family at his side. Born in Inverness, Cape Breton, on April 5th, 1948, he was a son of the late John Duncan and Catherine Gordon (MacLean) Fraser. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Laurne is survived by his wife, Joanne (MacMillan) Fraser; sons, Robert Laurne "Robbie" (Alexandra), Calgary, and Isaac Alexander (Nicolle), St.

Margaret's Bay; grandchildren, Elise Christena Fraser, Brenna Claire Fraser, Seamus Eric Fraser, Barbara Maeve Fraser; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Fraser, Middleton, Audrey Fraser, Kenloch, Mary Florence MacMillan, Port Hood, Margo (Pat) Batherson, Port Hood; brothers-in-law, Donald MacMillan, Mabou, Bobby MacMillan, Inverness; Stephen MacMillan, Miramichi, David (Melody) MacMillan, Glendyer; Andrew (Michelle) MacMillan, Mabou. Laurne is also survived by his many treasured nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, John Duncan Fraser and Catherine Gordon (MacLean) Fraser; brothers, Garry (Geraldine) Fraser, Rev. Gordon Fraser, Hector Fraser; sister, Dorene Fraser-McArthur; brothers-in-law Allan (Geraldine), and Gregory. Laurne worked for 33 years at the pulp and paper mill then known as Stora Enso, beginning in 1972. His long-standing experience earned him the role of working as machine-tender on the PM2 supercalendar expansion (at the time, the fastest machine of its kind in the world). Laurne remained in this role until his retirement in 2005. In retirement, Laurne enjoyed several part-time positions. He worked at The Red Shoe Pub (bartender, doorman), the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre (bartender), and Cabot Links (starter, bag storage). Each establishment provided him the pleasure of chatting with tourists about Cape Breton music, events, and culture. Laurne met Joanne at a dance in West Lake Ainslie. They were married in Glencoe Mills on August 17th, 1985. The reception was held at the Strathlorne Legion Hall, with Willie Kennedy, John MacDougall, and Gregory Campbell providing the music. Laurne and Joanne bonded over their mutual enjoyment of traditional Cape Breton fiddle music, never missing a chance to take in a ceilidh or dance a square set together all over Inverness County. Laurne was a member of the Cape Breton Fiddlers Association, and in his own words, could "scratch out" a few tunes on the fiddle himself. He was instrumental in teaching and encouraging both of his sons to play music, and Laurne was particularly grateful for the many friendships he made through the music scene. Laurne also had a love of old cars, another joy he and Joanne both shared. He took great pride in each vehicle he owned, doing his own detailing, maintenance, and tire changes, teaching his sons and passing on a passion for vintage vehicles. One vehicle in particular stood above the rest: his 1975 Ford Thunderbird, which he factory-ordered through MacAulay's dealership in Baddeck. When working at the Red Shoe, he would proudly park the T-bird out front, taking up enough parking spaces for three average-sized cars. The family would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Dr. Ritter and the Palliative Care team, the nurses and doctors at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, Freeman's Pharmacy, and oncologist Dr. Khodadad and his staff in Sydney. Visitation took place at the Inverness Funeral Home on Friday, February 17th, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 18th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and funeral mass followed in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, at 1:00 p.m. with Fr. Daniel Tshimbalanga officiating. Burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Stella Maris Building Fund, Inverness or the Canadian Cancer Society of Nova Scotia. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

"Loved so dearly; only our Lord could love you more."

MACDONALD-REID

Dolena Janet (Roach) MacDonald-Redi, September 11th, 1934 – February 8th, 2023: Tenacious and indomitable, Dolena, or Dee as she was known by many, passed away peacefully in Halifax on February 8th, 2023. Dolena was born in Inverness on September 11th, 1934, to the late Hugh Joseph MacDonald and Mary Ellen MacIntyre. She was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Geraldine (Harold Gillis); husbands, Louis William (Bill) Roach (December 1999) and James Reid (September 2021); infant son, Raymond; and grandchildren, Kelly Jeanne and Shauna Marie. She is survived by her children, Ron (Johanna Steeghs), Bill (Leona Hollett), Brian (Patricia Simpson) and Darlene (Donnie MacLellan); grandchildren, Liam (Kate), Lindsay Dawn (Thommy), Kristy Lee (Nicolas), Kathryn (Kieran), Brock, Makayla, Ryland and Caden; five great-grandchildren, Nikkie, Kaylee, Josh, Matt and Malakai. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Mary Catherine Plante (Inverness) and Peggy Gallant (Dundas); brothers-in-law,

Si Roach (Beamsville), Jack Roach (Toronto) and Charles Reid (Nesbit). Dolena loved music and was a guiding force in the resurgence of Celtic culture in Inverness County. She enjoyed and promoted all things Celtic from organizing a Robby Burns celebration to guiding the inexperienced through a square set. She was especially happy when listening to her children and grandchildren playing and singing her favourite tunes. She was an organizer and a stickler for the details and the 'proper way' to do things. She loved Creignish and spent many years volunteering and contributing to the various projects, activities and parish events in the beautiful community she and Bill called home for over 30 years. A businessperson and entrepreneur at heart, she worked in many fields until bookkeeping for a local business became her skilled focus. Mom was resourceful and a good deal for value was never missed at home, at work, or abroad. She believed in education and life, encouraging her family and those around her to take full advantage of both as was evident in her many years working with youth choirs, Girl Guides and as an adult education coordinator. An avid traveller, she explored Europe, South Africa, Mexico, and travelled extensively within North America gathering spoons and t-shirts as souvenirs of her adventures. Cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and new acquaintances enjoyed her vibrancy and hospitality at many locations as she lived in Inverness, Boston, Craigmore, Snow Lake, Oxford, and Halifax. Her time in Snow Lake, with her second husband, Jim, was highlighted with travel, games of Chicken Foot, and gatherings with friends. Mom was passionate about family and family gatherings and could be relied on to recite all things related to the genealogy of her MacDonalds and MacIntyres. The family thanks those who have cared for mom and offered her gestures of kindness over the years; your thoughtfulness did not go unnoticed. We want to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to the staff of Drummond Hall, Parkland - Clayton Park for your compassion and quality care over the past year. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 23rd, from 3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. in the Inverness Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be held in Creignish in Stella Maris Church on Friday, February 24th, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Barret Clare-Johnson officiating, interment at a later date. There will be a reception following the funeral in the Creignish Recreation Centre. In lieu of flowers, we suggest you support a local worthy cause; dance an Inverness set and hug each other. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. Blessed journey, Mom, Gramma Dee, to Mingulay.

NISHI

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Geoffrey Kent Nishi, 76. He died peacefully at his home in Mabou on Monday, February 13th, 2023. Geoff was born October 2nd, 1946 in Chicago, Illinois. From his first visit to Cape Breton with his parents in 1948, Mabou became a second home to Geoff. He never missed a summer, even as a young adult. He made the annual trip with numerous friends stuffed into whatever tiny car available, be it a VW bug or a girlfriend's Austin-Healey. He became a full-time resident of Mabou in 1995. Geoff graduated with a B.Arch and M.Arch in Architecture from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, which he attended on full academic merit scholarship. He was a professor of Architecture and practicing architect. He taught at Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and second-year design studio (Architectural Design I and II, first and second semester) at the School of Architecture at Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. He later opened a business in Lancaster, OH (Geoff Nishi Architect, 157 W Main St, Lancaster, OH 43130). He received a Key to the City from Athens, Ohio, for his architectural work for that city. One highlight of his teaching career was leading an annual summer study program for Art History and Architecture students in Florence, Italy. He was a patient and gifted educator, always eager to share his lifelong passion and curiosity for learning, be it collecting and breeding tropical fish, cutting sugar cane with the Venceremos Brigade in Cuba, studying pipefish and cultivating oysters in Mabou Harbour, or perfecting his uncle Michio's recipe for pernil. Some of his architectural contributions to Cape Breton were the Inverness County Council for the Arts, Inverness; the Whale Interpretive Museum, Pleasant Bay; concept for Island Sunset Resort, Belle Cote; and many private

residences on the Island. One jewel of note is the award-winning studio that he lovingly designed and built for his parents in Mabou Coal Mines. He was proud of its inclusion in this 1991 publication (ref: https://www.google.com/books/edition/New_Compact_House_Designs/71-V2XnhlcoC?hl=en&g_bpv=0). Geoff's entry was one of the 27 finalists. (Book: New Compact House Designs: 27 Award-Winning Plans, 1,250 Square Feet or Less by Don Metz, Ben Watson). The introduction describes the forward-thinking beauty in economy and environmental sustainability that was Geoff's lifelong philosophy: Houses of the future will be smaller, more energy-efficient, and better suited to their environments. And intelligent design solutions can help expand the scope and livability of a compact house, making it elegant as well as practical. In 1990, Storey Communications sponsored the Compact House Design Competition, a juried contest open to architects, designers, and architecture students. From the numerous entries that were received from all over North America, professional architects Don Metz and Peter Woerner selected the best and most innovative designs to include in New Compact House Designs. Although the top three designs received cash awards, all 27 of the designs in this book are winners – and each design illustrates a classic or contemporary approach to living gracefully in a small house. He was a former volunteer director of the Mabou & District Community Development Association, director/secretary for the Inverness South Anglers Association, and director of Wild Salmon Unlimited. For several years, he was on the Board of the Nova Scotia Salmon Association. Geoff was very active in community economic development. One of his passions was managing his oyster lease in Mabou Harbour. Geoff was also a passionate and generous cook. When he first moved to Mabou, he started a weekly potluck in his home, where anyone was welcome for lively conversation, warmth, and good food. Geoff, like his parents before him, continued that spirit to the end: Whatever he had was to be shared, with family, friends, and the community at large. Hands-down the best and fastest sushi-roller and gift-wrapper of his family, just ask his late mom who came to rely on him for help and company all of those late Christmas Eves and long New Year's Days. Geoff spent many days side by side with his dad, Ken, on the Margaree, Mull River, Flat Bay Brook, or the Gaspé, salmon fishing, yes, but mostly as driver, line-unslogger, and salmon-carrier and rebuilding sports cars in the driveway, his obsession prompting his sister to be called a fibber by her teacher when she claimed that her family owned nine cars. He was an avid stamp collector and model-builder. He was the keeper of traditions. He fully embodied the artistic, social, environmental, and humanitarian legacy of his parents and ancestors and enthusiastically passed that on to his nieces and nephew, who miss him deeply. When he could no longer be on the water, fish, draw, and cook, he delighted in hearing from them their latest adventure and accomplishment. As one of Geoff's friends said, "Geoff was a wonderful friend. He was an artist." To quote his architectural idol, Le Corbusier: "You employ stone, wood and concrete, and with these materials you build houses and palaces. That is construction. Ingenuity is at work. But suddenly you touch my heart, you do me good, I am happy and I say: This is beautiful. That is architecture. Art enters in." Ken's and Suki's enduring wish was that all of their children take care of each other. In these last years of Geoff's life, his sister Lisa, and his steadfast and loving friends, fulfilled that wish, stopping by twice a day, with news, comforting food that Geoff had expressed a hankering for, and companionship. He will be dearly missed by his loving family and cherished friends. Geoff is predeceased by his father, Ken Nishi, mother, Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi (Suki), and beloved Uncle Michio. He is survived by his sisters Lisa, Paula, Stefani, and Mia. Cremation has already taken place and a celebration of Geoff's life will occur at a later date.

POIRIER

Charlie Poirier, age 83, Cheticamp passed away on Thursday, February 9th, 2023, at home. He was a son to the late Eddie John and the late Annie (Poirier) Poirier. Charlie was a man of few words. He preferred to express his love through actions. One example was seen in the devotion and care he showed to his wife, Pauline, during their 57 years of marriage. When Charlie wasn't with Pauline and his family, he was happiest when fishing with his great friends. Charlie is survived by his son, Robert Leo (Michelle) Poirier;

brothers, Roger (Priscille) Poirier, Willie Joe (Dorella) Poirier, Albert (Doris) Poirier, and Roland Poirier; sister, Jeannine Poirier. He was predeceased by his wife Pauline Poirier. A graveside service was held on Thursday, February 16th, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Everyone is welcome to attend. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

POIRIER

Pauline Mary Poirier, age 78, Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Friday, February 3rd, 2023, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. She was a daughter to the late Leo and the late Dorothy (Buckles) AuCoin. Pauline was a loving wife of 57 years and a loving mother. She will be remembered for her quietness and kindness. Pauline was always glad to have visit (three or four times a day) from her bonus furry grandchild, Sage, the cat. Pauline is survived by her husband, Charlie Poirier; son, Robert Leo (Michelle) Poirier; daughter, Susan Neuman; sister, Therese (Greg) LeBlanc; grandchildren, James Neuman, Crystal Neuman, Shawn Neuman, Janice Neuman, and Matthew Neuman; nine great-grandchildren; niece, Tina Urquart; and great-niece, Amanda McDonald. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by brothers, Harold AuCoin, and Willie Dan AuCoin. A graveside service was held in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp, on Thursday, February 16th, 2023. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

POIRIER

Shirley Joyce Poirier, age 77, La Résidence Acadienne, Cheticamp, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 17th, 2023, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Shirley was a daughter to the late David Miles and the late Jenny Catherine (Timmons) Hinkley. Shirley loved to shop and was always well dressed, with the perfect pair of shoes to match the outfit. She was known for her baking, especially her fudge. She could tell a story like no other without forgetting any details. She loved playing cards with her friends whom she loved dearly. Shirley and her husband Pierre, back in the '70s, were the first ones to open Lick-a-Chick in Cheticamp, now known as Mr. Chicken. Shirley is survived by her son, Joey (Aline) Desveaux; daughters, Cindy (Fidèle) LaPierre, and Jeannie (Dwayne) Muise; brother Gregory (Marjorie) Hinkley; grandchildren, Brittany (Brad), Marco (Ashley), Michel, Logan, and Molly; great-grandchildren, Braelyn and Brydan. Shirley was predeceased by her first husband Pierre Desveaux, and her second husband, André Poirier; brother, Willard Hinkley; sister, Edwina (infancy); granddaughter, Hope Gayle LaPierre. There was no visitation. A funeral service (for family only) was held on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023, in Cheticamp Funeral Home with Rev. Peter Rioux officiating. Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

ROSS

Donald B. Ross, East Big Intervale Road, Margaree Valley, born on March 5th, 1931, passed away on February 14th, 2023.

HABICHT

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our dear father and grandfather, Hal Habicht on Saturday, February 4th, 2023. Born on December 19th, 1947, Harold Stanley Habicht he was the youngest son of Carl Habicht and Josephine (MacInnis) Habicht and was a proud member of the Stella Maris Parish, Inverness. Known as Hal to his family and friends, he lived his entire life in Inverness. Dad worked at Evan's Coal Mine until an accident at the mine left him with a traumatic brain injury in February 1993. Living his life beside the arena and the race track, it was no surprise that Dad enjoyed going to the

horse races and hockey games. He also loved playing bingo, stock cars/racing, and socializing around town on his scooter. Dad had a huge heart and love of animals. He enjoyed a good laugh, several cups of tea a day, and would never say no to sweets or a Vachon cake. By far the best part of his life were his son, Derek (Robin) and his daughter, Kayla (Walter) who blessed him with the lights of his life, his grandsons, Logan and Liam. Logan and Liam will miss their Poppy. Dad was so thrilled when Derek and Robin moved to Inverness in 2021. He was so blessed to have the last two years with both his children being so close by. Dad was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He was predeceased by his parents, Carl and Josie; his older sisters, Carlene (Cameron), Theresa (Harper), Christina (MacIsaac); and his older brother, Carl (Junior). He was also predeceased by his oldest son, Harold Stanley Jr. who died in infancy. Left to mourn his passing are his son, Derek; daughter-in-law, Robin; daughter, Kayla; son-in-law, Walter (Walker); and his grandsons, Logan and Liam. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews including Brian and Carol who were raised like younger siblings to Dad. Dad is also survived by his former wife, Mary Florence, who continued to be his best friend throughout his life. Hal will also be missed by his buddies, Bernie Hinkley, Allen MacKinnon, and Archie Hinkley, who were the best buds he could ever ask for. We are requesting family flowers only with memorial donations going to the Dr. Bernie MacLean Cultural and Recreation Centre in Inverness. Visitation took place in Inverness Funeral Home on Thursday, February 9th, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held in Stella Maris Church, Inverness on Friday, February 10th, at 11:00 am with Father Daniel officiating. Burial to be announced at a later date. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

KULCHYCKYJ

Margaret Ann “Margie” (née Tompkins) passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Saturday February 4th, 2023, at 93 years of age. Beloved wife of the late Jerry for 49 years. Cherished mother of her son John, and his wife Laura. Loving step-grandma to David Patton (Laurence). Margaret will be sadly missed by her entire family and many dear friends. Margaret was a wonderful elementary teacher and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, and in her garden. This is the end of a wonderful era, with Margaret’s passing, and yet we choose to celebrate the love she gave, as well as the love she received from her family, friends, and students. Margaret was born in her family home, on their large farm, in Margaree Forks, Cape Breton, NS, on July 20th, 1929. Her parents were Michael “Mike, Jack, Nick” Tompkins and Virginia (nee Doyle) Tompkins. Margaret had five older brothers, who adored her: Bernard (Johanna and Gladys), Patrick (Theresa, Stella and Rosie), Laffin (Patricia), Chrys (Pauline), and Richard. Her brothers had a total of 29 children, and stepchildren, whom Margaret lovingly cherished and spent quality time with each one, to create a very special bond, that later carried through to their own children. Margaret was also a loving and supportive godmother to 14 others. Margaret attended Margaree Forks H.S. and then Margaret took a gap year, helping with the farm and their rental cabins, in which she enjoyed the opportunity to spend this extra time with her parents. Then she went to Provincial Normal College in Truro, NS, and two summers at Dalhousie University, Teacher Summer School, to complete her certificate. Margaret was an elementary teacher for over 32 years and in that time, she taught in three provinces, NS, AB, and mainly ON. Her first position was in Ferguson’s Cove, NS, for two years, where she was the only teacher, in a one-room schoolhouse, teaching five grades, all at once. However, her first task, with the help of the students’ parents, was to paint the walls and varnish the floor, as a student had let the fire extinguisher go off, before her arrival. When Margaret arrived in Hamilton in 1957, to teach, she wanted to keep her independence and was determined to make a go of it on her own, by declining her brother Chrys’s offer to live with his family. However, this was short lived, as the first night at her new rooming house, was a shock, as she went to take a bath and when she looked in the bathtub it was full of pickles. She asked the owners what was going on and they said, “We’re making nine-day pickles!” Margaret packed up and moved in with Chrys’s family for a year. Later in Hamilton, after she married Jerry, she taught at Holy Spirit

Ukrainian School, where she taught her son John, in her Kindergarten class. Margaret married Jaroslaw "Jerry" Sloka Kulchycky (born June 3rd, 1925, in Konuishki, Ukraine and he passed September 10th, 2009, in Hamilton). They were married July 2nd, 1960, at Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hamilton, and honeymooned at her parents' home, on their farm, in Margaree Forks. Later, Margaret and Jerry had a son, John, whom they adored. Margaret was a long-time member of the RWTO - Retired Women Teachers of Ontario, and RTO - The Retired Teachers of Ontario, and CWL - Catholic Women's League, where she was instrumental in assisting with many charity drives, as well as a long-time member of the "Quilting Queens" at Corpus Christi Church. Some of the highlights in her life: In 1956 Margaret travelled through Europe and her highlights were meeting Pope Pius the 12th, and later visiting Lourdes, France. When Margaret was first starting out as a teacher, she also sold World Books Encyclopedia's, and within 6 months, her sales were the 9th highest in the province. Margaret met Jerry, when she visited a friend from back home, Joe MacDonald who was renting a flat from Jerry. After their introduction, Jerry called Margaret and asked her to go to a local dance with him, that would have more people from down home, and she couldn't resist. Margaret and Jerry's home was dubbed the "Do Drop In", as they had an open house mentality, where everyone and anyone was welcome at any time, for a coffee, tea, or a hair of the dog, and of course something freshly baked and sweet, was always on hand, as Margaret had quite a sweet tooth. Margaret and Jerry hosted many great parties and took in some of their relatives and friends, in need. During the last five years, Margaret enjoyed her evenings with John and Laura, after dinner, they always played Yahtzee, and then did their evening prayers together. There was a lot of laughter and love spread around these evenings. In past Margaret primarily attended three Catholic churches (Corpus Christi Church, Ukrainian Church of the Resurrection and St. Patrick's Parish of Hamilton) and supported all of them by being on their committees, such as treasurer, and other charitable contributions. Margaret enjoyed making authentic Ukrainian perogies and cabbage rolls with the other CWL members, for their fund raisers. But Margaret was most proud of her continuous, hard work and dedication to the "Ukrainian Orphans in Need," where she raised funds and medical supplies, etc., to be sent to the Ukraine. A special thank you to the staff on the Bishop Dowling 4th floor, at St. Joseph's Hospital. A huge thank you to the "Angel's" PSW's Anna Maria and Monique, and to her nurse, Raman, from Bayshore, along with her wonderful doctor, Dr. Stephanie Nantes, for their care and compassion during Margaret's time in Palliative care, in her home, as John and Laura could not have done it without your wonderful assistance and support. We would also like to thank everyone that came by to visit Margaret, the lovely flowers that filled her room, and all her callers, especially her nephew Paul Tompkins, and her nieces, Thelma Tompkins, and Joanne Matheson. Visitation was at the P.X. Dermody Funeral Home, 7 East Ave. S. on Sunday, February 12th. A funeral mass was offered at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 440 King St. E. at Victoria Avenue on Monday, February 13th, at 10:00 a.m. Following the mass, there was a reception with refreshments at the funeral home on East Avenue Interment at Resurrection Cemetery Ancaster at 2:00 p.m. If you so desire, donations to the Ukrainian War efforts, through the Canadian Red Cross or any other Ukrainian Charity, would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences can be made at www.dermody.com.

LeBLANC

Joseph "Arthur" LeBlanc, age 84, St. Joseph du Moine passed away peacefully on Monday, January 30th, 2023, at the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. He was a son to the late Siméon (Simon) and the late Adèle (AuCoin) LeBlanc. Arthur leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Elaine (Richard) LeBlanc; daughters, Lisa LeBlanc, Eileen LeBlanc (Eric Becker), and Annette LeBlanc (Larry Forsyth); grandchildren, Zachary Timmons, Jennifer Hill, Alaura Timmons, and Angel Becker; great grandchildren, DJ Gough, Chase Hagen, and Hazel Hagen; siblings, Dora Delaney, Helene Delaney, Joseph Alfred LeBlanc, and Jeanne Roode (Bill). He was predeceased by his sister, Agnes LeBlanc. At the age of 13, Arthur was fishing with his father. He later moved to Waltham, Massachusetts, for work. This is where he

met his wife, Elaine, and began their family. He served as a member of the National Guard; worked 22 years at auto body repairs, with his own shop, then moved back home to St. Joseph du Moine to resume his business. He later worked at the fish plant, planting trees, and worked on the expansion of the golf course, establishing the last nine holes. He then finished off his working years at the sea and golf chalets as maintenance person and caretaker. He was a member of the Legion and the Knights of Columbus, and served many nights working at the door for dances and receptions. He enjoyed hunting, drinking coffee and having the odd drink of Crown with his buddies. We'll always remember him for his quick witty remarks and comments. I can imagine his final words being "Prenez garde au feu!" A funeral mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine in July. Date to be announced later. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

Julia Loretta MacDonald, March 10th, 1945, to February 7th, 2023: It is with great sadness that we announce that Julia MacDonald passed away on February 7th, 2023, in Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney at the age of 77. Julia was born on March 10th, 1945. She was raised in North East Margaree and then made her way to Toronto where she met her soon to be husband Tony at a down east dance there. They got married and had three young children in the city, but they longed for life in Cape Breton and soon made their way back and settled in Inverness. Julia began working at the Royal Bank part time at first and eventually full time until she retired. She enjoyed her role at the bank, and it allowed her to get to know and talk to many people in the community. She was an active member in Stella Maris Parish, Inverness, and volunteered to help organize the counting and depositing of church collections. Julia was passionate about the outdoors, spending time on her patio, the beach and tending to her vegetable garden. Family was very special to her. She loved spending quality time with her husband, children, and grandchildren. Her siblings were an important part of her life and she enjoyed the many gatherings with them as well as with all her nieces and nephews. Julia was predeceased by her parents, James and Clara Hannigan of North East Margaree; her sister, Lorine Mac Eachern of Cape George, Antigonish, and her brother Robert Hannigan of Inverness. She is survived by her husband, Tony MacDonald; children, Laura (Bruce), Michael (Karen), Lisa (Sandy) and Chelsea (Cody); grandchildren, Matt, Brooklyn, Grace, Mark, Bria and Jenna, and great-grandchildren, Zадrian, Zander, and Oakley. She is also survived by her siblings, Bernice, Carolann, Mary, Wayne, Phyllis, and Marcella. Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 15th, from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Stella Maris Parish, Inverness. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MackINNON

Earl Jackson MacKinnon, 48, passed away at Inverness on February 5th, 2023. Born in Inverness on March 15th, 1974, he was a son of the late Mary Rose (Walker) and Raymond "Skinny" MacKinnon. He is survived by his brothers, Danny (Kay), Raymond Jr. (Leah), and Walker, all of Inverness; nieces and nephews, Tyron (Janice), Frankie (Charlene), Danny (Bhreagh), Ricky (Christine), Rebecca, Travis, and Emily Rose; grand-nephews and -nieces, Kiersten, Alyssa, Brady, Tessa, Rossi, Lila Rae, Calli, Owen, Ethan, Elsie, and Everly; uncles and aunts, Mickey (Betty), Lorraine, and Sandra. Jackson graduated from Inverness Jr. Sr. High in 1993. Over the years, Jackson worked at various jobs. He was a member of the Laborer's Union Sydney, Local 1115 and later, Local 92 in Alberta. He worked for various companies in Alberta and as a pipeliner for Waschuk Pipeline Construction in Northern Alberta. In recent years, Jackson returned to fishing and was the most dependable helper where he loved being on the ocean working alongside his brothers Junior and Walker. Jackson spent endless hours in nature, where he hunted, fished,

and enjoyed exploring the beauty of Inverness County on his 4-wheeler. He was a gardener, good cook, and loved sharing in a good meal. He loved his home and the sunsets from his deck. Owen, Jackson's grand-nephew held a special place in his heart and Jackson shared many of these experiences with him. The past few years, living with Wegener's was tough, but Jackson seldom complained and continued to work hard. He was patient, kind, and a loving son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend. It's hard to see you go, but we find comfort in knowing you are at peace. We welcomed people to gather for visitation on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023, in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Funeral mass followed at 11:00 a.m. The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the Vasculitis Foundation of Canada, which supports research for Wegener's Disease in Canada or to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

BEATON

Margaret "Lorraine" Beaton, 73, passed away at home in Inglisville, Annapolis Valley, NS, on Friday, February 3rd, 2023. The daughter of Sally and Angus D. (Central) Beaton, Lorraine spent her childhood in beautiful Mabou, the home of her heart. Lorraine is survived by her five daughters: Chandra Toole (Steve Bennett), Paradise; Tonya (Jeff) Brennan, Halifax; Sarah (Andrew) MacDonald, Beechville; Kyla (Karl) Woolfsmith, Airdrie, AB; Amy (John) Reinsborough, Airdrie, AB. She was a loving Nana to her 16 grandchildren: Hillary, Hunter, Aylah, Sam, Clara, Finley, Indah, Kieran, Emery, Ewan, Houston, Easton, Gray, Cullen, Sally, and Griffin. Lorraine is also survived by her sisters: Margo Ross, London, ON; Sandra (Frank) Gergich, Tillonsonburg, ON; Helen Anne (Wayne) Bassani, Halifax; Miriam (George) Gillis, Antigonish; brothers: Allan (Pat) Beaton, Vancouver, BC; Norman Beaton, Mabou; the father of her children, Gordon (Mary) Toole, Wilmot; aunts: Fran (Peter) Fleming, Kingston, ON; Jean Ritter, Duncan, BC; sister-in-law, Jayne Beaton, Inverness; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; her sisters: Pat Beaton; Mary (in infancy); her brother, Kevin Beaton; her extended family: Xavier Rankin, Marcy Rankin, Anita MacDougall, and Sandra Rankin; her sisters-in-law Eileen Beaton and Sylvia Mitchell; her brothers-in-law, Jim Ross, Steve Mitchell, and Jim Ritter. Lorraine graduated from the Halifax Infirmary where she trained as a certified nursing assistant. She worked in various locations throughout Nova Scotia in her nursing career such as the Victoria General, Liverpool, and Inverness hospitals, and then settled at the Soldier's Memorial Hospital in Middleton. She earned a great deal of respect from her co-workers and was well known for her hard work ethic and compassionate bed-side manner. To capture Lorraine's essence into words is truly a difficult task as she deeply touched the lives of so many people. Above everything else in the world, she valued her family the most. Her immense connection to her children, grandchildren, siblings, extended family, and friends was undeniable. It was a ripple effect. She never left out an "I love you" and her praises to others were never left unspoken. In true essence of Mom, every son-in-law thought he was the favourite. Lorraine had an abundance of pride for her five daughters and her grandchildren, and she had an authentic desire to know all the details of their lives. Her creativity was displayed in hand-crafted quilts and crafts with her grandchildren. It extended into her letters and cards to everyone. Brightly-coloured etchings and warm well-wishes faithfully found people near and far. To receive mail from Lorraine brought cheer to your day before even opening the envelope. She was no stranger to adventuring and living life to the fullest: camping, ski trips, NHL games, making friends on the spot, Boston marathoning, and, of course, travelling to see loved ones, such as her trips to the West. Her arrivals were magical and her departures were lonesome. Mom loved the simple things in life so much. Her cat Starlight was a true companion and her connection to all the family animals brought her so much happiness. She loved an easy phone call and staying in touch with everyone, ensuring we kept her up to speed on all the news. Her unique flair for fashion could light up the room. She loved early morning sunrises and found joy in beautiful sunsets. She cherished being outdoors in the fresh air, her clothes line, long walks, gardening, and collecting fresh flowers. She loved the water more than anything. The waves of

West Mabou beach were a place of peace and tranquility. She never would pass on the opportunity to jump in for a dip. Her pies, cookies, and the aroma of her home-made donuts and fresh-baked bread will be spoken of for many years to come. The volume alone was remarkable! Lorraine had an innate sense of knowing how things were going. A gentle reminder to "have a little rest" always came at the right time. The beautiful way she soothed babies was a welcome relief to tired moms. You could always count on words of optimism and hope to turn a tough day around. Her time as a nurse was reflected in her natural ability to care for others. A surprise gift or special token was a delight to receive, and her sweet laugh will echo in all our minds and hearts. We know Lorraine has been greeted with heavenly, open arms from loved ones who have passed before her. She will continue to spread love and joy through her children, grandchildren, and extended family. Our beautiful mom is at peace. "I love you, I love you, I love you." In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia. A heartfelt thanks is extended to the first responders. A Celebration of Life will take place in her beloved village of Mabou mid-summer.

BOURGEOIS

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Marguerite Rose Delvina (LeBlanc) Bourgeois at the age of 99. Mom left us on the 1st of February at Foyer Père Fiset in Chéticamp. Wife of Alexandre Bourgeois and daughter of Philippe LeBlanc and Anastasie Poirier. She is survived by Ronald Bourgeois (Jane Bate-Bourgeois). She is the last of the Philip à Joe de Magrée (John, Léo, Edmond, Elizabeth, Wilfred, Antoinette, Antoinette, Lorette, Alex, Joseph, Charlie, Rita). As a young girl, Mom was passionate about salmon fishing, cooking, sewing, and music. She accompanied on guitar, her brother Charlie, who played the fiddle at various dances in the Margaree area. She taught me my first guitar chords and was an unending source of inspiration. She followed her passion for cooking to New Jersey and New York where for several years she was cook for a well-known New Jersey family. With her husband Alex, they founded the Harbour Restaurant in Chéticamp and owned it for several years. She was also one of the founders and chefs of the restaurant "La Coopérative artisanale de Chéticamp." An avid seamstress, she was a salesclerk (fabrics, patterns) at "Willie à Charles" and later shared her passion for sewing with others, by offering adult evening courses at NDA school. Volunteering was always an important aspect of her life. Mom was a member of a dynamic group of ladies, who for years, provided wedding feasts at the parish hall "Le Center Acadian." Mom believed in giving back to her community and was proud of her participation in various groups such as the Ladies Auxilary, "Les dames de Sainte-Anne" and "Le p'tit Woolco." She loved playing cards (deux cents and bridge), cooking, and entertaining. She could prepare a feast in record time, make every visit an event, and guess the cards "in your hand" after one pass. As the youngest of the family, mom cared deeply for her brothers and sisters, nieces, and nephews. Her heart was as big as her smile and her love as deep as her brilliant blue eyes. Jane and I would like to thank her many friends, family members, the entire team at Foyer Père Fiset for the love, care, and support you have given to her over the years. In the spirit of volunteerism and the great faith that mom held dear, we ask that in lieu of flowers to please make a donation to "Paroisse St. Pierre" for the maintenance of our community's church, "Église St Pierre." Cremation has already taken place. Funeral mass will be held in May. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

GILLIS

We regret to announce the death of Donald Gillis in Belfast, Ireland, on January 27th, 2023. He was a son of the late James D. Gillis and Marion (MacDonnell) Gillis, SW Margaree, CB. He was survived by his wife, Ethna O'kane, Belfast; siblings, Margaret, Halifax; David (Joyce), Scotsville, CB; Bernie (Mary), Fort McMurray, Alberta; Mary McNamara, Glace Bay, CB; and his sister-in-law, Nina Gillis, Sydney, CB; as well one niece and several nephews and several grand-nieces and -nephews. Donald was predeceased by his

brother John, Sydney, NS, and his nephews, Iain Gillis, Sydney, CB and Ryan Gillis, Fort McMurray, Alberta. His funeral was held in Belfast, Ireland, on February 4th, 2023.

MacINNIS

Catherine Theresa "Kay" (MacPhail) MacInnis, age 63, of Port Hood, Nova Scotia, passed away on Monday, January 30th, 2023, at the Halifax Infirmary. Kay was born in Inverness, Nova Scotia, to Leo and Mary (Campbell) MacPhail on October 11th, 1959. Kay spent the majority of her upbringing in Winnipeg, but eventually moved to Port Hood where she met the love of her life, Cyril MacInnis and went on to raise five children together in Glencoe Station. During these years Kay worked as a personal care worker at the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home, where she was very well respected by both co-workers and residents. Once retired, Kay spent her time caring for others in the community through various acts of kindness and compassion. She doted over seven grandchildren and was fiercely proud of each one, taking time to travel and visit them regularly. Kay's favourite pastimes were spent walking the trails and beaches of Port Hood, collecting beach glass along the way. Kay was known for always having time to stop and chat with each and every person she encountered. Kay was predeceased by her husband, Cyril MacInnis, and her father, Leo MacPhail. She is survived by her mother, Mary MacPhail; her sister Margaret Rosenbach (MacPhail) Rick; brothers, John, Leo, and Philip MacPhail. Also survived by her children, Jennifer Park, Roddie Park, Bradley Park, Melina MacInnis (Patrick MacDonald), Chad MacInnis (Sylvia Grigat); grandchildren, Heather, Dillan, Cullen, Brecken, Austin, Malcolm, and Kaiden; as well as many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held at the Port Hood Resting Place on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023. The funeral was held in St. Peter's Parish in Port Hood on Friday, February 3rd, 2023. Burial will be in the parish cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation: www.heartandstroke.ca. The family would like to extend their gratitude to doctors and nurses at the Inverness Hospital and Halifax Infirmary. As well to the Legacy of Life Organization, where Kay was able to make an organ and tissue donation following her passing. Online condolences can be made by visiting www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MARKS

Robert (Bob) Claude Marks: On January 6th, 2023 at the age of 91, he passed away peacefully during his sleep. Robert was born in Sydney, N.S. to the late Blanche (Powell) and Walter Donald Marks. He leaves in mourning son Gary (Yvette) and daughter Gail (Brent), grandson Scott and James (Katelyn); brothers Donald, Walter (Yolanda); a sister Mary Lou; and a sister-in-law Joan. He also leaves in mourning several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Joyce; brothers William and Douglas; sisters-in-law Stella and Renee; as well as brother-in-law Jack. In his younger years Robert was an avid golfer and played senior hockey while living in Newfoundland. As the grandkids grew up, he would bring his grandsons and try to teach them the sport of golf. He also took interest in teaching his grandsons his love of music. He was very proud of his family; trying to be present for every birthday, even driving to Prince Edward Island for his daughter Gail's birthday every year. He was also present for most of the grandkids' sporting events or music concerts/competitions that his grandsons participated in. Robert was a very active member of his community and very much into family genealogy. He volunteered as a musician playing his Hawaiian steel guitar in a fun band at Northwood Manor. He also volunteered as a radio announcer for the Northwood Community Broadcasting Radio Station, accompanied by his wife Joyce. Celebration of life and internment will be held at Lake Ainslie in Cape Breton this upcoming summer. Date and time to be determined. Donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to a charity of your choice.

RANKIN

Bernetta Mary Rose (O'Brien) Rankin of Mabou and as of late, Antigonish, passed away peacefully in her home in Antigonish on February 2nd, 2023, surrounded by family. Born in Cross River, Prince Edward

Island, on February 16th, 1932, she was the daughter of Herbert and Mary O'Brien. She was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Mary's, Mabou, and St. Ninians's, Antigonish. She was a lifetime member of the CWL and spent her life caring for others in all aspects of life. Her large family was a testament to her devotion to a strong faith in God and the value of life. She was predeceased by her husband John Archie, by two sons Emmett and Mark, by daughter-in-law Valerie, and her great-granddaughter, Halle Jane. She was also predeceased by her parents Herb and Mary (Gavin) O'Brien; brothers Camillus (Theresa), Zeno (Marie), and Gerard (Lois); sisters Sister Rita O'Brien CSJ St. Paul, Minnesota, and Sister Theresa O'Brien CSJ St. Paul, Minnesota. She is survived by her daughters Katrena (Archie MacLean), Port Hood, Clare (Larry MacEachern), Mabou, Monica (Greg MacDougall), Antigonish, Mary (Trevor MacDonald), Port Hood, Rita (Lowell MacDonald), Port Hawkesbury, Joanne (Jamie MacIntyre), Mabou; sons Jude (Linda), Mabou, John Philip (Anne), Mabou, Peter (Brenda), Mabou, John Benedict (Lila), Mabou, Leonard (Helena), Port Hood, Stephen (Sherri), Mabou, Norman (Melinda), Australia, 56 grandchildren, and 37 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her last remaining sibling, Sister Mary O'Brien CSJ St. Paul Minnesota as well as many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at St. Mary's Church, Mabou, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Thursday, February 9th and Friday, February 10th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Funeral to be held on Saturday, February 11th at 11:00 a.m., Fr. Dan MacDonald officiating. Funeral arrangements by Inverness Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the St. Mary's Parish Building Fund and/or Respect for Life, Antigonish. A special thank you to all who were so generous with their prayers, love, and concern for Bernetta in her last months and days. Thank you to her doctors and to Palliative Care, St. Martha's, for providing the necessary comforts required for at-home care.

A Gaelic Prayer

A Chridhe gun Smal Moire,
guidh air ar son-ne
a-nis agus aig uair ar bàis.
Amen.

DOUCET

Robert Doucet, age 73, Chéticamp, passed away peacefully on January 28th, 2023, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre in Chéticamp. He was the son of the late Alex W. Doucet and the late Annie Larade. After finishing his 11th year at École NDA, Robert attended Mabou Consolidated to obtain a business certificate. He then worked and later took over his father's convenience store, where he spent many hours serving customers who most often became good friends. His love of photography developed in a part time photography business for the Chéticamp area. He was often seen with his camera at many community events, sports events, and especially weddings. His social nature was felt during the week of "la Mi-Carême" where he would entertain with his many costumes. Many people who knew him will remember him for his quick wit, many jokes, and kind heart. He always had a passion for genealogy and will be missed by many who would call him to learn more about their family history. He is survived by his children, Marie-Josée, Sylvette (Pierre), Stéphane (Brenda), Colette, and Jérémie (Frédérique). His pride and joy were his grandchildren who gave him the strength to live his life to the fullest: Alexanne, Gabriel, Sophie and Thomas. He is also survived by his sisters Marguerite Aucoin and Annette (Brian) McManus as well as his cousin Huguette Deveau. He was also very close to his wife's siblings Gerard (Marie), Sylvie, Joseph, Muriel, and Fernand (Paulette) as well as many nieces and nephews. A special thank you to Gélis and Gilberte. He was predeceased by his wife Marie Claire Larade, his brother Marcel, and his sister-in-law Majella. There will be no visitation. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 2nd, at 10:30 a.m. at Église Saint Pierre in Chéticamp with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Family members will be greeting friends and community members starting at 9:45 a.m. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery.

Donations may be made to the recreational department at the Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

ROSS

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved Dad, brother, and uncle, Austin Erland Ross, of Margaree Valley, at the age of 64. He passed away peacefully on January 20th, 2023, in Sydney at Cape Breton Regional Hospital with family by his side. Austin was born in Inverness on April 1st, 1958, and was a son of the late Rosie Tompkins and Wilfred Ross. Austin is survived by his daughter Nadia (Turner) (Margaree Valley); his brother Gordon (Port Hawkesbury); and special nieces Romanda (Justin), Tara (John), Crystal (Junior) Courtney, Mysty, and Darlene. He is also survived by many great-nieces and -nephews, extended family, and friends. Besides his parents, he was also predeceased by his eldest brother Cecil. At a young age, Austin began his career of working in the woods where he continued to work cutting pulp, spacing, and planting trees until later in his life. He briefly worked at a garage, before going back to working with wood at Larch Wood making cutting boards until he was unable to work anymore and diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. Austin was a sports fanatic. He will always be remembered for his love of sports, especially hockey and baseball. Since a young age he was a die-hard Montreal Canadians fan and he remained so until the very end. He enjoyed playing on various hockey and baseball teams throughout his life. He also took on the role of coach for multiple teams in his younger years. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Egar and Dr. Szabo for their care towards Dad since his diagnosis. The family would also like to thank the CCAs of home care for their care and friendship showed towards Austin over the last few months. We would also like to thank the wonderful staff at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital – ICU unit for their care of Dad during his time there. Cremation has taken place. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at 1:00 p.m. at Wilson United Church with Rev. Alicia Cox officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Austin may be made to The Lung Association of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island or to a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Cooperative. Online condolences may be made at www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

BRAKE

Pauline M. (MacMillan) Brake, April 3rd, 1940 – January 17th, 2023, Waltham: On January 17th, 2023, Pauline M. (MacMillan) Brake passed away peacefully in her sleep. She was 82 years old. Pauline was born on April 3rd, 1940, on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada. She grew up in Port Hood and was the daughter of the late John Dan and Florence (MacIsaac) MacMillan. She came to the United States in 1957, settling in Waltham, where she met her husband, Philip A. Brake. They married on May 12th, 1962, at Saint Charles Church in Waltham. One of Pauline's favourite pastimes was step dancing at the Canadian American Club in Watertown. Her love of dancing was passed down from her great-grandfather, Allan MacMillan, who was a celebrated highland dancer immigrating from Lochaber, Scotland, and opened several dance studios in the Port Hood area. Generations of MacMillan's on Dunmore Road in Port Hood are known throughout the region as "The Dancers." Pauline's other passion was living the MacMillan clan motto, "I learn to aid the unfortunate," where she was a volunteer for many years at the Meals on Wheels facility in Waltham preparing meals for homebound seniors, and a caregiver to anyone that needed comforting. In addition to her husband of 60 years, Philip, she leaves her four sons: Gary P. Brake of Dunstable (Lisa), Allan T. Brake (Cindy) of Marietta, Georgia, Paul C. Brake (Rhonda) of Waltham, and Phillip D. Brake (Sandra) of Westford. Pauline also cherished the time spent with her 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson. From Massachusetts, they are Michelle Brake, Daniel Brake, Kyle Brake, Trevor Brake, Danielle Brake, Jeffrey Brake, and Jason Brake. From Georgia, Abby Brake and Andrew Brake; and

from North Carolina, Troy Brake (Kaitlin) and their son Jackson Brake. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. In addition, Pauline leaves behind her living siblings, Loretta (MacMillan) Bauer of Michigan, Mary (MacMillan) Kennedy of Ontario, Angus MacMillan (Louise) of Nova Scotia, Donald MacMillan (Jeanie) of Nova Scotia, and Josephine (MacMillan) Ouellette of Ontario. She now joins her other siblings, Louise MacMillan (1958), Alexander MacMillan (1994), Archie MacMillan (1996), Barbara (MacMillan) MacDonald (2016), and John Francis MacMillan (2018). Family and friends honoured and remembered Pauline's life by gathering for calling hours in The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), Waltham on Monday, January 23rd, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and again at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning before leaving in procession to Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church, 880 Trapelo Road, Waltham where her Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Burial followed in Mount Feake Cemetery, Waltham. Those wishing to view the recording of Pauline's Mass please visit <https://my.gather.app/remember/pauline-brake>. Memorials in her name may be made to either the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown, MA 02472 or to Springwell Elder Care Services at <https://springwell.com/join-why-give/>. To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Pauline M. (MacMillan) Brake, please visit their flower store.

DEVEAU

Delia Hélène Deveau, age 96, of Grand Étang, passed away Friday, January 13th, 2023, at Centre de Santé Communautaire Sacré-Cœur, Cheticamp. She was the daughter of the late Daniel (Dan à Paddé) Delaney and the late Marie (Poirier) Delaney. Delia is survived by her son, Gilles (Neala Gill), Halifax. She was predeceased by her husband, Fidèle Deveau; sister, Marie-Louise Cormier; and brothers, Alec Delaney and Joseph Delaney. Delia led a simple but full life. She enjoyed playing piano, tending to her vegetable garden, and hooking wool and rag rugs in the Cheticamp style. She proudly lived independently – including planting her own garden – until this past summer. Many thanks to Drs. Amelie Maillet and Kassandra Sonier, staff at Centre de Santé Communautaire Sacré-Cœur and home care for caring for Delia these past six months. Funeral with visitation will be held at St. Joseph du Moine Church at a later date when the weather is more suitable for her friends and family to attend. Donations may be made in Delia's name to "Paroisse Saint-Joseph" (St.-Joseph-du-Moine, NS) as follows: by e-transfer to paroissestjdm@gmail.com or by cheque to Paroisse St. Joseph-du-Moine, PO Box 29, St.-Joseph-du-Moine, NS B0E 3A0. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LeBLANC

Gisele LeBlanc, age 79, Cheticamp/St. Joseph du Moine: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mom, Gisèle LeBlanc in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home on Friday, January 20th, 2023. Born in Eel River Crossing, New Brunswick, she was the youngest daughter of the late William and the late Octavie (Ploudre) Savoie. She was a devoted schoolteacher with many beautiful stories of her past students. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and living life to the fullest. Gisèle is survived by her sons, Mario (Tracey), and Jerry (Diane); daughters, Jeannine (Alfred), and Brenda (Jean Claude); sister, Eugenie (late Edgar); brothers-in-law, Leandre (Josephine), Eugene (Laurette), and Linus (Gisèle); sisters-in-law Dorothy (late Alphonse), and Sylvia (Donnie); grandchildren, Rémi (Julia), Renée Danielle, Josée (Javier), Stéphane (Dan), Nicholas, Katelynn, and Maxime; great-grandchild, George; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Gisèle was predeceased by her husband of 39 years, Elias LeBlanc; in-laws, Edmond and Zabine LeBlanc; brothers, Denis (Fedora) and Aurel; sisters, Nora (Théodule), Alice (Lewis), Regina (Clifford), Rolande, and Emma (Richard); brother-in-law, Roland; sisters-in-law, Corinne and Alberte. Visitation was held at the Cheticamp Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 24th, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 25th, 2023, at

11:00 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial at a later date in St. Joseph's Cemetery, St. Joseph du Moine. Donations may be made in Gisèle's memory to the Alzheimer's Society. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacINNIS

It is with sadness we announce the death of Wayne MacInnis, Inverness. Wayne passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 15th, 2023, in Inverness Consolidated Hospital with his loving family at his side. He was born in Glace Bay, NS, on February 18th, 1946, to parents Neil and Effie Catherine (Wilson) MacInnis. Wayne is survived by his wife of 52 years, Hilda (Curley); his daughter, Shauna; siblings, Cathy, Sydney; Earl, Glace Bay; Darrell (Elizabeth), Glace Bay; sister-in-law, Mary, British Columbia; special niece, Erin, and special nephew, Neil. Besides his parents he was predeceased by his brother, Donnie. Funeral will be in Inverness at a later date with Pastor Mark Palmer officiating. Memorial donations in memory of the late Wayne MacInnis may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Sunset Funeral Co-operative, Margaree Valley online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacLELLAN

Collins Douglas MacLellan, 75, New Waterford: We regret to announce the sad passing of Collins MacLellan, a kind and caring son, brother, and uncle. Collins passed peacefully with family by his side at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital on January 16th, 2023. The son of Margaret and Rannie MacLellan of Warren Avenue, New Waterford and brother of Joseph (Fran), Donnie (Eleanor), Colonel (Jackie), Archie, Hugh Allan, and Ronalda Lovegrove (Martin). He leaves behind many nieces and nephews whom he challenged at countless games of basketball, Tarabish, and Crazy Eights over the years, a rite of passage he would also share with a growing number of grand nieces and nephews. Born in Margaree in 1947, Collins was a lifelong resident of Warren Avenue and constant support for his mother Margaret, beloved by her and his siblings. Collins had many friends throughout New Waterford and was a volunteer with the Knights of Columbus (KOC) and coached several minor youth basketball teams. He was inducted into the New Waterford Sport Hall of Fame with his brothers for playing on provincial basketball championship teams including Mount Carmel School and the Strands. He was a keen follower of competitive sports and an avid Toronto Maple Leafs and Red Sox fan. Collins worked with the Iron Workers Union travelling throughout Ontario, Baffin Island, and Nova Scotia, he retired from the NSLC in New Waterford. He was predeceased by his father Ronald (Rannie) MacLellan and siblings Alexander (Sandy), Angus (in infancy) and Aurelia MacLellan. Special thanks to the New Waterford Home Care workers, the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) and the staff at Alderwood Rest Home and the ICU at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. Collins will be kindly remembered and missed by family and many close friends. Cremation has taken place and a funeral service will be held at a later date to celebrate his life.

SMITH

John Joseph "Joe" Smith, 63, of Deepdale, Inverness, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023, in the Inverary Manor. Born in Deepdale, Inverness County, March 1st, 1959, Joe was the youngest son of the late John Angus Smith, Inverness and Catherine Ann (MacEachern) Smith, Judique. Joe was a very kind and caring person. He was always there for his mother, and she could always count on him. In his earlier years Joe liked to get in his car and drive. He also enjoyed popping in for a visit with his family and friends. Joe had a dry sense of humour and was loved by all. He had a great memory for special events and dates. If you couldn't remember a birthday, all you had to do was ask Joe – he would know. Joe was a strong Maple Leaf fan, and the staff at the Inverary Manor made sure he got to watch all the games and they always made it exciting for him. He was also an avid bingo player at the Manor. He loved to win a

loonie and had a special compartment for his winnings. Joe is survived by his siblings, Donnie, Kingston, ON; Colonel (Gloria), Inverness; Rachael (Bob), Liverpool; Bernie (Inverness). Joe always had a special place in his heart for his nephews, nieces, and his great-nephews and great-nieces. Besides his parents, Joe was predeceased by his sister Pauline (Krahl) and his brother Gordon Smith. The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Lok and to the staff of the Inverary Manor for all the special care and compassion they gave to Joe during his stay at the Manor. A graveside service took place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21st, in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove, with Father Daniel officiating. There was refreshments after the service at his sister-in-law, Cindy Smith's, Inverside. Memorial donations may be made to Inverary Manor, Inverness, or to a charity of your choice. No flowers by request. Online condolences may be made to www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

AUCOIN

Jean-Roland Aucoin, Chéticamp: It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Jean-Roland AuCoin, age 93, on Friday, January 6th, at le Centre de santé communautaire Sacré-Coeur in Chéticamp, NS. Born in Grand Etang in 1929, son of the late Jacques (Jim à Padée) and Luce (née LeLièvre) AuCoin, he was the last surviving member of his immediate family. In addition to his parents, Jean-Roland was predeceased by brothers, Denis (Marie-Cécile), Marcellin (Rita), Patrick (Marie-Jeannette), Joseph-Lévi (Marie-Cecile), Louis-Philip (Eveline); and sisters, Résine (Albert) Toy, Marie-Josephine (Willie-Arthur) Bourgeois, and Marie-Alice. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Thérèse (née Deveau). Jean-Roland's caring presence made a difference in the lives of his numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews with whom he held a wonderful fatherly relationship. He will be fondly remembered as a caring, engaging, and generous uncle. He had a very successful professional career in the education field, alternately occupying positions in school as teacher, principal, and superintendent. His career path culminated in his appointment as assistant director Curriculum Development, Nova Scotia Department of Education. There are no words to express the deep loss his immediate and extended family feels. Jean-Roland was, in the end, rich in love beyond measure. Jean-Roland left a lasting impression on everyone he met and will be dearly missed. Jean-Roland spent his last days in comfort and received exemplary care by the wonderful staff of le Centre de santé communautaire Sacré Coeur. His immediate family is extremely grateful to the staff and the director of the funeral home for their support during these difficult days. His funeral will be held at a later date when the weather will be more clement permitting his large and extended family to be present. Memorial donations may be made in Jean-Roland's name to the Sacred Heart Hospital Foundation. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Full obituary and condolences may be left by visiting: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

FRASER

It is with profound sadness that we, the family, announce the sudden passing on January 6th of George "Barrie" Fraser of East Lake Ainslie at the age of 73. Barrie is survived by his brothers, Alexander (Darlene), East Lake Ainslie and Reg (Sharon), Dartmouth, and Nancy Fraser, mother of Robb and Kevin; nephews and nieces, Robb, Kevin, and Lynn Fraser; Becky, Lennie, Debbie and Christian Bodyk and many grand nieces and nephews and good friend, Robby MacKinnon. Barrie was predeceased by parents, Robert and Florence (MacKinnon) Fraser of East Lake Ainslie where Barrie resided in the family home. Barrie was a kind and gentle man who had an unwavering faith in his Lord and Savior. A prominent professional artist, Barrie influenced and encouraged many aspiring artists at his studio, Kirkwood Art Gallery, East Lake Ainslie. He was a graduate of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. He had a passion for local history and genealogy and was an active member of the Lake Ainslie Historical Society. His realistic paintings captured the people and natural beauty of the Lake. He loved the Gaelic language and

was active in the Gaelic community for many years. Barrie was a creative writer who contributed many articles featuring his art to The Inverness Oran. Barrie sang, played the fiddle, and was a church organist. Barrie had a deep knowledge and respect for nature. He was an avid birder, leading many groups on bird-watching tours, and had a special interest in protecting barn and cliff swallows. He loved gardening and had a knack for making things grow. He had many beautiful varieties of flowers and a bountiful vegetable garden each year. Above all, Barrie was a great friend to all who knew him. Funeral service was held at East Lake Ainslie Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 14th, at 1:00 p.m. Committal at East Lake Ainslie Cemetery followed the service. Family flowers only. Donations in memory of Barrie may be made to charity of your choice.

Is e Sith crìoch an duine ionraic, Salm 37:37

The end of the righteous man is peace, Psalm 37:37

MacISAAC

Pius MacIsaac, April 16th, 1959 – January 4th, 2023: It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of our brother, uncle, and friend Pius MacIsaac. Pius was born in Inverness on April 16th, 1959, to the late Angie D. and Stella Ryan MacIsaac. This is not just our loss, but it is huge loss to the entire community and beyond. It is an understatement to say that he loved music, Pius lived for music. He received his first guitar from Father Stanley MacDonald, to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude, and there was no stopping him from then on. Pius taught himself to play that guitar and sing. He went on to learn to play the fiddle and mandolin. In the face of adversity Pius excelled in his music. He was generous with his talent, sharing it graciously with others by playing at concerts, the Manor, benefits and the list goes on. He was very devoted and dedicated to his community. He played at the Glenora Distillery for many years. He organized a concert in the lounge on Thursday nights for the people in the Senior Apartments where he resided. If Pius committed himself to play somewhere he was determined to get there no matter the weather, even if he had to walk or hitch hike, he was getting there. He spent many Saturday nights in West Mabou playing along with every fiddler that played there but his proudest moments were playing with his nephew Ian MacDougall. Pius helped a lot of young musicians over the years with his knowledge of the music. He inspired and encouraged them to believe in themselves and to play from the heart and most of all to enjoy the music that they play. Pius was a generous kind soul with a huge heart, he was always in good cheer with a big smile on his face. He had the ability to brighten everyone's day. He made friends everywhere he went. If someone was trying to find out who you were you would just say "do you know Pius Mac Isaac;" he knew everyone. He had a great sense of humour and a big personality. Oh, how he will be missed! Besides music, Pius's other passion was his Toronto Maple Leafs. Pius is survived by brothers, Anthony (Theresa), Joseph (Darlene), Dougie, Jimmy (Hilda), Alex (Sarah), Angus (Janie); and sisters, Anne Marie (Nat) Croucher, Sadie Moloney, Catherine MacIsaac, Stella (Todd) Goyetche, Teresa MacPherson, and Maggie (Dany) MacIsaac. He is also survived by many cherished nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews, his special goddaughter Lucy as well as his Aunt Mary MacLean and Uncle James Ryan. Besides his parents, Pius was predeceased by his twin brother Pat, as well as his brother, Duncan and his sister, Rita Marie both in infancy. He is also predeceased by brothers-in-laws, Francis Moloney, Alexander MacPherson, and sister-in-law, Pat Smal. Visitation was held on Monday, January 16th, from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Mabou. Funeral Mass took place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17th, in Stella Maris Church, Inverness, with Father Danny MacLennan officiating. Family flowers only please. In appreciation upon family request, masks are to be worn. Memorial donations can be made to Stella Maris Church, Inverness, St. Mary's Church, Mabou, or to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. As Pius always said: "Thank God for the gift of music."

MacLEAN

Mary Sarah (Peter) MacLean, 94, of Port Hood, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 13th, 2023, in her home with her three children at her side. Born in Inverness on April 7th, 1928, she was a daughter of the late Archie A. and Jessie Elizabeth (MacKinnon) MacLean. Mary was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Mary was known to many as a devoted woman of God and to the blessed Virgin Mary, a nurturer, a care-taker, an advice-giver, but above all she was a wife, a mother, and a nanny. Mary joined the convent in her early years serving her God faithfully. Due to health reasons and a calling beyond herself she left the convent to return to her home in Inverness Banks with her parents where she then became a practising nurse working under Dr. Jim MacLean. Her care for the elderly, and small babies and children were some of her most cherished memories. She met her husband Peter, who she was married to for 49 years and had three children, Gerard, Archie, and Mary Elizabeth (Charles). Mary was a mother to all who entered her home, providing love and care and a blessing or prayer upon you whether you knew it or not. You often found yourself praying alongside Mary or were a recipient of her prayers. They were the healing kind. Mary prayed the rosary daily, sometimes more, for all of her family, friends, or for anyone who needed prayers. There wasn't a fibre of her being that didn't whole heartedly believe the power of prayer and faith in God. You could find Mary in most recent years in her home in Port Hood often on the telephone, having a wee cup of piping hot tea, and visiting with her closest friends, Florence McDaniel, Sadie Murphy, and Rebecca MacDonald. While Mary (Aunt Mae) had many special family members in her life, a special mention to her niece and goddaughter Sadie must be made, she was always there to check in, have tea, or pray with Mary; her kindness will always be remembered. Her three children, her pride and joy, Gerard, her ever-loving caretaker, meal provider, and ultimate comfort provider; Archie, her story-teller, comedian, son with a heart of gold; Elizabeth, her nurse, her protector, her fierce advocate, and her beloved daughter. Not a day went by that she didn't ask how everyone was or didn't have them on her mind. They were her greatest joy and largest blessing in life. Mary also known to five grandchildren, Devin, Vanessa, Marsha, Derek, and Peter Francis, and nine great-grandchildren as Nanny, has left a legacy of faith and memories never to be forgotten. The joy and love to see and hear all those faces made her the most proud and profoundly blessed. She loved us all so dearly. Not a day will go by that we won't think of her in some capacity as we know she will send us signs she is close. Though our hearts are broken here on earth, we know she is where she longed to one day be. With her loving husband, Mama and Papa, her siblings, and her God, the almighty father. We love you mom. We love you nanny. Now and forever. Amen. The family would like to say a special thank you to the home care and palliative care nurses who were wonderful to mom. Also, to Dr. Lok for his care over many years. Visitation will take place in Port Hood and Area Resting Place on Wednesday January 18th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be held in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood, on Thursday, January 19th, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Sunny and Father Eugene officiating. Burial to be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to St. Peter's Parish Cemetery or to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

BOYLE

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we regret to announce the passing of Sarah Ann Boyle "Sally" of Mabou, on January 2nd, 2023, at the beautiful age of 91. Born in Mabou Harbour on December 1st, 1931, she was a daughter of the late Donald S. Beaton and Margaret (MacDonald) Beaton. Sally was predeceased by husband, Michael "Mickey" Boyle and is survived by her beloved daughter, Kathleen, who looked after Sally and cared for her at home until her passing and was beside her holding her hand until the end. They loved each other dearly and it's the love Sally had for Kathleen that kept her going. Sally is also survived by her siblings, Mary Catherine (late Tom) Glanman, Kenzieville; Donnie Beaton, Mabou Harbour; Christine (Ronnie) MacDonald, Judique; and sister-in-law, Rosie Beaton, Mabou Harbour. Besides her

parents, Sally was predeceased by her brothers, Alexander (Anne), John Dan (Monica) and Sandy; sister, Mary Florence "Flossie" Larade (Alex); brother in infancy, Josie and nephew, Patrick Larade. There is so much we could say about Sally, but I just don't know where to start. I'm going to try and keep it short and simple. Sally was mostly known for her dedicated service as a certified cook at Mabou Consolidated School for many, many years until its closure and what a cook she was. To this day, we still talk about her amazing chicken burgers. No one missed school on Thursdays because it was chicken burger day. Sally's hospitality was like no other. If you happened to go visit her and Kathleen, you better land with an empty stomach because you sure as heck were leaving with a very full stomach. Sally was the best aunt anyone could of asked for. She definitely treated you like her own and will be missed so much. She always had a smile and a good story to tell when you visited her, and they were the best stories. Sally was the most selfless, considerate, thoughtful, easy-going (I could go on and on) person you could meet and who will be missed by all her family and friends. Visitation took place in the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Mabou, on Sunday, January 8th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held in St. Mary's Church, Mabou, on Monday, January 9th, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Dan MacDonald officiating. Burial at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

HART

Charles Gordon Hart, 85: It is with great sadness we announce Charles's sudden passing at the QEII Health Sciences Centre on Sunday, January 1st, 2023. Charles was born in Inverness, the son of the late Fenwick and Goldie (Ingraham) Hart. Charles is survived by Phyllis, his wife of 46 years; sister, Olive Ingraham; sister-in-law Shirley Hart; and brother-in-law Murdoch Carmichael; and his much loved nieces, nephews and their families. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Edwin, Graham, Clayton, and Wayne; his sister Margaret Carmichael; brother-in-law Bevis Ingraham; sisters-in-law, Viola and Bernice Hart; nieces; and a great-niece. Charles enjoyed woodworking, photography, storytelling, and his furry sidekicks. Charles was a member of the NE Margaree Volunteer Fire Department, Wilson United Church, board of managers of the church a member, and was a former board member of the Sunset Funeral Co-op. Visitation was on Monday, January 9th, at Wilson United Church Hall. Funeral was held on Tuesday, January 10th, at 11:00 a.m. from Wilson United Church, Margaree Centre, with Rev. Alisha Cox officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Charles may be made to the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital or charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sunset Funeral Co-op. Online condolences may be sent to: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacINNIS

On May 27th, 1934, Rebecca Catherine (Beckey) MacInnis was given the gift of life, and on January 7th, 2023, at the age of 88 surrounded by her loved ones, she gave it back over to the God she loved and trusted, having used it to the fullest. Mom was born and raised in Point Tupper, NS. After marriage and many military postings, she and our dad, Alex Hughie, eventually settled to raise their large family in Kingsville, Cape Breton. Those of us who loved her dearest were fortunate to call her Mom, Nana, Great-Nana, Sister, Aunt, and friend. With her open heart and generous spirit, many will remember her as a community grandmother known for her deliveries of small gifts throughout the neighbourhood on every special occasion. She was the backbone of our family. Her ability to listen and offer an objective opinion was a gift we tapped into many times throughout our lives and will deeply miss. She faced adversity with a strong faith, setting an example for us to believe we, too, could overcome anything. There are too many chapters of Mom's story to share here, but suffice to say she had a wonderful wit, an adventurous spirit, and was open to trying new things and seeing new places. She fulfilled a dream of visiting Scotland and promptly kissed the ground when she stepped onto the Isle of Barra. She counted 40 shades of green while

in Ireland, enjoyed the sun in Antigua, and took her first visit to Disney World at age 85. Oh, but the miles Mom could get from a new pair of sneakers. She is survived by eight children, Margie (Roger) Harrison, Cathy MacInnis, Murreen (Joe) Simms, Dannie (Sheila), Donnie (Nancy), Cecilia (Robert) Bell, Sandy (Brenda), Mary Anne (Brian) MacIntyre and son-in-law David Ellig. Siblings, Michael (Margaret) MacNeil, Eileen (William) MacLeod, Raymond (Anita) MacNeil, and Sister Cecilia MacNeil; along with many nieces and nephews. Nana will be forever loved and missed by her 17 surviving grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren (with another on the way), and three great-great-grandchildren. Beckey was predeceased and is now reunited with her husband Alex Hughie MacInnis; eldest daughter Mary Pat Ellig; her parents Jerome (Hiley) and Mary Ann (MacDonald) MacNeil; siblings Rose Marie Caron, Wilfred MacDonald and Alice, Alexander, and Rose in infancy. Grandsons Morgan and Logan MacIntyre will be waiting to greet her with a huge hug. We're envisioning a joyous reunion. The family would like to express our deep gratitude to Dr. Pluta, Dr. DesRoches, Dr. Cooper, Kyla, and the staff of the Strait Richmond Hospital for their excellent care. Thank you to the home care team that treated Mom with such compassion. Special thank you to her daughter and son-in-law Murreen and Joe Simms who opened their home and allowed for Mom to live and be cared for with the comforts of home. Visitation was held Tuesday, January 10th, 2023, at Greens Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury from 2:00 p. m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held Wednesday, January 11th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary of the Angels Church, Glendale, Cape Breton, with Father Barrett Clare-Johnson officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Greens Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury. Family flowers only please. Donations in Beckey's memory may be made to the Glendale and Area Community Cooperative or a charity of your choice. "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me." – Erma Bombeck

BOUDREAU

Joseph Edouard "Eddie" Boudreau, age 88, Cheticamp passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, December 29th, 2022, in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. Eddie was a son to the late Patrick "Paddé" and the late Josephine (Roach) Boudreau. Eddie was a lumberjack for most of his life. He was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Penguin's hockey team, which caused interesting times, as Madelaine was a Habs fan. He enjoyed playing bingo, and a good game of cards, and his Caramilk chocolate bars. Eddie is survived by his wife, Madelaine Poirier; daughter, Josephine Boudreau; sisters, Therese Deveau, Marie Mae Fiset, Elizabeth (Leonard) AuCoin, Marie Rose (Yvon) Chiasson, and Marie Alice (Roger) LeFort; grandson, Spencer Petrie. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a son in infancy; brothers, Leo, Charles, Henri Joe, Wilfred, Paulite, and Joseph Levi; sisters, Marie Louise Muise, Judy AuCoin, and Lucie Anne Chiasson. A graveside service will take place on Thursday, January 5th, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp, with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Memorial donations may be made in Eddie's memory to the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home 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.

FRASER

On December 23rd, 2022, after 93 years of enjoying life on earth, our beloved dad, Raymond Lester Fraser, left us to be united with his beloved wife Sandra of over 60 years. Dad was an icon in the village of Pleasant Bay where he was born on April 15th, 1929, to Rita Timmons and David Fraser. He built his home in Pleasant Bay, where he raised his three children Walter (Doris) Fraser, Ricky (Paulette) Fraser, and Juanita (Wayne) Camus. He was a self-taught carpenter, electrician, plumber, heavy equipment operator, and fisherman. Dad's infectious smile, honesty, and eagerness to help everyone did not go unnoticed in the community. He was always there to quietly lend a hand whether you asked for it or not. He was passionate

about the land and what he could reap from it. He loved his ATV and snowmobile, and he would spend as much time as he could enjoying the outdoors. Dad cherished his grandchildren, Justin, Sarah, Travis, Brent, Mandy, Craig, and Jenna, and he loved spending time laughing and being entertained by his many great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his brother, Alex (Mary Hope) Fraser, and his sister, Dorothy Timmons. He was predeceased by his wife, Sandra, his parents, Rita and David, and his brothers, Ralph Roderick and Ralph Joseph. Our family is forever grateful to his family at the Foyer Père Fiset where he resided during the past three years. We cannot thank the staff enough for their devotion to giving our dad the best possible care and dignity in his final days. Visitation was held on Monday, January 2nd, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. followed by funeral service in St. Andrew's United Church, Pleasant Bay with Rev. Peter Rioux officiating and burial in Pleasant Bay Cemetery. Donations in Lester's memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia or St. Andrew's United Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

LeFORT

Simone LeFort, Cheticamp: It is with profound sadness we announce the sudden passing of Simone Marie Lefort, our loving, devoted mother and friend to all whose lives she touched. Born April 16th, 1941, she left us peacefully on December 20th, 2022, at the age of 81. Simone was predeceased by parents Tancrede Chiasson, and Marie Louise (LeBlanc) Chiasson, and her husband, Francis Lefort. She leaves behind her four children, Marc Lefort, Kevin Lefort, Donna Thompson, and James Lefort; six grandchildren, Timothy LeFort, Michael LeFort, Aimee Stauffer, Jillian LeFort, Emiliano LeFort-Liceaga, and Marisol LeFort-Liceaga; two great-grandchildren, Layla LeFort, and Nova Stoffer; her sister, Anna Gaudet; and brother, Roland Chiasson. Prior to settling back home in Cheticamp, NS, in 1995, Mom and Dad spent decades moving residences from NS, NWT, BC, PQ, NB, and AB. She was never fond of uprooting the family, and leaving friends and memories behind, but always managed to make our new house a home. Mom was a member of Les Femmes Acadien de Cheticamp, volunteer at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, loved watching TV game shows, listening to local radio CKJM-FM, Thursday talent night music at The Doryman, and most of all breakfast with friends at Le Restaurant Evangeline! Our family would like express our gratitude to Mom's dear friends and all the staff at the Foyer Pere Fiset who supported and cared for her. A graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

Colin "Gerard" MacDonald, August 18th, 1972 – December 24th, 2022: It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Colin "Gerard" MacDonald on December 24th, 2022. He leaves behind his wife and best friend of 31 years Cheryl (nee Lachine). Proud and loving father of Colin (Sam), Samantha (Tristan), Sydney (Brodie). G was an avid animal lover and had a special place in his heart for his fur sidekick Lilo and his many fur grand babies. Born in Inverness to Jessie Gillis (2010) (Bob) and his father Collie (2021) (Catherine) MacDonald. Remaining to cherish his memories are his siblings, Bobby (Joan 2021), Jocelyn (Wayne), Dale (Andrea), Kelly, Colleen (Kevin), Karen (Hayden), Angie (Preston), and was predeceased by John (2013). Gerard was the loving son-in-law of Gord and Mary Lachine, brother-in-law to Gord (Chan), Tom (Anita), Di (Roy), Bob (Steph). Forever Uncle G to his many nieces, nephews, and Godchildren and niece Ferrari (1994). To everyone who knew G, it was known they were his extended family. He always was there to lend a helping hand because his "motto" was "Take care of your friends and family." He will be greatly missed by all, but we would like to acknowledge his dearest friends, Jamie Meagher, Jerry Seguin, Michael Beaton, Jimmy Tellier, Kim Vanier, Snail, Rob Pawlowski, Doc O'Neil, Richard Strong, and our hand picked neighbour Kennie Sawyer. The list could go on as we all know... In lieu of flowers we ask that

donations be made to Windsor Hospice, Ronald McDonald House, or Fight Like a Million Foundation. A funeral service took place at Windsor Chapel (Banwell Chapel), 11677 Tecumseh Road East on January 3rd, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. Visitation continued until 7:30 p.m. Online condolences and cherished memories may be shared with the family at www.windsorchapel.com.

MacNEIL

Martha (O'Connor) MacNeil, April 15th, 1925 – December 30th, 2022: Mom left us to be with God and Dad on Friday December 30th, 2022. She passed listening to her favourite Irish and Abba songs after saying her rosary and with a prayer card of St. Patrick on her chest. What can we say but, "What a life"! After 97 years of hard work and dedication to her family and career, it was time. Her goal was to reach 100 but God took her "early." Maybe he needed the Best Mom, grandmother, and great-grandmother he could find. She raised her family to "look after" each other and anyone we encountered along the way. She would say "look after the greatest and the least." Maybe God needed the consummate nurse. After 54 years of nursing, she "retired" and went to live in the nursing home where she was once a director. But to Mom she was still on duty until her last breath. Maybe God needed the ultimate teacher. She taught in a one-room schoolhouse at Glencoe Station. She taught many nursing programs over the years, and taught at the kitchen table, religion classes, baking secrets, and taught many how to solve puzzles and play cards, giving some advice and life lessons along the way. Or maybe God needed someone to add some fun? An actress, a pageant queen, a bingo player, an activist, a staunch liberal or a baseball statistician? Someone willing to try anything, motorcycle riding at 72 or golfing at 75! Someone who never said "no", but always "we'll give it a try." Where she got the energy and determination we'll never know. Maybe her "rock solid" faith or being Irish and proud of it! Or maybe being one of 13 children, and having lived through some really hard times? Either way, he created a woman who loved life. For that, we are eternally grateful. Mom was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Archie A. and by her grandson, Isaac.; as well as her parents, May Jane and Joe O'Connor, and siblings, Babe, Buddy, Kay, George, Lloyd, Bonnie, Pat, Josephine. She is survived by her six children, Geraldine (Garry), Sandy (Peggy), Curtis (Sharon), Glen (Anita), Werna (Henry), Morley (Charlotte) as well as 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Also her siblings, Betty, Gordie, Jake, and Charlie. She loved her community of Creignish, her neighbours, and many friends. We are especially grateful to the staff of the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home where Mom chose to spend her last days. You looked after her like she was your "Mom." Thank you does not seem enough for your love and care. Heaven has gained the best of the best. Thank you for all the sacrifices you made for us. We will miss you and love you always. (The party is over Dad, Mom's on the way!) A memorial service will be held on April 15th, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at Stella Maris Parish, Creignish. Donations may be made to The Recreation Department of the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home or to The Martha Mac Neil Nursing Scholarship Fund at the Port Hawkesbury Credit Union after January 5th, 2023.

PHILLIPS

It is with great sadness we share that Trueman David Phillips was called home to be with Jesus on December 26th, 2022. He passed peacefully with loved ones by his side at Inverary Manor in Inverness, NS. Trueman was predeceased by his first wife Ria and infant son; his parents, Dave and Jessie (Shaw) Phillips; brothers Joe, Cliff, Russell and sister Lorraine. True is survived by his loving and devoted wife Evelyn; his son Brent (Cathy); daughters, Trudy (Ken) and Angie (Adam); grandchildren, Britney (Jeremy), Dillon, Zachery (Alicia), Megan (Matthieu), Declan, Evella and Avery and great-granddaughter, Nora. As well as brothers, Chandler, Bud, and Lee; his sisters Betty, Harriett, and Carol; as well as many nieces and nephews. A private graveside service and burial is going to be held with a Celebration of Life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Inverary Manor or Wilson United Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

McCOY

With sadness we announce the passing of Virginia Claire McCoy of Inverness on December 19th at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Virginia was 74. Born in Fort William (now Thunder Bay), Ontario, Virginia was the daughter of Neil and Violet (Hill) McCoy. She attended school in Fort William, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Languages from the University of Toronto. She had worked for a few years as a systems analyst for Manulife Insurance, before moving to Cape Breton to focus on her desire to develop as an artist. Working first in water colour, then in gouache, Virginia gained a following for her art, through which she explored the landscape and culture of the island. Perhaps more personally important, it was through her art that she researched and painted her family's stories, allowing their influences (Ojibway, French, English) to guide her artistic originality. In her most celebrated exhibition titled *Becoming White*, she traced her heritage through those family stories from the early union of an Ojibway woman and a Hudson Bay explorer through the generations that included the loss of her branch of the family of their Indigenous status. A loss she was able to reclaim in the mid 1990s when the federal government made a change in the Indian Act. For more than 20 years, Virginia operated Virginia McCoy Artworks, an open studio in Inverness. She also became involved in the community, becoming part of the original Inverness County Council for the Arts, an organization of which she was chair when the board successfully lobbied for the construction of the Inverness County Centre for the Arts, located in Inverness. For two terms, Virginia served as chair of the Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design when the board of that organization was working hard towards acquiring a 'downtown' presence, currently located on Charlotte Street in Sydney. For many years, Virginia was an active member of the Lake Ainslie Weavers and Craft Guild. Virginia McCoy was pre-deceased by her father, Neil Alexander McCoy, her England-born mother, Violet Jane (Hill), and her sister, Frances McCoy. She is survived by her husband, Frank Macdonald, her sister Heather (Ian Sharpe) of Smithers, BC, brothers Alex (Brenda) of Falkland, BC, and Neil (Kathy) of Duncan, BC, and many nieces, nephews and cousins across the country. Donations in Virginia's memory can be made to the Inverness Palliative Care Society or to the Inverness County Centre for the Arts, Inverness. A celebration of Virginia's life and work will be held at a future date.

AUCOIN

It is with sadness we announce the peaceful passing of Edgar Joseph Aucoin at the age of 81, December 7th, 2022, in Inverness Consolidated Hospital, surrounded by his family. He was born in Cheticamp on September 11th, 1941, a son of the late Gerard and Julia Aucoin. Edgar was a member of Paroisse St. Pierre, Cheticamp. He was a chef by trade, worked for a few years in Halifax until moving to Cheticamp to work 35 years at Laurie's Motel. He will be fondly remembered for his childlike wonder of Christmas, his love of fiddle music and animals, his fabulous homemade bread, and his love of fishing. Edgar will be dearly missed by his loving wife and best friend of 56 years, Dora (Doucet) and his devoted daughters, who were his pride and joy, Darlene (Jean-Marc) Paturel, Petit Etang and Elaine, Halifax. He is also survived by his sisters, Marie Therese, Sylvia, Lucy Anne, and Priscilla; his brothers, Roger, Yvon, Lionel and Albert; his in-laws, Isidore (Delina), Dennis (Bertha), Daniel (Marcella), Rosella (Steve), Stella (Blair), and Raymond's wife Marie Stella. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Yvonne and his brother Lionel; father and mother-in-law Arthur and Margaret Doucet; brother-in-law Raymond; sister-in-law Marie (Freddie) LeBlanc. The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all the doctors, nurses, and all staff at ICMH for the excellent care given to him; especially over the last couple of years. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the SPCA, Inverness Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice. Funeral mass was held at Eglise St. Pierre, Cheticamp, on Monday, December 12th, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Visitation was held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the church before the funeral. Burial will be in St.

Joseph's Cemetery, St. Joseph duMoine. Online condolences may be made to: www.sunsetfuneralcoop.com.

MacDONALD

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Cyril Joseph "Joe" MacDonald of Harbourview, Inverness County, at the age of 68 on Saturday, December 10th, 2022, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. He was a son of the late Michael Duncan and Lexina (MacMillan) MacDonald, Harbourview. Joe will be sadly missed by his five brothers, John Archie (Julie), Harbourview; Donald Angus, Port Hood; Leon Patrick (Mary), Harbourview; Bill (Willianna), Rankinville; Frank, Harbourview; and sister, Marie (Clarence d-2021), Port Hood. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Besides his parents, Joe is predeceased by his sister, Mary Murray, Port Hawkesbury. He was employed with Ceilidh Fishermans Co-op Ltd., Port Hood for over 40 years. He liked to cut firewood and made sure that he had lots of it to last throughout the winter months. Joe also enjoyed riding on his ATV and snowmobiling. He liked to keep busy and loved the outdoors. Visitation was held in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood, on Friday, December 16th, from 10:00 am. -10:45 a.m. with Funeral mass following at 11:00 a.m. with Father Bernie MacDonald and Father Sunny officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Peter's Parish Cemetery Fund, Port Hood, or to a charity of one's choice. Thank you to Tonya Feetham and Kevin Deagle of Inverness Funeral Home. And another thanks to the Port Hood CWL for the luncheon following the services and to all who helped in anyway. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacISAAC

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Brian Alexander MacIsaac on Thursday, December 1st, 2022, in Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, Ontario. Brian was the son of Bernadette MacIsaac (Moran) and the late Jerome MacIsaac of Upper Southwest Mabou (Glencoe) on March 6th, 1964. Brian graduated from Mabou Consolidated School in 1983 and later decided to move to Toronto in 1986 where this became his home. He was a supervisor who worked for many years in shipping and receiving of goods and services. He was a huge Toronto Maple Leafs fan and an avid pool player who enjoyed winning. He was quite a social butterfly who loved life to the fullest. For the many years that he spent in Toronto, he made many a friend who will miss him dearly. Brian is survived by his mother, Bernadette; brothers and sisters, Dan, Bernie, Sam, Marlene (Lorne), Irene (Darrell), Jerry, Kim (Kevin), Bruce (Carol); and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Jerome; nephew, Jerome; and partner, Lorraine Crawford. The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the doctors and nurses of Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto for their care and compassion before and after his passing. Visitation took place on Monday, December 12th, 2022, in Port Hood and Area Resting Place from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Funeral mass was held on Tuesday in St. Joseph's Church, Glencoe at 11:00 a.m. with Father Bernie MacDonald officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery Fund, Glencoe. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MUNRO

Gordon Stewart Munro, Whycocomagh, NS, age 92: With the love of his family surrounding him, Stewart passed away peacefully on Monday, December 12th, 2022, at Alderwood Rest Home, Baddeck. Born October 2nd, 1930, at his cherished Saybrook Farm, Whycocomagh, to parents John S. and Jessie (MacSween), Stewart and his seven siblings, Alcorn, Donnie, George, Bobby, Lorraine, Ruth, and Jean grew up in a hard-working, loving home. It was there where Stewart's roots grew deep and from where he never wanted to be far from. After attending school, working on the farm and in the lumber camp, Stewart

began his lifelong profession of truck driving; and in his later years he worked for the Department of Highways as a foreman. He met his future wife, Cinderella, while attending a shivaree and they were married on June 10th, 1954. Stewart and Cindy were wonderful parents to Anne, John, and Rodney, and nothing brought a bigger smile to his face than spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Stewart's home was always a welcome place for friends and family to drop in for a visit where many laughs and stories were shared. Stewart will be remembered with love and is survived by: his children, Anne and Ken Dorey (Bedford) and grandsons, Andrew and Neal; John and Carole Munro (Whycocomagh) and grandchildren, Lindsey (Jamie), Jonathan (Barb), Matthew, Blake (Sam) and Callie (Greg); Rodney and Joanie Munro (Whycocomagh) and granddaughters, Emma and Grace; his great-grandchildren, Rhylyn, Anthony, Zander, and Quinn; his sister-in-law Miriam Munro; many nieces and nephews and lifelong friend, Burton MacIntyre. Stewart was predeceased by his parents, his wife Cindy, three sisters, four brothers, and his great-granddaughter, Alaina. During Stewart's last few years, he was blessed to receive wonderful care by local Home Care support and while living at Belle Isle in Alderwood Rest Home. Visitation was held on Friday, December 16th, at Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Funeral service was held on Saturday, December 17th, in Stewart United Church with Rev. John Tapscott officiating. Burial followed in Stewartdale Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Stewartdale Cemetery. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

BRIMICOMBE

Dolena "Dolly" Agnes Jane Brimicombe passed peacefully November 15th, at CEHHC, Truro. She was born in Inverness, Cape Breton, to late Rev. Charles A. and Elizabeth J. MacDonald. A Celebration of Life was held December 6th, in Hardwood Lands P.C., Hants County. There will be a summer gathering and internment at Goose Cove Cemetery, Cape Breton. Obituary available at mclaren@ns.sympatico.ca.

CHISHOLM

On December 3rd, 1953, a beautiful blond-haired, blue-eyed baby boy was welcomed into this world by Anna and Jimmy Chisholm of Inverness. Francis Xavier Chisholm was born on the feast day of St. Francis Xavier and called after the saint and his uncle Francis. Francis grew up in the Red Rows on MacKenzie Avenue, surrounded by love, laughter, and joy. Francis had a gentle, kind, funny, witty, compassionate personality. He loved to make people laugh by telling jokes, amusing stories, and stinging one liners. He enjoyed playing pool, baking homemade bread, molasses cookies, cakes, and preserving chow and pickles. He loved hanging out with his many good friends to share a good time. Wherever he went, he left a smile on people's faces. Francis worked for many years on the Canadian National Railway in Ottawa where he met people who enriched his life. On November 26th, 2022, at 9:30 p.m., God decided He needed another angel in heaven; He looked down on earth and chose our dear brother, Francis. It broke our hearts to let him go, but we know he is free from pain and the suffering caused by cancer. He is predeceased by Momma (2017), Da (1999), and his grand-niece, Zaria (2021) along with his many relatives that will greet him with love in heaven. Francis is survived by his loving wife, Ruth (Ottawa); sisters, Kathy MacKenzie (Peter, Yarmouth), Mary Frances (Inverness), Gloria (Brian, Bras d'Or); Anna (Doug, Port Maitland); Marcella (Springhill); brothers, Jimmy (Ottawa), Jerry (Sarah, Alberta), Bernie (Massachusetts), Larry (Gela, Alberta). He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. Thank you to the Kelly Funeral Home, Ottawa, for their professional services and kindness at this sorrowful time. Thank you to his wife Ruth, and her sister-in-law and brother Bill Baker for all their kindness to the Chisholm family, and to the medical staff at the Ottawa Civic Hospital for their time and compassion to Francis. Funeral services will be held at a later date. Rest in Peace dear Francis, until we meet again.

DOUCET

Marguerite Mary Doucet, age 82, Cheticamp passed away on Thursday, December 1st, 2022, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. She was a daughter of the late Louis Leo and the late Mary Catherine (Doucet) Cormier. Marguerite is survived by her son, Gerry (Wanda) Chiasson, Antigonish; daughters, Paulette Chiasson and Debbie Chiasson, both of Halifax; step-sister, Bernice (Pierre Paul) LeFort; grandchildren, Scott, Lauren, and Daniel. Besides her parents, Marguerite was predeceased by her first husband, Gerard Chiasson and her second husband, Russel Doucet; brothers, Bernie Cormier and Leonard Cormier; and sister, Annie Blanche Roach. There was no visitation. A funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, December 7th, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in l'Église St. Pierre, Cheticamp with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DOUCET

Léona Doucet, 1944 – 2022: Léona Marie Doucet, 78, of Moncton, NB, passed away peacefully after an extended illness at le Faubourg du Mascaret on Thursday, December 8th, 2022, surrounded by her family. Born in Chéticamp, NS, she was the daughter of the late Wilfred and Édith (Romard) Boudreau. Léona will be sadly missed by her devoted husband of 56 years, Philippe; her three loving children: Danielle (Mike Fletcher) of Woodstock, Louise (Bob Gorham) of Moncton, and Pierre of Fredericton; her beloved grandchildren: Isabelle, Ethan, and Caroline; and many close members of her extended family. Besides her parents, Léona was predeceased by her brother Edgar and her sister Geoffrine. Léona was a perfect housewife who lovingly raised her three children while still finding time to work part time from home as a typist for university students in the '70s and '80s. She later worked as an office administrator in the medical and legal fields, with a work ethic second to none. She had an infectious sense of humour, an easy smile, contagious laughter, and was honest to a fault. She was a faithful friend who was kind and generous to everyone. An avid golfer (who refused to brag about her four holes in one), an enthusiastic bowler, a keen bridge player, and an excellent knitter, she loved being active. A fundamentally good person, Léona was a shining example of kindness, generosity, and humility. Her family offers their deepest gratitude to the many employees of Pavillon Cormier at le Faubourg du Mascaret, who went above and beyond in providing loving care and treating her like family during the last four years of her life. The family received condolences at Frenette Funeral and Cremation Centre, 88 Church Street, Moncton (858-1900) where the funeral service was celebrated on Monday, December 12th, at 3:00 p.m. Interment will be in Frenette Columbarium. Donations in Léona's memory can be made to Parkinson Canada or the charity of the donor's choice. Words of comfort and donations may be made at www.frenettefuneralhome.com.

LeBLANC

George Gregory LeBlanc, 74, passed away at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on December 5th, 2022. Greg was born on December 13th, 1947, and grew up in Margaree. He was the son of Philiass and Emma (Cormier) LeBlanc. He attended Nova Scotia Teacher's College and taught Industrial Arts at NDA school in Cheticamp. Upon his retirement, he resided in Port Hood. He is survived by his wife, Theresa; daughters Giselle, Dartmouth, Annette (Douglas Campbell), Stittsville, ON; three grandsons: Aidan Romkey, Justin and Liam Campbell; step daughter Tina (George Urquhart); step granddaughter Amanda (Bernie MacDonald), step grandson, Tyson; sister Yvonne LeBlanc; brother Simon LeBlanc. He was predeceased by his parents Philiass (1995) and Emma (1984); sisters, Marie Blanche Romard (2019), Cecile and Theresa in infancy; brother Emile (2012). There will be no visitation or funeral service. Burial service took place at St. Michael's Cemetery, Margaree, at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9th, 2022, with father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Contributions in Greg's memory may be made to Central Inverness

Palliative Care Society, PO Box 610, Inverness, Nova Scotia, B0E 1N0. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.InvernessFuneralHome.com for the LeBlanc family.

PETTIPAS

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Blair Pettipas, 61, of Cheticamp, NS, on December 6th, 2022, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp, while surrounded by his loved ones. Blair was born on February 21st, 1961, in Halifax, NS, to the late Marie Muise and Francis Pettipas, and predeceased by his step-father Cyril Larade (Clara). He is survived by his loving wife, Brenda; and his two children, who he adored, Darren (Taylor) and Daphne (Antwon); his dear Sharlene; as well as his absolute greatest pride and joy, his grandchildren, Blair-Marie, Roman and Beau, and Dawson, Cole, Hudson and Marlee. Surviving is his beloved sister, Debbie Cormier (Vincent); his two nieces that he cherished beyond words, Monica Leblanc (Danny) and Colleen Cormier (Kyle); and his two great-nephews, Nolan and Rylan. Blair's strength and stubbornness were a force to be reckoned with. His determination helped him battle several storms over time both on land, in the hospital, and in his captain's chair riding the waves in Zone 12F. An avid Boston Bruins fan, his temper was often tested by both their results in gameplay along with the outcomes of his prolines, but he always remained faithful nonetheless. Blair was very loyal to his family – there was truly no place he would rather be than surrounded by the kids, watching them race around the yard, filled with laughter at the house. His door was always open – no one ever left without a full belly or without feeling truly at home. He was very generous, mindful, and always had practical advice for everyone, whether they wanted to hear it or not. He had a special place in his heart for his friends and the 'golden girls' and was never short of a critique but was always filled with pride over his friends and family while ensuring that everything was 'nothing but the best.' He truly treasured the memories he made in Fort Myers, at the Cottage in Chester, in New Jersey, at the TD Garden in Boston, and he was extremely grateful for everything he was able to accomplish after putting in years of hard work, leaving behind a legacy for his family. We (Brenda, Darren, and Daphne) would like to extend sincere gratitude and thanks to both Dr. Amelie Maillet and the staff of the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp, as well as Melissa and Melinda, and the whole team at the Inverness Consolidated Hospital Cancer Clinic for caring and loving our father as much as we did. We will be forever grateful. As Blair said, "The show must go on...take care of each other." Arrangements are under the care and direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

SELKOWITZ

Anton Selkowitz, 82, passed away peacefully with family on December 8th, 2022, after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis. Born to Harry and Anne Selkowitz in 1940 in the Bronx he was a force to be reckoned with from the start. After graduating NYU in 1963, he travelled the world and honed his passions. Anton grew up on boats, in fast cars and motorcycles, on skis – both snow and water, scuba diving, and running in marathons. Anton's passion for life poured out in his piano playing and his love of Cape Breton, where he built his home in Dunvegan 50 years ago. Anton was a gypsy, his happy place was on the ocean. He was a dreamer, he had a huge heart and a wild imagination. Anton really cared about people and what was going on in the world. He was a hard worker with an excellent work ethic, he made his living as a general contractor in California but started out by swinging a hammer in Inverness. He led by example and was fearless. Anton is survived by his daughter, Savanna Jones Selkowitz, Dunvegan, NS; his ex-wife Andrea LaBore, Maui, HI; his two brothers Arthur Selkowitz (Betsey Selkowitz) and Robert Selkowitz (Nancy Winternight); his nieces Bhakta Waskiewicz (Matt Waskiewicz) and Judah Leah Selkowitz (Sean Mathew Whiteford); and his nephews Adam Selkowitz (Lauri Selkowitz) and Jed Selkowitz (Alana Selkowitz). Graveside services were held at Whale Cove cemetery on December 12th, 2022. Celebration of life will be held August 5th, 2023, at the family home in Dunvegan.

CAMPBELL

The Campbells of Glenora are grieved to announce the death of Margaret Campbell of Glenora Falls, Mabou, Nova Scotia, and Boston, Massachusetts, USA. Cremation has taken place under the direction of the Inverness Funeral Home, Inverness, Nova Scotia. Funeral and celebration of life to follow at a later date. "Another jewel in the crown of the Clan Campbell has gone to cruachan à cheathaich." per Mary Campbell (sister).

DOUCET

Marguerite Mary Doucet, age 82, Cheticamp passed away on Thursday, December 1st, 2022, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. She was a daughter of the late Louis Leo and the late Mary Catherine (Doucet) Cormier. Marguerite is survived by her son, Gerry (Wanda) Chiasson, Antigonish; daughters, Paulette Chiasson and Debbie Chiasson, both of Halifax; step-sister, Bernice (Pierre Paul) LeFort; grandchildren, Scott, Lauren, and Daniel. Besides her parents, Marguerite was predeceased by her first husband, Gerard Chiasson and her second husband, Russel Doucet; brothers, Bernie Cormier and Leonard Cormier; and sister, Annie Blanche Roach. There will be no visitation. A funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, December 7th, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in l'Église St. Pierre, Cheticamp with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

Carl Sidney MacDonald, Orangedale, Cape Breton: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Carl Sidney MacDonald age 58, on Friday, December 2nd, 2022. Carl was born on April 4th, 1964. He was the son of the late Earl and Marjorie "Queenie" (Richards) MacDonald, Orangedale. He will be sadly missed by his stepmother, Kathleen (Campbell) MacDonald; his brother, Allan Earl MacDonald (Rosalie), New Minas; niece, Melanie MacDonald (Paul McCulloch), grand-nephew, Ian, Toronto, ON; and aunt Delores Martin and uncles Buddy and Billy Richards, and Tommy and Cookie Campbell. Carl is also survived by several MacDonald and Richards cousins, all dear to his heart, especially close were Jackie, Janis, Nancy, John, Natasha, and Jacklyn. In addition to many special friends and relatives, Carl is survived by special fur friend, Mitzi and fur puppies, Seasa and Diggity. Besides his parents, Carl was predeceased by his uncles and their wives, John Allan (Marjorie) and Sidney Grant (Carolyn) MacDonald, and cousin, Randy MacDonald and his wife Nancy. Carl attended Orangedale Elementary and Mabou Consolidated Schools. Carl was special to his family and community. Always friendly and happy to meet people and lend a helping hand. He volunteered with the Heart and Stroke Foundation, The Arthritis Society, and the Cancer Society. He was a member of Orangedale United Church picking up the collection and lighting the community candle at Forbes United Church. Carl worked at GH Smith and Sons for a brief time. Recently, Carl found friendship and joy at workshops at L'Arche Cape Breton, Orangedale. Carl loved to draw, listen to music; especially the Rankins and Shania Twain, he also enjoyed feeding the birds, and watching old shows and movies. There will be no visitation. Funeral service will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 8th, 2022, in Forbes United Church, River Denys, with M. Dale Crawford, R-DLM officiating, assisted by Jim MacNaughton, R-DLM. Interment to follow in Gillis Cove Cemetery. A reception will follow in Smith Hall, Orangedale. The family ask that contributions be made in his memory to L'Arche Cape Breton, 3 L'Arche Lane, Iron Mines, NS, B0E 2K0 or Forbes United Church, River Denys, NS, B0E 2Y0; or a charity of your choice. Family flowers only. Out of respect for family members with hypersensitivities to scents, the family asks that friends and family refrain from wearing any scented products to the service. Masks are required. 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.

"Wind blowing through the trees

Ships are sailing out to sea

And the sun is slowing setting

On you and me

Fare thee well"

– Departing song by The Rankins

CHIASSON

Daniel Joseph Chiasson, age 74, Point Cross passed away peacefully, with his family by his side, on Sunday, November 20th, 2022, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Daniel was a son to the late Joseph and the late Marie (Chiasson) Chiasson. Daniel was a coalminer at Evan's Coal Mine. He was known for his love of trout fishing. He had lots of love for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Daniel is survived by his daughters, Donna (Jules) and Giselle (Trevor); brothers, Arthur, Alphonse (Madeleine) and Paul (Yvette); sisters, Isabelle, Germaine, Therese, Sara, and Bernadette (Claude); grandchildren, Shannon, Samantha, Morgan, Becka, and Ciara; great-grandchildren, Ella May and Jameson. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Laurette (Deveau) Chiasson; brothers, Levis, Claudie, Wilfred, Gerard, and Lubie; and sister, Amelia. There will be no funeral service. Donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada (N.S. Branch) or the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

CORMIER

Joseph Didace Cormier, age 61, St. Joseph du Moine passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 20th, 2022, in the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney. Didace was a son to the late James (Jimmy) and the late Zabine (Doucet) Cormier. Didace worked in drywall construction for most of his life. His work took him to Alberta, Halifax, Bermuda, and Tennessee. He retired back to Cape Breton where he worked at the Cape Breton Highlands National Park until the time of his passing. He was kind and friendly and made friends wherever he went. He loved spending time fishing, visiting family and friends, playing cribbage, and was known to tell a good story or two. Didace is survived by his brothers, Willie Joe, Huntington, Quebec, and John Louis (Lisette) Terre Noire; sisters, Marie Sophie (Réné) LeBlanc, Cap le Moine, Cecile Poirier, Plateau, and Jeanette (Lawrence) Cameron, Terre Noire; nephews and nieces, Denyse (Andy) Sanchez and their children Alex and Evelyn, Bruce (Shelley) Poirier and son Christopher, Lisa (Phillip) Timmons and son Jackson, Noelle Cormier (godchild), Douglas Cameron (Kaitlyn), and Rose Cameron (Challion). Besides his parents, Didace was predeceased by brother-in-law, Daniel Poirier. Cremation has taken place. There was no funeral mass. A Celebration of Life was held at the Belle Cote Community Centre in honour of Didace on Friday, November 25th, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Burial was held on Saturday in St. Michael's Cemetery, East Margaree for family and close friends with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Fund. Didace's family would like to thank all the medical staff for the excellent care they provided. Special thanks to the ICU staff at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital and the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Fund. Arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DORTON

Hughie Alexander Dorton passed away November 20th, 2022, in Halifax at the QEII Hospital. Hughie Alexander was born April 7th, 1954, on a cold and windy night in Port Hawkesbury, NS. He was a home

birth and was delivered by his grandmother, Nama (Stella) for his parents Dan R. and Pearl Dorton. Hughie was married to his wife, partner in crime, his ol' woman, Yvonne (Arsenault) Dorton for over 43 years. Over the years they had lots of fun together, while putting together quite the crew. First came little Hughie (Jaye) and not long after came Vincent (Robin). After a few years came and gone, came their final pieces of the wall of fame: Ronald (Jenn) and Robert; both in the same year. Later in life came Hughie's pride and joy: his grandchildren, Carson, Hunter, Brooke, and Austin; his two godchildren Colleen Dorton and Vicky Dorton (Cook); and many nieces and nephews that he all loved. Survived by members of the original Dorton clan, brothers: Danny, Donald, John, and Paul; sisters: Diane and Estelle. Hughie was predeceased by his parents, Dan R. and Pearl Dorton; Brother Jim (James) Dorton and grandparents, Hugh J and Stella Dorton; Daniel and Margaret (Rawden) MacInnis. Hughie D's wishes are simple: Enjoy life and don't cry over him; treat the kids right, they grow up and remember; and always take a kid fishing when you can. The family would like to thank all the NS health care from Cheticamp to Halifax and in between – You all had a helping hand keeping the ol' man going throughout the years. This is something we truly appreciated. Cremation has taken place and a Graveside Service will be held at a later date. Donations in memory of Hughie may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Rest easy ol' man... We love you, Da.

GILLIS

Mary Margaret Gillis, February 28th, 1952 – November 20th, 2022: Our hearts are shattered with the loss of our dear mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Left to grieve: her sons, Jason, Jeff (Trina); grandchildren, Cole, Emma, and Isabella; sisters, Judy, Sheila (David); brothers, Donald (Eveylena), Darrell (Denise); as well as several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and nephews; aunts, Grace (Eric), Anne. Predeceased by her parents, John Hector and Helen; and sister, Sharon Elizabeth. Mary Margaret was a kind, humble, unassuming person who loved God and his blessed Mother. Her faith was very strong. She was in church every Sunday and always sat in her same pew. Mary Margaret never missed Holy Hour and often filled in when needed. She was also a Cooperator of the Heralds of the Gospel in the Port Hood seat. Mary Margaret worked at the Co-op in Port Hood for over 30 years as a cashier. She enjoyed chatting with her customers, always a story or a good hearty laugh. Shortly after her retirement at the Co-op, she joined the maintenance staff at Bayview Education Centre in Port Hood where she worked part time until her death. Every Saturday night she would be sitting in front of the TV, watching her beloved Maple Leafs. When they scored, she screamed so loud her two cats, Carmilla and Mocka took off running. Bella her dog, asleep on the floor would jump up and start barking. She loved her Maple Leafs. From a very young age, many a night she would wake her father from a very deep sleep yelling when the Leafs scored. Ron Ellis was her favourite. She would write up her thoughts on the games, she did that for many teenage years. Mary Margaret had many more passions, such as reading and feeding and watching the birds. Most of all, her she had a passion for quilting. Many a beautiful quilt she made. At the time of her death, she was working on quilts for her granddaughters, Emma and Isabella. She wanted to have them ready for Christmas when she would visit them in Edmonton. She couldn't wait to see Jeff, Trina, and the girls. Mary Margaret talked to her sister Judy every night for usually over an hour, until Mary Margaret would say, "o.k. that is enough." They would end the conversation with a good laugh and plan to talk the next night. She has such a sense of humour, many a good laugh she had with family and friends. The highlight of her past summer was a visit from her son Jeff, daughter-in-law, Trina and grand-daughters, Emma and Isabella. Having them christened in St. Peter's Parish, Port Hood, her parish, was an answer from God. Mom will be sadly missed by her family and friends, one's who knew and loved her so much. She is with her mom and dad and sister, Sharon. Fly with the angels mom, your life on earth is done. May you rest in the arms of Jesus where you belong. Visitation was held on Sunday, November 27th, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in Port Hood and Area Resting Place. Funeral mass took place on Monday, November 28th, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood. Burial to follow in St. Andrew's Parish Cemetery,

Judique. Memorial donations may be made to St. Peter's Church, Port Hood, or to a charity of choice. Thank you to Kevin Deagle and Tonya Feetham of Inverness Funeral Home. Thank you to all those who helped in any way. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

SMITH

On Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022, Earle Smith, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away at the age of 92. Earle was born on Port Hood Island, Nova Scotia, on December 6th, 1929, to Robert and Katherine (MacKinnon) Smith. In 1956, he married Joan Goldthorpe of Brownsburg, Quebec. They raised three children, Robert, Christine, and Gordon. Earle's family moved to Halifax when he was eight years old but throughout his life he was deeply connected to his birthplace, Port Hood Island, and travelled "home" every summer to spend time at and maintain the house that his grandfather had built and that he was born in. He passed his deep love of the place (which he often called "God's country") on to all his family, who continue to visit from across Canada and the world. His presence every summer on the island was an institution, and his stories of the place and the people connected many visitors, summer residents, and family members to the island. For many years, his favourite place to share his stories was at the little canteen on the island where he indulged his passion for ice cream. Earle graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1951, although he used to tell his grandchildren that he actually majored in basketball, minored in rugby, and did just enough work to get a passing grade in his classes. Like many from Cape Breton, Earle left Nova Scotia for work following graduation. After a short period working at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto, he joined Cyanamid Canada as a pharmaceutical salesperson and a district sales manager. His job took him across Canada where he lived in Sudbury, Montreal, Ottawa, St. Catherines, and Winnipeg before finishing his career in Ottawa again. Earle loved being a salesman and he said that there was never a day that he didn't look forward to going to work. Earle was an abiding and faithful member of the United Church of Canada, most recently City View in Ottawa. He loved to worship at Jubilee United Church in the summers and to sit in the pew that his family had occupied when he was a young boy. In his leisure time, Earle curled, played cards and was a volunteer for many charities including the Heart and Stroke Foundation and Habitat for Humanity. Earle was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother, Alice (nee Hiltz), and his sisters Anna and Isabel. He is survived by his wife, Joan, his three children and their spouses, Robert and Franca, Christine and Karl, and Gordon and Joanne; eight grandchildren and their partners, Meghan and Killian, Stephanie and Stephanie, Peter and Maddy, Lauren and Norm, Allie, Thomas, Maddy, and Earla; and five great-grandchildren, Milo, Felix, Arthur, Beatrice, and Jude; as well as his brother Cameron. Earle will be remembered as a kind, generous, and humble person who was genuinely interested in people and who could always make a connection with anyone he met. A celebration of life will be held in January at City View United Church in Ottawa followed by an internment on Port Hood Island next summer. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer Society of Canada or St. Stephens United Church in Port Hood would be welcome.

DIXON

We are heartbroken to announce the sudden passing of Thomas Gerard Dixon at home, in Inverness, on Tuesday, November 15th, 2022, just three days after celebrating his 70th birthday. He was born to Thomas and Annie Dixon on November 12th, 1952. He graduated from Inverness Consolidated High School and NSCC's Electrical Program. After graduation he worked as a lineman for Maritime Tel & Tel and private contractors across Canada. He went on to power pole inspection and then into the construction trade. In recent years, Thomas retired from the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority. Dad combined being a jack of all trades with a brilliant mechanical aptitude. He loved to tinker with anything that needed repair. We all relied upon his knowledge and practical common sense when we needed help and learned much from him.

Dad enjoyed his Cape Breton lifestyle, his daily walks with Howie, his beloved Westie, chatting with friends and making new ones along the way, drives with Christene and Howie, ice cream trips with his granddaughter Caylee Anne, a good cup of King Cole tea, old cars, and watching hockey. He loved music and playing guitar. He would check in daily with our mom for updates on family. He was also fiercely proud of his family's military history. He was our "gentle giant." While we mourn his passing, we take heart Dad will not be forgotten. Tales, and they are true, of adventures of a VW Bug, feats of strength or good-natured adventures with friends will live in infamy. Thomas leaves to mourn his children, Gerrard (Tabitha), Ian (Marie), Keenan (Kayla), Kaylan (Neil); grandchildren, Caylee Anne, Tristan, Maggie, and he was looking forward to meeting our newest addition to our ever-growing family, Danny. Also mourned by mother to his children, Bonny MacIsaac and his partner, Christene Hubbard; siblings, Alastair, Bobby, Marion; many nieces, nephews, and cousins and his best "furbaby" Howie. Predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Annie Dixon, an infant daughter (born sleeping), and siblings, Sonny, Margaret, Hannah, Douglas, and Mae. Cremation has taken place. Visitation was held Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in Stella Maris Parish Church, Inverness with funeral mass following at 11:00 a.m. No flowers please and by request masks were to be worn for visitation and funeral mass. Donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia or a charity of your choice. Online condolences can be made at: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacDONELL

Lori Ann MacDonell, age 48, passed away in the QEII Hospital, Halifax on November 18th, 2022. Lori was born in Inverness on June 13th, 1974. Lori Ann Burke-MacDonell was a rare soul, someone who could always brighten your day, whether it was with a smile, her infectious giggle, or just having the right words. Nothing put a smile on her face like her children and grandchildren. They were the light of her life. She had a love for animals, especially her family pets. Lori is survived by her son, Dylan (Mauree); daughter, Sidney; husband, Ronald MacDonell; sister, Jennifer (Todd); nieces and nephews, Kirsten, Gage, and Jake; stepsons, Alex (Taryn) and Devin (Breanne); and her grandchildren, Madden and Sam. She was predeceased by her loving parents, Lawrence and Muriel Burke. Lori will be deeply missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 24th, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in Port Hood and Area Resting Place. Funeral mass will take place on Friday, November 25th, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood, with Father Eugene Morris officiating. Burial to be held at a later date. For those who cannot attend the funeral mass, it will be live-streamed on the parish's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/st.peters.parish.porthood>. Memorial donations may be made to The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacDONNELL

Stanley MacDonnell: With heavy hearts we share the news of Stanley's passing. On November 19th, after a long battle with MS, Stanley passed away peacefully. Stanley lived with MS for the greater part of his life. He battled the disease with the most amazing grace, bravery, and strength. He lived every day with positivity and determination not to let it stop him from doing the things he loved. Stanley was born in Inverness on March 11th, 1960; he grew up in Glencoe and was known to be a mischievous rascal and always up for an adventure or getting into trouble. Stanley was a skilled athlete who earned a spot on nearly every sports team. He graduated from Port Hood Consolidated School and soon after received a carpentry diploma from NSCC. Stanley had a large and loving family and was a proud and dedicated father to his two daughters. Stanley would do anything for his girls; the love he showed them was unconditional, constant and knew no bounds or limits. Stanley made lifelong friends everywhere he went and anyone who knew him knew he was an extremely kind, loving, fun and gentle person, who if given the chance would

trick you into doing something silly or embarrassing. Stanley was an uncompromising Bruins fan who found joy in taking money from people who bet against him – particularly Leafs' fans.

Stanley's story is unorthodox, in both his physical fight with MS and his tenacious resistance to letting it define him. The independence and unconventionality he cultivated and sustained for so many years was unparalleled and would not have been possible without the unconditional support he received from his friends and family over the years. Stanley was predeceased by his parents, Francis and Catherine MacDonnell; brother, Kevin Blaze MacDonnell; and niece, Alisha O'Brien. Stanley is survived by his brothers, Frankie, Gary (Celeste), Wesley (Mary Lou) and Scott (Debbie); his sister, Laurie Lynn; his daughters, Elli and Abby and grandsons, Tyler and Maxime. Along with his nieces and nephews, Melishia, Cathy (Joe), Kelly (Jamie), John Joe (Molly), Lindsay, Nicole (Chopper), Stacey (Owen), Natasha, Hayley, Emily, and Colin. He will be forever missed by long-time family friends, Sandra, Melissa, and Bernie. Family would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Ritter and Dr. Lok and the rest of the staff at the Inverary Manor, Inverness, for the exceptional care they provided to Stanley over the years but particularly these last few months during which he was treated with the utmost tenderness, thoughtfulness, and respect. Staff truly brightened his life and the insights, knowledge, and emotional support showed to our family will always be remembered. In his memory donations can be made to the MS Society or to the Inverness Beach Accessibility Program (for accessible beach donations please email Rose Mary Macdonald, rorysis@hotmail.com). At a later date, friends and family will be invited to share happy memories and celebrate Stan's life in the way he would want to be remembered as a fun loving and caring man who lived life to the fullest. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CAMERON

Darlene "Lynne" Cameron: Lynne Cameron passed away on October 24th, 2022, surrounded by her family, after four brave years of treatments and clinical trials to impede her lung cancer. She was 59. A funeral service was held in Nepean, Ontario, on Sunday, November 13th. An interment will take place at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Cemetery, South West Margaree, Nova Scotia, on Friday, November 25th, at 11:00 a.m. Friends of the family are welcome to attend. Lynne was born on February 4th, 1963, in Belleville, Ontario, and was raised in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, after her father retired from the military. After high school, Lynne completed a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics at Dalhousie University and an agricultural economics degree at Nova Scotia Agricultural College (now known as the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus). She then moved across the country to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, to pursue her master's in agricultural economics. Lynne worked various jobs throughout her life. She was raised to be an independent, hard-working woman, with one of her first jobs as a gas attendant at the family's Irving Oil station in Baddeck, Nova Scotia. After obtaining her master's degree, she worked as an economist in various federal government departments, including the Department of Agricultural and Agri-Food Canada, Department of Finance, and most recently at Global Affairs Canada as an international trade policy analyst. Lynne was always excited for the next file that would expose her to the world of multilateral trade policy and negotiation in foreign lands. Lynne was an avid traveller and adventurer and embraced life with a passion and enthusiasm that was infectious. Whether skiing, scuba diving, sailing, or kayaking, Lynne was always on the go, although her favourite place in the world remained Chimney Corner Beach on Cape Breton Island. She had a vivacious personality and always made people around her laugh. She made friends everywhere she went. Her absence will be felt by all her family, friends, co-workers, neighbours, golf partners, book/paint (wine) club members, her lung cancer support group members, and the countless others she encountered in her life. But Lynne, first and foremost, was a dedicated mother. She treasured her son, Kieran, and embraced every moment she had with him. She dedicated her life to ensuring that Kieran was able to develop his own interests and pursuits and she will always be his biggest fan. Lynne

shared her love of the world with Kieran – taking him with her on canoeing trips to Algonquin or exotic locales, such as exploring the vast countryside of Russia. As a single mother, Lynne shared a special bond with Kieran – the two of them against the world. In December 2018, after she was diagnosed with lung cancer, Lynne's life changed drastically. Putting aside her ambitions at work and acknowledging the limitations that cancer had imposed upon her, Lynne dedicated her time to promoting and advancing research into lung cancer and treasuring her time with family and friends. Lynne was predeceased by her mother, Darlene (Turner) Cameron. She is survived by her son, Kieran Cameron MacGillivray; her father, Martin (Jean) Cameron; and her siblings: Laurie Cameron, Leslie (John) Pottier, Leanne Cameron and David (Maureen Evans) Cameron. She will be greatly missed by her many nieces and nephews and her aunt, Beverly (Murray Newton) Beckett, and first cousins, Brad (Celine), Cheryl (Shane Kelford) and Graydon (Jackie Farrow) Beckett and their families. Her absence will also be felt by her stalwart companion, Fuzz, her Old English Sheepdog.

CAMUS

Daphne Louise Camus, age 27, Grand Falls, NB, formerly of Cheticamp, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Thursday, November 3rd, 2022, in St. John Regional Hospital, NB. Daphne was the daughter of Gelas and Giselle (Larade) Camus. Besides her parents, Daphne is survived by her fiancé, Justin Bossé; stepson, Hayden Bossé; brother, Bradley (Rosie) Camus; nephews, Isaac and Isaiah; maternal grandparents, Bernie and Louise (LeBlanc) Larade; three aunts, seven uncles, and many cousins. Daphne was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Napoleon and Jeanette (Haché) Camus; uncles, Clovis Roach, Michael Larade, and Alphonse Camus; and cousins, Roderick Camus and Joey Camus. A funeral service was celebrated on Thursday, November 10th, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in l'Église St. Pierre, Cheticamp, with Deacon Gerald LeBlanc officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Daphne's memory to IWK Infectious Disease Clinic or St. John Regional Hospital, Oncology Unit. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

FRASER-GWINN

Bertha Fraser-Gwinn, age 87, Cheticamp: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our loving Mother, on October 30th, 2022, in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. Mom was one of eight children, born to the late Wilson and the late Sadie Gwinn, Effie, Mary, Iris, Vida, Fred, Ricky, and Ray along with family chosen sister, Bobbie. She was married in Cape North to Stanley Fraser, lived in Pleasant Bay for 11 years, then moved to Cheticamp where she brought up her family of seven children in which she devoted her life to: Flora (Cyril Burns), Melvin, Corinne, Clifford, Sheila, William (Jackie) and Curtis. She also had three grandchildren: Nathan, Preston, (Angie), and Ferrari; and two great-grandchildren: Ryan and Dawson. Over the years she generously helped those in need by providing a home for them in which some have kept in touch with us to this day. Mom had a great sense of humour which everyone liked and that she had right to her last day here with us. She filled her days by cooking wholesome meals for the family, spending time with pets, reading, knitting, baking, talking over the phone with friends, and more. She made Christmas a very special and magical time for us and always made sure we had a lot of presents and a huge Christmas dinner. Mom enjoyed the simple things in life, taking great pleasure in eating her favourite foods, especially strawberries, ice cream, and fish. A graveside service, was held on Friday, November 4th, 2022, in Pleasant Bay Cemetery, Pleasant Bay, with Rev. Peter Rioux officiating. We would like to say special thanks to Dr. Maillet, the staff of the Foyer Père Fiset, where she was well taken care of since March of 2020, along with the staff of Cheticamp Funeral Home for their professional service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice. Funeral

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

MERRY

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Franklin Roosevelt Merry, age 80, of Cheticamp, on October 26, 2022, at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney. Franklin was born in Cheticamp and was the son of the late Helier Merry and the late Nellie (Robertson) Merry. After retiring from Nova Scotia Power, he owned and managed Cheticamp Motel. Franklin is survived by his wife Ethel (Larade) Merry; sons, Kevin Winston (Synnove), Norway, Franklin Malet (Fiona), Dartmouth, Brian Peter (Kazue), Banff; sisters, Helen Merry, Stellarton, Gloria Di Blasio (Pat), Montreal; grandchildren, Benjamin, William, Nicholas, Eric (Maggie), Paul, Peter, Maya, Shylee; sisters-in-law, Ivy Merry, Georgina Merry. Besides his parents, Franklin was predeceased by daughter, Deborah Ann Merry; brothers, Harold Merry, Derek Merry, twin brother Winston Merry. Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 1st, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for the public. Funeral service was held at Église Saint-Pierre, Cheticamp, on Monday, November 7th, 2022, at 10:30am with Reverend Peter Rioux officiating. Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Donations in Franklin's memory may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or a charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

POIRIER

Pure love. Fighting brain cancer as a teenager or the multiple brain surgeries and cancer treatments so severe hair didn't even grow back. This should have been your greatest fight in life but that paled in comparison to your greatest accomplishments. At 21 years old recovering from cancer, you should be starting your life as a young adult but instead you did the unthinkable; you took on five young children to hold the family together. You thrived on the role as parent, guardian, and friend. You loved your boys fiercely and really showed them what pure love meant. You took wild kids (yes, we heard the stories to back that up boys) and raised them all to be amazing men. You did that...you did that as a young woman alone raising young boys still not fully healthy yourself. You gave them love, security, and acceptance. Never anything less. You cheered them on, you provided, and you were their home, their safe spot. No matter what happened Cathy was there with a smile; a genuine happiness for any little thing. I have actually met very few people that were so genuinely happy for anyone's good fortune. When the family started expanding and girlfriends and spouses started arriving there was always acceptance from you. Always welcoming us with open arms. I know now it's because we provided her absolute treasure...the kids. The nieces and nephews. All of us, not just the boys but all of us owe Cathy for the family we have today. She held a family together; she shaped wild animals into a wonderful group of men who women actually wanted to marry. You taught them love, acceptance, and your goddamn stubborn Poirier no quit spirit. Your job was done so very successfully that no one can understand how such a small little woman could push us all around to get whatever she wanted. Every visit with you involved belly laughs and love...and a little bit of telling us what to do...usually with a list! Rest now Cathy. Your job is done, and you can be at peace with your greatest accomplishments at your side. Cathy is survived by her mother Sylvia; her five greatest accomplishments, Steven (Mandy), Paddy (Lorraine), Charles (Dawn), Johnny (Candace) and Ryan; along with special brothers Joey (Neilena), Simon, Jimmy (Samantha); and only sister Georgina (Sven). She will also be remembered by her the lights of her life, her grandchildren, nieces and nephews, Justine, Austin, Adam, James, Ethan, Isaac, Shawn, Ava, Lanie, Rory, Avery, Grace, Danielle and Mason. She was predeceased by her father Simon. Visitation was at St. Matthew's United Church, Tuesday, November 1st, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Service followed, officiated by Pierre Chiasson. Memorial donations in Cathy's memory may be made to Inverary Manor, Inverness or to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

YIPP

Daniel Lance Yipp, age 61, passed away peacefully on Sunday October 30th, 2022, at the Victoria General Hospital with family at his side. Lance was born in Inverness on April 13th, 1961, to Patsy Gillis (MacIntosh) and Jon Yipp. Lance's pride and joy were his children, but he had a special love for his grandchildren. Lance enjoyed adventures to his grandchildren's sporting events on the weekends, listening to Bob Seger, harness racing, and automobiles. Lance is survived by his parents; mother of his children, Ann Estelle Yipp; his children, Nya Kennedy (Donald), Hailey Young (Blaise), Coady Yipp (Mora) and step-daughter, Colyn MacLellan (Chisholm) and family; his precious grandchildren, Vada, Reid, Carter, Freddy, Lennox, and Scarlett; sister, Pam Hartford (John); brothers, Warren Yipp, Jon Yipp, and George Yipp who was also his best friend and sidekick, and remained by his side every day for the last few months; stepbrother, Michael Wall; and godson, John Hartford. Lance is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and close friend, Eddie Benner. Lance was predeceased by his stepmother, Marie Yipp, stepbrother, Booker Wall, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. Visitation was held Tuesday, November 8th, 2022, at the Stella Maris Parish church in Inverness from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass following at 11:00 a.m. Family flowers only, memorial donations can be made to a charity of choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacINNIS

With family by her side, we are deeply saddened to announce the death of Annie Mae MacInnis (Matthews) of Skye Glen which occurred Thursday, October 27th, 2022, at the Richmond Villa in St. Peter's. Born and raised in Grande Anse, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Hilda (MacRae) Matthews. At a very young age she left Cape Breton to work in Toronto. There she would meet the love of her life, the late Isaac MacInnis of Skye Glen. They first lived in Long Branch and eventually landed in Mississauga, Ontario, raising a family where many fond memories were made. Every summer there were trips back home to Cape Breton. She was a devoted wife, mother, and loved her grandchildren with a passion. She loved bingo and card games, and concerts, but not as much as Elvis Presley and her story at 3:00 p.m. every day. In 1995, Annie and Isaac made the decision to go back home to Cape Breton and lived in Skye Glen, where there were many more great times with family and friends. Annie is survived by her son Shane (Lisa); and her grandchildren Benjamin, Matthew, and Sarah, of Mississauga Ontario. Predeceased by her loving and devoted husband of 52 years Isaac; son Darrell; and another son at birth. She will be deeply missed by her sisters Irene, Ruth (Dilly), Emily, Judy (George); brothers, Jackie (Jewl), Duncan (Marlene), George (Florence) and Brian (Debbie); sister-in-law Marg; brothers-in-law David and Donald. She will be missed by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. She was predeceased by her sisters, Helen Rehberg, Georgina Rose, Ethel MacRae, Bernice Pringle; and brothers, Charlie and Gerald Matthews. We would like to express our thankfulness and appreciation for the love and care provided by everyone at the Richmond Villa for Annie. Cremation has taken place and there will be a private graveside ceremony at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation, Stewart United Church, or to Skye Glen Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh. Word of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.