

BOUDREAU

It is with great sadness the family announces the sudden but peaceful passing of Louis Lévis Boudreau, on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026, at the age of 89 at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital in Sydney. Born in Chéticamp, January 10th, 1936 to the late Lazare and the late Esther (Aucoin) Boudreau, he married Réjeanne, December 27th, 1962. His passing occurred just a few days shy of his 90th birthday.

Louis Lévis taught most of his life to finally retire in 1992. Louis Lévis and Réjeanne spent several winters in Florida where they enjoyed playing golf with family and friends. They would then return to his beloved Cheticamp to spend wonderful summers with family and friends in playing golf and taking walks in his wonderful neighborhood of Plateau. Louis Lévis is survived by his wife, Réjeanne (Maillet) Boudreau; son, Guy (Priscille); daughter, Nadine (Michel); sisters, Marie Lorraine, and Marie Hélène; sister-in-law, Lucille; as well as many dear nieces, nephews, family, and friends from all over; grandson, Roch (Shania); and grandchildren, Gunnar and Niya. The family would like to thank the first responders from the Cheticamp Volunteer Fire Department, Dr. Michel Chiasson and all the nurses and staff at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Chéticamp, and all the nurses and staff of the Intensive Care Unit of the Cape Breton Regional Hospital in Sydney for their care and compassion in the last few days of Louis Lévis' life. At Louis Lévis' request and the family, there will be no funeral. A private celebration of his life will take place at a later date. Louis Lévis' body was donated to Dalhousie University for research. We are missing you and will always love you Papapape. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

CORMIER

Agnès Cormier, age 95, of Cheticamp, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Sunday, January 11th, 2026, in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. She was a daughter of the late Luc and the late Olive (Roach) Chiasson. Our beloved Maman, Mémère, and Grand Mémère, Agnès, took pride in her family and their accomplishments. A life well lived, Agnès was an active member of Club des Retraités, Cheticamp, for several years. She participated in the Foyer Père Fiset weekly programs until COVID came upon us, always looking forward to the various activities and socializing. Agnès did rug-hooking and many of her pieces were displayed and sold in town. Knitting was one of Agnès's favorite hobbies, and for over a decade she crafted a large variety of knitted items in support of The Green Door Adult Center Gift Shop. Agnes took great pleasure in cooking and baking for her family. She will fondly be remembered for taking on the dessert task for family Christmas dinners...her apple pies were always a highlight of the meal and delicious. A good card game was on Agnès's list of loves; she never refused to partner up for a game of "La dame de piques" or "200" which were her favorites. Agnès resided in the senior citizen apartments in town for 17 years before rehoming at the Foyer Père Fiset in 2023. She adjusted well and often expressed to us how much she felt at home and "safe." We were well aware that the staff provided her with exceptional care and support. With that being said, we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to each and every staff member of the Foyer Père Fiset for their caring ways and loving our precious Maman. Merci, Dr. Kassie Sonier and Dr. Amelie Maillet for always keeping a watchful eye, especially so in the past few weeks...much appreciated. Agnès is survived by her sons, Vincent (Debbie), Joseph Luc (Jean), and Gilles; daughter, Catherine Aucoin (Jimmy); grandchildren, Brenda Aucoin, Monica LeBlanc (Danny), and Colleen Cormier (Kyle); and great-grandchildren, Luke, Liam, Nolan, and Rylan. Besides her parents, Agnès was predeceased by her husband, Adelard Cormier; friend, Hilaire Chiasson; son, Ronnie; brothers, Hyacinthe, Marcellin, Henri, Vic, Louis, Paul, Joseph, Albert, and Robert; and sisters, Thérèse and Marie. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 16th, 2026, in the Chapel of St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Father Daniel Gustave officiating. Burial will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Foyer Père Fiset Recreation Department. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Neil Joseph MacDonald on December 27th, 2025, at the Dartmouth General Hospital. Neil was born on July 30th, 1954, in Port Hood, Nova Scotia, to the late Charles Alexander and Mary Elizabeth (MacKinnon) MacDonald. He later made his home in Dartmouth, where he shared a life filled with love, family, and friendship. Neil was married for 40 years to his beloved wife, Karen Darlene (Wiswell) MacDonald, who predeceased him on November 27th, 2020. Together they built a life grounded in devotion, laughter, and shared memories. Left to cherish Neil's memory are his son Grant (Nancy); his treasured grandchildren Liam and Lily, of Edson, Alberta; his brother Edward; and sisters Charlene (Francis) of Halifax, and Eveylena (Donald) of Port Hood. He will also be fondly remembered by his sisters-in-law Frances (Randy), Joanne (late Ken), and Judy (late Doug), all of Dartmouth; as well as his many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents and wife, Neil was predeceased by his in-laws Everett and Marion (Stevens) Wiswell; his siblings John (Joy), Mary (Colin), Steven, and Violet; and his niece Mary and nephew Thomas. Neil attended Port Hood Consolidated School and later Strait Regional Vocational School, where he learned his trade as a pipefitter. He worked for the Department of National Defence in Bedford for 15 years before heading west, where he continued his career and became a respected mentor to many apprentices. Neil took great pride in his work and in helping others learn their trade. An avid sportsman, Neil enjoyed playing both hockey and ball, and he especially loved coaching many of Grant's little league teams, creating lasting memories on and off the field. The family extends heartfelt thanks to Dartmouth Seniors, EHS paramedics, and the doctors, nurses, and care teams at Dartmouth General Hospital and Capital Health for their compassion and care over the past several years. Special thanks to Corn, Ronnie, and Angus for their many visits and calls over the years. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be held at Atlantic Funeral Home, 771 Main Street, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 25th. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday, January 26th, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Road, Dartmouth, with Father Alain Dosseh officiating. Live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/CTKFUNERAL>. Donations in Neil's memory may be made to the Lung Association of Nova Scotia or to a charity of one's choice.

MacKINNON

With deep love and gratitude, for a life well lived, we announce the passing of our beloved mother Lucie Marguerite MacKinnon, at the age of 95, who died peacefully at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Chéticamp on January 16th, 2026. Lucie was born July 6th, 1930 to Willie Maillet and Louise LeBlanc in Chéticamp, NS. Lucie lived a life rooted in family, faith, and service. A devoted teacher for 31 years, she touched countless lives with her kindness, patience, and humility. She volunteered with the Sacred Heart Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and Meals on Wheels. She was a member of the church choir and a reader at L'Église St. Pierre. Lucie enjoyed a good game of 200, dancing, attending Talent Night at the Doryman, music at L'AMAC, and spending time with her family. Lucie had a deep love of music and filled her home with song. She was known for lovingly preparing cherished meals for her family. Her traditional recipes will be passed along for generations. Faith guided Lucie's life, giving her strength, comfort, and purpose. She lived her beliefs quietly and sincerely, offering compassion, prayer and love to all who knew her. Lucie leaves behind a family who adored her. She will be deeply missed by her four children; Ross (Anne Marie), Annette (Ernie), Patricia, Bonnie Jean (Jason); grandchildren, Meghan, Kyle, Christina, Jason, Katherine, Rodney, Courtney, Connor, Blair, Matthew; great-grandchildren, Avalon, Brogan, Alexa, Chloe, Ava, Dustin, Chase, Carter, Emma. Lucie was predeceased by her husband, Alexander James MacKinnon; beloved siblings, Napoleon, Placide, Sr. Marie Mathilde, Jeannette, Therese; also predeceased by sons-in-law, Rodrick Fiset (Patricia), and William Roberts (Annette). Our family wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Amélie Maillet, the nursing staff at the Sacred Heart Hospital, the palliative care team, Dr. Ritter, and Moira Chiasson for the exceptional care shown to our mother. Visitation will be held Monday, January 26th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Chéticamp Funeral Home followed by a funeral mass at 2:00 p.m. at L'Église St. Pierre, Chéticamp with Father Douglas

MacDonald presiding. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

BURNS

Allan Ross Burns passed away peacefully in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, surrounded by his loving family on January 9th, 2026, at the age of 86 years. Allan was born on March 2nd, 1939, at the family farm in Shinimicas, Nova Scotia. He was a son of the late Hilda and Ross Burns. Allan was predeceased by his wife, Marilyn; parents; stepmother, Marie Murdock Burns; parents-in-law, Neil and Margaret Campbell; sister, Helen Farrow; brothers, Richard and Bertram Burns; brother-in-law, Harold Farrow; nephews, Brian Farrow and Jason Campbell; and numerous uncles and aunts. Allan grew up and worked on the family farm in Shinimicas until his mid-twenties. He and his father settled in Bible Hill on East Court Road shortly after his mother passed away in 1965. He met Marilyn through his Uncle Clark, and they were married on July 4th, 1970. Allan and Marilyn built a life in their home on Riverside Avenue, where they raised their two children, Neil and Michelle. He was very proud of their property and worked hard to maintain it. Allan worked a number of construction jobs including the building of the Cox Institute on the Nova Scotia Agricultural College campus. He then spent many years working for Eastern Transport and Midland Transport. He mostly worked night shift and would regularly pivot to family activities on just a few hours of sleep. In his retirement, he cut grass and did odd jobs for many of his neighbours on Riverside. Allan's most endearing qualities were his quiet demeanor, kind heart, sense of humor, his work ethic and his storytelling. His memory of his youth on the farm was very sharp and he loved sharing stories that typically involved a storm, working the crops, the machinery, neighbours, the family dogs, their horses, Jock and Chief, driving his mother to work with a horse and wagon, and adventures with his siblings and friends. He also had very fond memories of time spent during the summers in Advocate Harbour with his mother's family. Allan's farming background led to a lifelong love of gardening. He had a large garden every year, including this past summer, that was immaculately kept. His largest crop was potatoes which would yield enough to last through the winter. He shared the fruits of his labours with friends and neighbours, and Marilyn preserved pickles and beets every fall. He adored his grandchildren, Rya, Madison, Gavin, and Riley. He loved spending time with them, attending their school and sporting activities. He was extremely proud of them all and interested in everything they were doing. What Allan loved most was spending time with family. Whether it be a holiday or birthday spent with his immediate family, times spent at his sister's cottage, in Ontario with his brothers or in Cape Breton with his in-laws, he was happy. He loved gathering for a meal and exchanging new and old stories. Allan will be dearly missed by his son, Neil (Jamie) Burns; daughter, Michelle (Duane) Webber; grandchildren, Rya and Gavin Burns, Madison and Riley Webber; sisters in-law, Carolyn Burns and Diane Burns; brothers in-law, John Murdock (Tena) and Barry (Colleen Beaton) Campbell; cousins, Gail Morris, Arden Fletcher; and his many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. The family would like to thank Colchester East Hants Health Centre's nurses and doctors of D3 and palliative care for the kindness shown to Dad during his hospital stay. In lieu of flowers, Allan would be very pleased if you made a donation to Northport Hillside Cemetery Company, where his parents are buried, (<https://mycharityfund.ca/charity/20035/northport-hillside-cemetery-company>), or a charity of your choice. A visitation will be held on Saturday, January 17th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a funeral service on Sunday, January 18th, at 2:30 p.m., both in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Webcasting of the service will begin at 2:28 p.m. (AST) and is available along with online condolences at www.ColchesterCommunity.com.

CORMIER

Delina Mary Cormier, age 88, Cheticamp, passed away on Thursday, January 1st, 2026 in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. She was a daughter of the late Edmond and the late Eva (Imhoff) Pitre. Delina and Henry lived in Toronto where she worked at a bank for over 25 years. When she and Henry moved back to Cheticamp, Delina worked as a bank teller at the Royal Bank.

Delina is survived by several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Henry T. Cormier; brothers, Willard, Albany, and Lionel; and sisters, Patricia, and Delcine. A graveside service will take place at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDOUGALL

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of William F. MacDougall, 66, of Beaver Bank, NS – but always a Cape Bretoner at heart – on January 3rd, 2026. William, known as Billy or “Uncle Billy” was born and raised in Inverness, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, to mother Margaret MacDougall (Beaton) and father Alexander MacDougall. Billy leaves to grieve his wife of 37 years, Mary MacDougall (Ingraham), their two children, Nicole (Matt) Harnish and Sean (Katlynn) MacDougall, along with their furbaby, Rex; brothers, Danny (Kathleen) MacDougall, Sandy (Rosalie) MacDougall, and brother-in-law Louie Lanceleve; his “favourite nieces” Kim, Karen, Kelly, and many other nieces and nephews whom he loved. He was predeceased by his parents Margaret and Alec MacDougall, sister Wendy, and father-in-law George Ingraham. On April, 13th, 2005, Billy embarked on a life-changing venture and started his own business, Sight Point Lighting Ltd. and never looked back. He loved being self-employed, not just because he could leave work early on a Friday afternoon. Billy always enjoyed music of many genres and sat many a night on the deck with Rex listening to anything from Gordon Lightfoot to Archie Fisher so late it would be early. In his younger years he played the bagpipes, strummed his magical-sounding 12-string Fender acoustic guitar and hummed out the odd tune from a harmonica. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to any and all who asked. If he couldn't help he surely would know someone that could. If you knew Billy for any amount of time, you would know he loved a good party surrounded by good music, loving friends, and of course an “Uncle Billy special” drink. If you were new to that group of friends, he would make a point to make you feel warm and welcome. He loved seeing a car pull into the driveway, knowing he could tell a story or a joke over a good drink, which happened often, given he didn't know a stranger. Billy's family would like to thank the staff at Cobequid Health Centre, who knew him as “Uncle Billy,” for their excellent care and the staff at the QE2. Memorial donations can be made in his name to Hope For Wildlife or a charity of your choice. A memorial service for Billy MacDougall will be held at Atlantic Funeral Home, 1110 Old Sackville Road, Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, at 1:00 p.m. on January 16th, 2026, with reception to follow. There will be a memorial mass held at a later date in Inverness, Cape Breton. Slainté!

MacKINNON

Rose M. MacKinnon, 81, Inverness, peacefully passed away on January 2nd, 2026, surrounded by family in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. She was born on April 26th, 1944, in St. John, New Brunswick to the late Irene (Cormier) and Antoine Vautour. Rose took pride in having family gathered in her home, always welcomed with a hot meal, a seat at the table or an ear to listen. Though Rose was not originally from Inverness, it quickly became her forever home. As a child, Rose moved to St. Ignace, where her father built the family homestead, and where she helped raise her fifteen siblings. Following in the footsteps of her beloved grandmother, and best friend, Marie Cormier, Rose made the journey to Cape Breton. She was lovingly taken under the wing of her Aunt Sister Bernadette and worked at the Mabou Convent. What Rose could not have known then, was how life-changing that move would be. It led her to meet the love of her life at a Margaree square dance, and from that moment on, it was history. Throughout her life, Rose held many jobs, but the greatest and most cherished was being a mother, grandmother, and a mother figure to all who entered her life. Rose once dreamed of pursuing a career in nursing, a calling rooted in her care for others. Though life led her down a different path at a young age, she carried that belief forward, instilling in her children and grandchildren the importance of education and lifelong learning. She was proud of her Acadian heritage and had a gift for languages, speaking French and English fluently, as well a bit of Gaelic. Rose is survived by her children, Michelle (Frank) MacDonnell, Lauchie (Tracy), Donna (John) Clarke, Shane (Kelly), Eddie (Paulette) Phillips; son-in-law, John

Cummings; grandchildren, Rene, Kelsey, Shane, Maesey, Daniel, Luc, Jacob, Denis, Rachel, Jenna, James, Charley Rose, Ayla, Malcolm; brothers, Paul (Vicki), Jean (Francine), Arthur (Doria), Gabriel, Lin (Monique), Rheo (Shirley); sister, Martha (Dave); special niece, Lori Ann; and multiple nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great grandchildren, godchildren, sister, and brothers-in-law. Rose was predeceased by the love of her life, her husband, Laughlin Charles; her daughter, Grace Marie; brothers, Vincent, Raymond, Armand, Regnald, Clement, and Jude; and her 4-legged companion of 18 years, Biscuit. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all she touched. The family would like to thank the staff of Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital for their compassionate care and support. Donations in Rose's memory can be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. The family invites you to honor Rose by living with the same kindness and compassion she showed to everyone. A celebration of Rose's life will take place on April 25th, 2026, to allow all family and friends to gather. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacMILLAN

With deep sadness we announce the death of our dear mother and sister, Genevieve Isabel MacMillan (Copley). Mama was born in Inverness, September 25th, 1939, and passed away on January 8th, 2026, at the Taigh na Mara nursing home in Glace Bay. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and the many communities she was part of. The daughter of George and Elizabeth Copley, she grew up in a busy house in the Red Rows. She developed an early love of sports, playing baseball under the expert eye of her father. Her lifelong love of the beach began there, along with her fondness for listening to local music and watching sports, especially her Habs and Red Sox. In her late teens, she met the love of her life, Angus, and went to the first of many dances. He must have been a good lead as after they married in 1958, she moved with him, first to Ontario and then back to Port Hood where their children Donnie, George, Louise and Sarah were born. Angus built them a house in Troy and Mama made it a home, welcoming everyone with open hospitality. A devout Catholic, she was a frequent Eucharistic minister and lector, and a member of the CWL. While her life and happiness revolved around her family, she also held a number of jobs outside her home. She had especially fond memories of her time at The Skye Motel where she made many of her lifelong friends and worked to improve the working conditions of her colleagues. As we grew up and followed our own paths, she and Angus provided unconditional love and support. Later they were able to have more time together to travel and enjoy beach days in Port Hood and Florida, race days in Inverness, and dances all around Inverness County, often with visiting children and grandchildren. After our father passed in 1998, Mama continued to travel, as far afield as Australia and Hawaii, spending time with family, and hosting visitors every summer. She loved watching her grandchildren grow up and fostered a strong connection to Cape Breton in all of them. Her walls were covered in family photos, and she followed all of their accomplishments with pride. Later, she moved back to Inverness and enjoyed spending more time with her brothers and their families. In 2025, with Louise's help, she moved once more, to Taigh na Mara nursing home in Glace Bay, where she was lovingly cared for by their wonderful staff. Throughout her life, she built strong friendships and communities through work, volunteer activity and the church, and through just being there to help out neighbours, and those in need of wise advice, a pie, or emergency childcare. Mama was a great storyteller, and many evenings were spent around the table often over a card game, telling jokes, teasing, and laughing with her family and friends. We'll miss her stories, her laughter, her advice, her fair-mindedness, her sharp wit, and her informed commentary on world events and local politics. She was a lady of formidable strength and determination, showing us all how to meet life's challenges with grace. Mama was predeceased by her beloved husband, Angus, her father, George Copley; mother, Elizabeth Copley (Russell); sisters, Georgina Copley, Kaye Reid (Bill), Caroline Walker (Jordy), Jean Walker (Alexander); brother Russell, and sister-in-law, Edith Copley. She is survived by children Donnie (Margy) in Victoria, BC, George (Marjorie) in Sherwood Park, AB, Louise MacDougall (Lorne) in Sydney, NS, and Sarah MacLellan (Lennie) in Newton, Mass; grandchildren Brenden MacMillan (David MacLeod), and Cassie (Kody) DesRoches, William

Hall (Jill), Isaac Hall (Jenna Khoury-Hanna), Donald MacLellan, Michael MacLellan (Annie Greene), John Angus MacLellan; brothers, Edward Copley (Marie), George Copley Jr., James Copley (Anne); sister-in-law Trudy Copley, and many very special nieces, nephews, and cousins. A wake will be held Thursday, January 15th, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Inverness Funeral Home and the Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16th, at Stella Maris Church in Inverness. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Central Inverness Hospice Palliative Care. The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Taigh na Mara. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CAMPBELL

Angus Jerome Campbell, age 65, embraced the promise of eternal life on January 2nd, 2026, peacefully at home on the hill in Brook Village, overlooking the farm where he spent his life. Born on May 31st, 1960, Angus lived a quiet and meaningful life and was an integral part of the day-to-day operation of the family farm. He was known for his kind and generous heart and never failed to show it to those closest to him. His smile was always brightest when his nieces and nephews – and later, his grand-nieces and grand-nephews – arrived at the barn, especially when they brought the latest news or were driving a new car. Angus enjoyed listening to Country Gold at full volume on Sunday afternoons, going for drives, and sitting on the verandah with a cold pop in hand. He was the most reliable source for historical family events – including what the weather was like that day, who was there, and what was said. You name it – Angus knew it. More than anything, he will be fondly remembered for his kindness and thoughtfulness, never missing an opportunity to show his love through a card on a special occasion, an ice-cream treat in the milk house, or a trip to the store or the go-carts. His nieces and nephews were truly blessed to have Angus as their uncle. Angus was able to comfortably and happily live the life he lived, which enabled him to remain in the family home, alongside his brother Colie and sister-in-law Cathy and their children Cynthia and Cyle, for whom the family is deeply grateful. Faith assures us that Angus is now reunited with his parents, Margaret (Gillis) Campbell and John Angus Campbell, as well as his infant sister Mary Josephine and his older brother James “Jim”. Left to honour his memory – and to keep the treat dish full and the wood box stocked – are his siblings: John William “Jackie” (Jeanette), Port Hood, NS; Anne (late Dougald) MacDonald, Windsor, ON; Francis Colin “Colie” (Cathy), Brook Village, NS; Jane (Sandy) MacKinnon, Port Hood, NS; Joan (Duncan) MacDonald, Brook Village, NS; and Kevin Campbell, Brook Village, NS; sister-in-law Mary Anne Campbell, Woodslee, ON. Angus will also be lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews: Bruce, Tyler, Gary, Tammy, Michael, Jean, Shelley, Melissa, Brenda, Charlene, Carolyn, Lindsay, John Francis, Cynthia, Cyle and their families. Along with many cherished grand-nieces, grand-nephews, cousins, and friends. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 8th from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Brook Village Parish Hall. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9th from St. John the Baptist Church, Brook Village. Donations in Angus’s memory may be made to the St. John The Baptist Cemetery Fund or St. John The Baptist Parish Building Fund. The family takes comfort in knowing that Angus is now at peace, surrounded by God’s love, reunited with those who went before him, and watching over the farm and family he held so dear. Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycomagh. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com. “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord.” – Matthew 25:23.

LeBLANC

It is with deep sorrow and loving remembrance that we announce the passing of Gloria Marie LeBlanc, a woman of remarkable strength, determination, and heart. Gloria lived 88 years, and she truly made every one of them count. Gloria’s presence filled every room she entered. She was known for her sharp wit, fierce determination, and strong will. When Gloria said no, she meant no and there was no changing her mind. Yet if Gloria was met with a no, her determination would shine through until it became a yes, even if it was a reluctant one. She met life’s challenges head-on,

carrying herself with dignity, humor, and an unwavering sense of purpose. Those who knew her understood that beneath her strength, was a profound kindness; one that revealed itself through action rather than words. Gloria had a way of making people feel truly cared for, whether through a kind word, a listening ear, or simply by being there when it mattered most. Gloria shared 65 years of marriage with the love of her life, Harry LeBlanc. Together they laughed, argued, and faced the world side by side. Gloria was never wrong – or at least Harry let her believe that. They were truly two peas in a pod, conquering life's ups and downs together. Gloria was a devoted mother to four children: Darrell, Steve, Shaun and Brenda. While raising three young boys certainly tested her patience, they also kept her young at heart. Gloria was fiercely proud of her children, and anyone who spoke with her could see it light up her face as she talked about them. There was nothing she would not do for her kids. This past year brought unimaginable loss with the passing of two of her sons, a heartbreak she carried with quiet strength, continuing to show love and resilience for her family even in her grief. Family was always at the center of Gloria's world. She cherished time spent together and created memories that will be held close forever. Her home was a place of warmth, welcome, and tradition especially at Christmastime. She stitched the season together year after year through baking, cooking, music, and an open door that made everyone feel they belonged. Christmas did not simply happen in her home, she made it. The traditions she built, the meals she prepared, and the love she gave so freely became the foundation of countless cherished memories. Gloria was a grandmother in the truest sense of the word...steady hands, a comforting presence, and a love that never wavered. She taught by example: how to care deeply, how to persevere, and how to show up even when life was hard. Her influence will continue to live on through the generations who carry her traditions forward and feel her presence in the moments that matter most. Gloria's love extended far beyond her family to her friends and community. She lived a life rooted in hard work, compassion, and service. A respected nurse of 37 years, Gloria was deeply proud of her career and the difference she made in people's lives. Her passion for helping others extended into public service, where she served as a councillor for District 2 for 19 years. Gloria was made for politics and wasn't afraid to tell anyone exactly how it was. There was no issue too big or too small for Gloria to take on. Those who knew her, knew better than to stand in her way, those who didn't quickly learned it wasn't wise to cross her or argue with her. Those who served alongside her knew she was never afraid to bring forward difficult issues and always ensured fairness and understanding were at the heart of every discussion. Gloria is survived by her loving husband, Harry LeBlanc; and her children, Steve (Linda) LeBlanc, Brenda (John) Burton; and daughter-in-law, Priscilla LeBlanc. She was the proud grandmother of 14 grandchildren and a cherished great-grandmother to many, each of whom she loved deeply. She was predeceased by her sons, Darrell and Shaun LeBlanc; her parents, Mary and William Matheson; her grandson Dylan LeBlanc; and her granddaughter Sherri LeBlanc. Though her absence is deeply felt, Gloria leaves behind a legacy far greater than loss. She will be remembered as a strong woman, a fierce advocate, a loving mother and grandmother, and a true force to be reckoned with. Her legacy lives on through her family, her community, and all those whose lives she touched. Visitation took place on Monday, December 22nd, 2025 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Belle Côte Community Centre. A funeral mass was held on Tuesday, December 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church, St Joseph du Moine with Father Peter LeBlanc officiating. A reception followed at the Belle Côte Community Centre. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Dylan LeBlanc Memorial Fund in her memory. Donations can be made directly to the Royal Bank of Canada in Cheticamp, NS or by e-transfer to dylanleblancmemorial@gmail.com. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

Angus Anthony MacDonald, South West Mabou: Our wonderful father and brother has gone to be with his beloved wife. Born December 25th, 1953, Angus quietly left us on January 1st, 2026. Angus was the son of the late Allan Francis and Mary Ann (Beaton) MacDonald of South West Mabou. Angus is survived by his cherished children Laurel (Brett), Martha, and Scott (Jayden); as well as

his sisters Betty and Margie; brothers Alex, Stanley (Catherine), and Kevin (Margie); and brother-in-law John MacInnis. Angus was predeceased by his wife Brenda whom he loved with all that he could give. He was also predeceased by his sisters Alanna, Anne, and Joan; his brother Bernie; brother-in-law Wayne; and sister-in-law Marjorie. Angus grew up on the farm in South West Mabou, where he came to love the fields, the woods, and the work. Angus initially enlisted in the Armed Forces, then worked at various jobs across the country, but eventually came home to carry on the traditions of his home. Angus spent many years as a woodcutter, and earned a provincial award for his woodlot management. He loved the peace of working in his woods, supporting his family. He and his brother Alex grew and sold Christmas trees together for many years. Once Angus met Brenda, and they married, his life was complete. All was made better with the arrival of his children, to whom he was devoted. Angus and Brenda created a home with laughter and love, and after her death, Laurel, Martha, and Scott, and his strong faith, gave him strength. Angus was generous to his siblings, always ensuring the family home was open to all. He enjoyed talking hockey and sports with his brothers and the sawmill project brought brothers, son, and nephews together on many happy days. Angus was faithful in his belief in God and was a strongly moral man. He was also a man who loved a good story, a joke or especially a funny story from the old days. If you dropped in for a visit, you found a kind, intelligent, well-read man ready to talk about the world. Even better, when you dropped in to buy a Christmas tree your holiday cheer would be complete after a smile, hug or handshake from Angus. Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on January 9th, 2026 at the Port Hood Funeral Home with funeral service held Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at St Peter's Church, Port Hood, with Father Sunny officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Souls Harbour Rescue Mission or the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the direction of the Inverness Funeral Home.

MacDONALD

Singer of songs, dancer of dances, and arriver of the last minute, Phyllis Marie (MacEachen) MacDonald of Port Hood died on December 21st, 2025 peacefully at the Inverary Manor in Inverness with her family by her side. She will be sorely missed by her family, friends, and community of which she was so much a part. Mom saw the good and the potential in people, traits that perhaps drew her to a career in education where she taught and encouraged young minds. She attended Nova Scotia Teachers College in 1963 and began her teaching career in Calgary before returning to Port Hood in 1969 where she taught at Port Hood Consolidated until her retirement in 1998. She also worked hard as a co-owner (and enthusiastic taste-tester) of MacDonald's Ice Cream Barn which employed not only her own children but numerous students in the community over the years. Above all, Mom was a person of great faith. A devout Catholic, she was the director of the St Peter's Parish Children's Choir, the St Peter's Parish Choir, a soloist for mass at St. Peter's Parish, and a longtime member of the CWL. Life and music went hand-in-hand for Mom. She had a wide-ranging appreciation of all genres and could be found humming along to everything from her favorite opera to her beloved traditional Celtic tunes. She regularly attended square dances and did not hesitate to drag her sometimes (often?) reluctant children onto the dance floor. She was a member of the Inverness County Singers and the Gaelic Choir. Each year she choreographed the grand march for the graduating class of the Port Hood Consolidated school, spinning us all in elaborate wheels and promenades as graduates said their farewells. Mom had a flair for the dramatic and loved color, especially accessories. She always said she didn't feel dressed without her jewelry. "Has anyone seen my earrings?!" was a frequently asked frantic query to the household in a flurry of preparation with barely minutes to spare. She will be remembered for her generous spirit, welcoming manner, her distinct laugh and vibrancy, and of course her most requested menu item – her famous fudge. Survived by children, Rosalie (Terry) in New Westminster, BC, Donia (Ken) in St. John's, NL, Nathan (Raquel) in Toronto, ON, Nicholas in Halifax, and Christopher (Maddy) in Abu Dhabi, UAE; grandchildren, Matthew and Rafael; siblings Josephine Higgins in Sidney, BC, Marian MacDonald in Wayland, MA, Jeanette MacNeil in Port Hood, and Donald (Judy) MacEachen in Long Point; in-laws Margie (Cliff) Holder in Truro, Lewis Macdonald in Inverness,

Morag Graham in Judique, Donald Andrew (Imelda) Macdonald in Halifax, Lynn MacDonald in Halifax, and Shirley Scott in Sydney, along with and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband Ranald; parents Dan Joe and Ida (Delehanty) MacEachen; sisters Donna, Maureen, and Lorna; in-laws Ron Higgins, Ronald MacDonald, Cyril MacNeil, Allan MacDonald, Gerry Graham, Flora (Bill) McLaughlin, Graeme MacDonald; nieces Michelle and Renee Grandmaison, Natasha MacEachen, and nephew Allan Andrew MacDonald. Visitation was at the Port Hood and Area Resting Place on Sunday January 4th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., followed by a funeral mass in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood on Monday January 5th at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Inverary Manor in Inverness or the Chestico Museum in Port Hood. The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Inverary Manor who took such wonderful care of our mother in her final years. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacISAAC

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Kenneth MacIsaac, who left us on December 22nd, 2025 at the age of 42. Born December 29th, 1982 in Inverness, Cape Breton. He was a cherished son, brother, father, uncle, and friend to many. He was known for his big heart, sense of humor, for the way he could make you laugh, cry, make you frustrated, and angry, but most of all, loved. His biggest joy and what he was most proud of was his son, Austin. He loved his nieces to no fault and was extremely proud of all his brothers. He is survived by his mother, Ann MacIsaac; brothers, Carl (Morgan), Evan (Jillian) and Shaun; son, Austin; nieces, Elliott, Reanagh, Sara, and Sadie. He was predeceased by his father, Gerard MacIsaac; grandmothers, Joan Ravoira, Mary MacIsaac; uncles, Joe Bert, Archie, Brian, and Colin MacIsaac; aunt Eleanor Axworthy; and grand uncle, Eddie Chisholm. Visitation took place on Friday January 2nd, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Inverness Funeral Home. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to Stella Maris Parish Cemetery Fund or to Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

McDANIEL

Hilda Rita McDaniel, 82, of Margaree Forks, passed peacefully on December 27th, 2025, surrounded by family. Born the eldest daughter of the late Calvin and Ernestine Shaw, Hilda was predeceased by her sons, Scott and Sean; sister, Eva; husband Charles McDaniel (2021) and James MacKay (1968). Hilda was also predeceased by her brothers-in-law, Johnny, Alexander, Claude, and nephew, Ian. Hilda will be dearly missed by her loving sons, Wilfred (Melinda), Inverness, Kelly (Paulette), Margaree Forks, Derek (Wendi), Margaree Forks; daughters, Laverne (Andy), Dartmouth and Laura (Brodie), Mississauga. Hilda will also be fondly remembered by her brothers, Robert (Peggy), Margaree Centre and David, Ontario; sisters, Myrtle (Myles) LeBlanc, East Margaree, Ethel Kennedy, Inverness; brother-in-law, Allan Stewart, Sydney. Hilda was very proud of her ten grandchildren, great-grandson, Sean and great-granddaughter, Ada. Prior to starting her family, Hilda attended Nova Scotia Teacher's College in Truro and spent her summers working in Baddeck at the Silver Dart. It was at the Teacher's College that Hilda further developed her lifelong love of reading, learning, and encouraging others to do the same – a passion she carried with her throughout her life. Hilda's adventurous spirit brought her to British Columbia before she returned to Margaree to raise seven children. She often shared fond memories of her travels and experiences throughout the interior of British Columbia and the northwestern United States. Hilda will always be remembered for her incredible warmth and caring nature toward everyone she encountered. She had a remarkable gift for conversation and was known for being able to carry on a long, engaging chat with just about anyone she met. Hilda had a gift of seeing the good in everyone and carried a remarkable positivity no matter the circumstance. Known for her sharp mind, quick wit and her particular knowledge of history and geography, she could challenge anyone to a game of Trivial Pursuit, often leaving family both laughing and impressed. Hilda cherished her involvement in the Catholic Women's League (CWL), her book club, and the Cody Tompkins Library, where she

loved connecting with friends and being part of her community. She also had a strong sense of faith that guided her throughout her life. A funeral mass was held for Hilda at St. Michael's Catholic Church, East Margaree on January 5th with Father Daniel officiating. Burial will take place next summer. Many thanks and appreciation to the residents and staff of Hilda's Oceanview Continuing Care family in Eastern Passage. At Oceanview, Mommy continued to make wonderful friends, where she shared her enthusiasm for music, especially Johnny Cash! Donations in memory of Hilda may be made to the Margaree Family of Catholic Churches, via <https://www.mfocc.ca/donate/> or MFOCC 1181 East Margaree Road, East Margaree, Nova Scotia B0E 1Y0.

WALKER

Fabian Michael Walker "Mickey", passed away on December 25th, 2025, in Inverness, following a brief illness. He died two days before his 85th birthday. Mickey was born in Inverness on December 27th, 1940. He moved to Ontario in his twenties, worked various mechanical jobs, and married Betty MacInnis in 1964 and had three children. The family moved back to Cape Breton in the early 70s where they settled. He worked at Nova Scotia Forest Industries in Port Hawkesbury for over 30+ years and retired in his late 50s. Mickey was handy, a jack-of-all-trades, and took pride in fixing and tinkering. There wasn't a project around the house that he wouldn't tackle. He was very practical and responsible in nature, and loved reading the newspapers and keeping up on the latest stories, and having discussions regarding the same. He also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, watching game shows, and Blue Jays and Dodgers games on TV. He had a love for country & western music which he shared and enjoyed with his brothers and sisters. He loved his pets dearly and there wasn't a feline that he came across that wasn't drawn to him. He was the last surviving member of his family. He was predeceased by his parents, Margaret and John Dan Walker; brothers, George, James, Hugh, Alexander, Lauchie, and Wally; sisters, Isabel, Rose, Immaculata, and Lorraine. He leaves to mourn his loving and devoted wife, Betty; son, Fabian (Beth); twin daughters, Charlene and Darlene; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held in Stella Maris Church, Inverness on Wednesday from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 am. Burial to take place in the parish cemetery at a later date. "Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again." Memorial donations may be made to the Inverness Food Bank or to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

GRAHAM

Ronald Duncan (Smokey) Graham, December 29th, 1934, – December, 21st, 2025, age 90, Troy, Nova Scotia, passed peacefully at Inverary Manor, Inverness, Nova Scotia. Ronald is survived by his son Randy Crowe Sr. (Therese); grandchildren, Randy Jr., Christina (Joey); great-grandchildren, Spencer, Arielle, Max, Noah, Ainsley; and many nieces and nephew. Ronald was predeceased by his brothers, Arthur (Ann), Alex (Mary), Joe (Kaye), Johnnie (Isabel) and D.R. (Betty); nieces Mary and Ann; nephews, Vincent, Danny, Stanley; and grandniece, Mary Theresa. Ronald's parents Hughie R. and Sadie (MacLellan) Graham. Ronald was born in Judique and grew up on Graham's Road. Ronald left Judique at a young age to pursue employment in Ontario, working at Brights Winery before moving to Boston where he painted with his brother Joe. Ronald returned to Halifax and he worked for CN 38 years, later retiring to Troy. Ronald was a humble, loving, caring generous man with strong faith. Ronald loved to see young and old friends drop by for a cup of tea or a "gillick". He loved a good card game of "63" with his friends. Ronald enjoyed skating and was often seen at the horse races with his brothers. Ronald lived a full life and will be missed by many. We wish to thank the many wonderful workers at the Inverary Manor for their professional care and kindness they showed Ronald. Cremation has taken place. Funeral arrangements to be announced at a later date. Donations may be made to St. Andrew's Church (Door) Fund, Judique, Stella Maris Church, Creignish.

MacLEOD

Anita Marie MacLeod (née MacLellan) passed away at her home in Dunvegan on December 21st, 2025. Born in Inverness on August 21st, 1946, she was the daughter of Lewis and Marion (Walker) MacLellan of Dunvegan. She is survived by her siblings: Judy Breau (Henry) Arichat, NS, Mary Lou Beaton (Leo), Mabou, NS, Gerard MacLellan (Rose), Innisfil, ON; her children: Alexander (Crystal), Dartmouth, NS, Lewis (Meghan), Peterborough, ON, Kenneth, Windsor, ON, Marion Jean (Ken), Windsor, ON, Daniel (Amy), Dunvegan, NS, and Andrew (Chloe) Windsor, ON. She was the beloved, biscuit-baking, Grandma of Evelyn, John Robert, and Frances; Hamish, Clementine, Matilda, and Susannah; Alistair, Joe, Murdoch, and Elizabeth; and Edward, Lewis, and Allan. She was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Alistair, their infant son, Donald, her brother, Donnie, and her sister, Freda. Anita devoted her life to her family, her faith, her community, and her culture. Her home was a site of legendary hospitality, full of music, excellent food and drink, unconditional love, and genuine compassion for all in need. Her door always open, her driveway overflowing, her living room stuffed with living: she extended her love to thousands of people over the years. A math whiz, a cribbage champion, and a gifted educator in many different areas, Anita's intelligence and curiosity were wide-ranging. After working as a teacher in Inverness, Halifax, and Toronto, she raised her family in Windsor, and later completed a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry at Assumption University. She devoted many years of her life to serving the people of Holy Name of Mary and Assumption parishes in Windsor, and St. Margaret of Scotland in Broad Cove. A woman of profound faith, she led by example and showed those around her how to bring Christ's teachings into the world. She volunteered endlessly, never said "no" when she was needed, and always remained committed to the protection of the most vulnerable people in our society. Every initiative she ever participated in benefitted from her wisdom and energy. A longtime member of Còisir an Eilein, the Gaelic choir of Inverness County, she loved her language and culture and worked hard to preserve this heritage and pass it on to the next generation. A pillar of her community, she contributed to the Broad Cove Scottish Concert throughout the whole arc of her life, serving first beside her own parents, then her children, then her grandchildren. She lived for moments like these, where everyone comes together and works hard for a good cause, surrounded by family and friends and all the people we love. Those who knew her best will strive to follow her example. Visitation took place December 29th, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Inverness Funeral Home, 45 MacIsaac Street, Inverness, NS, 902- 258-2333. Funeral mass was celebrated December 30th, 11:00 a.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland parish, Broad Cove, Fr. Danny MacLennan presided. A memorial service will be held in Windsor in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the cemetery fund, St. Margaret of Scotland parish, or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Assumption Parish, Windsor, ON. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

TOMPKINS

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Camilla Tompkins, who left this world peacefully and surrounded by love at home on November 21st, 2025. She was 91 years old. Camilla was a woman of quiet strength, deep kindness, and a generosity of spirit that touched many lives. Born in Inverness, Cape Breton, on December 12th, 1933, to Jim Angus MacIsaac and Margaret MacNeil. She was a longtime resident of Northeast Margaree, and more recently Dartmouth, NS. She was a member of St. Patrick's Parish, NE Margaree, and the Catholic Women's League. Known for her strong character and willingness to lend a hand, she formed many cherished friendships during her years in Margaree and these connections remained meaningful throughout her life. During her brief illness, it became abundantly clear how many lives she had touched, as the number of visitors and heartfelt well wishes filled her home and brought comfort to her family. As a mother of seven, she created a home filled with warmth, laughter, and the comforting sense that there was always room for one more at the table. She was the favourite aunt and a substitute mother for many, always ready with guidance, a listening ear, and a home that felt safe and welcoming. Camilla cherished her role as grandmother to nine and great-grandmother to three, and her joy in their company was unmistakable. Her stories, warmth, and steady presence created memories her family will carry

forever. Camilla embraced life with creativity and joy. She loved sewing, knitting, quilting, music and playing cards, and many an evening was brightened by the sound of friendly games and shared laughter. She had a special love for Halloween and was always ready for fun, decorations, and a bit of playful mischief. At home, she was never without the company of her two beloved cats, Oscar and Oliver, whom she adored dearly and spoiled frequently. Camilla was predeceased by her beloved husband Gerald, her brother Francis MacIsaac, and sisters Josie Doucet, Rosalia Beaton, Muriel MacDonald, and Regina MacIsaac. She is survived by a large, loving family who will carry her spirit forward: her sisters Rita Gillis and Mary Ellison, and her brother James (Chris) MacIsaac; her children: Gerald (Laura), Arlene (Don Hall), Darrell (Gisele), Mary (Dave) Powell, Cory (Mike) Giles, John (Pam), and Frances (Dave Palmer); her grandchildren: Addison (Korah), Garrett (Sarah), Brandon, Quinn (Brianna), Liam (Bailey), Red Powell (Amihan), Pierce Powell, Brody (Alyssa), and Killian (Amy); as well as her great-grandchildren: Lucas, Nolan, and Madison, whose early lives she touched with immense affection. She is also survived by many special nieces and nephews, each of whom held a meaningful place in her heart. Camilla leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and a life lived with purpose. She will be deeply missed, and her memory will continue in the laughter she shared, the traditions she passed down, and the many lives she enriched. Thank you to the staff at the Dartmouth General Hospital, the DGH Palliative Care Team, Community Palliative Care, 7A VGH and VON. A funeral mass and celebration of her life will be held at a later date, with details to be announced by the family. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to honour Camilla's memory may do so through acts of kindness within their community. Donations can also be made to the CNIB, the SPCA, or the Canadian Cancer Society.

MacNEIL

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our uncle Roderick "Rory" MacNeil, on December 18th, 2025, in Foyer Pere Fiset in Cheticamp, surrounded by family. Rory was born on October 8th, 1944, in Mabou, to parents, Bernard and Josephine (McMaster) MacNeil. Rory had a deep Catholic faith and was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Parish Church in Mabou. A hard worker known for his calm demeanor and physical strength, Rory spent much of his working career at CN Rail. His days off and eventually his retirement would lead him back to the family farm, here he did what he enjoyed most – spending time with family, listening to fiddle tunes, and putting a few miles on a Chevrolet or two. Rory was a kind, gentle soul and a man of few words. He valued family and enjoyed visits from his grandnephew and grandnieces. Rory quietly cared for others through his acts of service and as a steady presence in the lives of those he knew. Rory will be missed deeply, especially by his niece, Cecilia and nephew, Chris, to whom he was like a second father. Rory had a love of animals, particularly for a barn cat named Simon who lived a life of luxury, never needing or wanting to hunt because of how well-fed Rory made certain he was. Rory is survived by his niece, Cecilia (Vincent) Campbell of Mabou; nephew, Chris (Laura) MacNeil of Timberlea; and sister-in-law, Josephine MacNeil, Mabou. He is also survived by grand-nephew, Kaden Campbell; and grandnieces, Poppy and Beatrice MacNeil, and Maria Campbell. Besides his parents, Rory was predeceased by his siblings, Archie, Joe, Ann Marie, and Sandy. We, Rory's family, would like to extend thanks to the caring staff at both Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, and the wonderful staff at the Foyer Pere Fiset in Cheticamp for the excellent care Rory received while staying at both locations. Your kindness and support certainly made a difficult time a bit easier to bear. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Mary's Parish Cemetery Fund, Mabou, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada or to a charity of your choice. Visitation will take place on Monday, December 29th, 2025, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. in St Mary's Church, Mabou. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CAMUS

Muriel Camus, age 79, of Cheticamp passed away peacefully on Friday, December 5th, 2025 in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. She was a daughter of the late Levi and the late Elizabeth (Poirier) Camus. Muriel is survived by her daughters, Elaine Reynolds (Nathan), and

Valerie Antolic (Henry); brothers, Richard Camus (Lucie), Pierre Paul Camus, and Lomay Camus; sisters, Donalda Poirier, Marie Victoire Camus (Angus), Diane Gear (Lloyd), and Betty Ann Camus (Wayne); grandchildren, Megan Reynolds, Michael Antolic, and Rachael Antolic; and great grandchildren, Abigail Antolic, and Olivia Antolic. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Leopold Doucette; son, Brian Doucette; brothers, André? Camus, Alec Camus, Alphonse Camus, Daniel Camus, and Cyril Camus. We would like to express our extreme gratitude to all the amazing staff at the Foyer Père Fiset for their kindness, patience, gentle care and compassion to us during a very emotional time. We will be forever grateful for the outstanding care our Mom received during her years at the Foyer. We would also like to offer our heartfelt thanks to the Cheticamp Funeral Services. Their kindness and gentle guidance, along with genuine care they provided, brought a great deal of comfort to us and made a difficult process easier to navigate. We are truly grateful. Muriel has been laid to rest through cremation. Family will gather for a private interment at a later date. Donations can be made in Muriel's memory to the Foyer Père Fiset, whose care and compassion meant so much to Muriel and her family. Arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

Bernard (Bernie) Vincent MacDonald (1962-2025), 63, passed away peacefully at St. Martha's Regional Hospital on December 12th, 2025 after a brief illness. A resident of Troy, Inverness County, Bernie was born in Antigonish, the son of Harold and Ann MacDonald. Bernie was a graduate of Judique-Creignish Consolidated School (1980) and Canso Regional Vocational School (1982). Until the time of his death, he had been a dedicated employee of Sobeys Port Hawkesbury for 45 years. Bernie enjoyed the simple things life had to offer – reading mystery and suspense novels, catching up on the news of the day, taking walks along the Ceilidh Coastal Trail, and going for coffee. He was fond of local stories. The more embellished the tale, the more pleasure Bernie derived from it. He was a devout Catholic, a lifelong parishioner at Stella Maris Parish, Creignish. For decades, Bernie was unfailing in his commitment to driving and accompanying his uncle Wilfred to Saturday evening mass. Bernie is survived by his sister Clare MacFarlane, Edmonton; his nephew Brandon MacFarlane (Monica) and their children Ava and Ambrose, Edmonton; and his twin sisters, Mary MacDonald and Florence MacDonald, Sydney. He is survived by many cousins and will be deeply missed by his uncle Wilfred MacDonald. Bernie was predeceased by his parents, his brothers (Kevin and Terry), and numerous aunts and uncles. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Green's Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury. Visitation will occur on Wednesday, January 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A funeral mass presided by Rev. Barrett Clare-Johnson will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 15th at Stella Maris Parish. Memorial donations in Bernie's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

MacFARLANE

Patrick Joseph "Pat" MacFarlane, 77, of Westville, passed away on December 13th, 2025 at the Aberdeen Hospital. Pat was born on June 29th, 1948 in Margaree, Cape Breton, to Walter Scott and Annie Jane (LeBlanc) MacFarlane. Pat grew up blazing trails and breaking road hockey records in Inverness, NS. At a very early age he assumed control of his big sister Ethel's abandoned piano and was soon playing parish halls and backing up local fiddlers. There were stories of the 8-year-old who played a few tunes one night with Winston Scotty Fitzgerald, or the 12-year-old kid who made a record in a Mabou living room with Donald Angus Beaton. Later he would harmonize at dances with big brother Peter, singing the songs of the Everly Brothers and others. Once the Beatles and Rolling Stones came along, that sealed the deal. These were the beginnings of a lifelong journey through Cape Breton fiddles, rock and roll, blues and country music. He formed various bands like The Corporate Sound, Bad Angus, Granfalloon and more. For many years there wasn't a dancehall around that didn't know his voice or a parish hall piano that was safe from having the ivory ripped

right off its keyInverside, realizing that he would then be able to adore her forever, and he did so. Children were soon to follow. After graduating from St. Mary's University, he started his career at National Sea Products in Halifax before moving his young family to Westville in 1977 to take a job in General Accounting at Michelin Tire. There he found a beloved second family of friends who have stuck together through his retirement in 2006 and for the rest of his life. Pat is survived by sons Scott (Lisa Hayden), Stellarton, Kristopher (Sara), New Glasgow, and Jamie (Aleta Rose), Westville; daughter Katie, Westville; grandchildren Evan (Cortney), Brady, Jalen and Arley; great-granddaughter Kit; and sister Lucille (Neil MacDougall), Dartmouth, NS. He was predeceased in 2018 by Rona, his wife of almost 47 years; as well as parents Walter and Annie Jane; brother Joseph in infancy; sister Ethel Corinki-MacFarlane; brother Peter; brother-in-law Bobby Corinki; and daughter-in-law Meghan Bragg. The family would like to thank the staff at Glen Haven Manor, for their care and kindness and Tony LeBlanc for being a wonderful roommate and for keeping an eye on him. Many thanks also to his music therapist Klorissa Farnsworth for keeping him playing these last few years. Special mention to his honorary grandchildren Riley and Penelope who he loved so dearly and to every musician he ever shared a song with. He remembered each and every one of you and had a lifetime of memories that kept him laughing and smiling with every story recalled. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will be Thursday, December 18th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Eagles Funeral Home, Westville. He will be laid to rest with his beloved Rona in the spring in the Holy Name Cemetery, Westville. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Pat's name to the Summer Street Industries Foundation (summerstreet.ca), the Pictou Landing First Nation after school music program (admin@pictoulandingschool.ca) or a charity that is dear to you.

NEARING

Florence Nightingale MacDonald-Nearing, 79, of Lake Ainslie passed away peacefully on December 4th, 2025, at Alderwood Rest Home in Baddeck. Florence was the firstborn of nine children of Gordon and Mary MacDonald. She grew into her self-adopted name – Nightingale – as she possessed a natural instinct to nurture, protect, and care for others. Long before she became a mother and grandmother, Florence was already a steady and loving presence to her siblings – she was not simply a big sister but also a guiding hand, a dependable heart and many times a parent. A gifted hairdresser, gardener and artist, she poured her creativity into every corner of her life – painting vibrant art and creating amazing gardens bursting with flowers, herbs, and food. Florence's creativity filled her home with warmth and meaningful mementos. Cooking was a great passion and she loved to provide delicious healthy meals for many to enjoy. Florence leaves behind her daughter, Lisa Nearing (Les Mac Lean); her cherished grandson, Taylor Bailey (Brandy); and great-granddaughter, Summer; Greg Nearing; and her siblings: David (Sandra), Marilyn (Gerald), Murdena (Dana), Brenda, Gus (Joan), and Avery. She was predeceased by her parents, Gordon and Mary MacDonald; as well as her brother, Brian, and sister, Carol Ann; Aunt Margaret; brother-in-law Michael; and parents-in-law, Vertí and Ernestina. Full obituary can be read at foresthaven.ca. Florence's life will be celebrated on Saturday, December 27th, at the Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Family and friends are invited to gather, share stories, and celebrate her life – and, of course, share a cup of tea and some food to honour her.

AUCOIN

Thérèse Irene Aucoin, Age 94, Cheticamp, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 30th, 2025 in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. She was a daughter of the late Joseph and the late Annie (Roach) Chiasson. Thérèse was born and raised in Cheticamp, the community she loved and called home for nearly her entire life. After completing her nursing training, she spent her early career in the United States, caring for patients with the compassion and steadiness that would

come to define her life's work. Upon returning to Cheticamp, she continued her vocation as a CNA at the local hospital and later at the Foyer Père Fiset nursing home, where she remained until her retirement in 1995. Thérèse took great pride not only in her work, but also in the people she helped shape along the way. She trained many of the long-term staff members at Foyer Père Fiset, who spoke warmly of her as a mentor – steady, patient, and skilled. In her final months, when she herself became a resident of the facility, it was these same workers who cared for her with the same tenderness she had once shown to others. In her younger years, Thérèse found joy in the simple pleasures of community life. She loved to bowl and spent many evenings as part of local leagues during the 1980s. She was also an active member of the ladies auxiliary and remained dedicated to staying active throughout her life, often seen walking through her neighbourhood with a familiar rhythm and purpose. Many will remember Thérèse for the warmth of her home – most often marked by the smell of something fresh from the oven. She loved to bake, filling her kitchen with bread, biscuits, cookies, and the much-loved yum yum squares that remain a favourite memory among children in the neighbourhood. Her creativity extended beyond the kitchen as well; she had a skilled hand for rug hooking tapestry, carrying forward a family tradition inspired by her mother, Annie Roach, a well-known wool artist in the community. Independent and strong-willed, Thérèse cherished living in her home, where she remained until just a few months before her passing. Her final chapter at Foyer Père Fiset was marked by the same sense of community, care, and familiarity that had always surrounded her – coming full circle in the place where she had spent so many years helping others. Thérèse will be remembered for her kindness, her talents, her steady dedication to others, and the lasting imprint she leaves on those who knew and loved her. May she rest in peace, surrounded by the warmth she so generously shared throughout her life. Thérèse is survived by her daughter, Paula Camus; and sister, Marguerite Chiasson. Besides her parents, Thérèse was predeceased by her husband, Eddie Joe Aucoin; son-in-law, Kevin Camus; brother, Gerald Chiasson; and sisters, Rita Chiasson, Marie Edna Keeble, and Lorette Chiasson. A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, December 6th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca

CAMPBELL

Lorne Hugh Campbell, 78. My kind and gentle father was born on May 8th, 1947, and passed away on Dec. 1st, 2025. Dad was the oldest of 12 children, born in the town of Inverness to parents Findlay Campbell and Mary Campbell (MacKinnon). Lorne and his wife married in Broad Cove chapel, in Broad Cove C.B., in 1976. They then went on to build a beautiful life in Halifax and spent a lifetime of love, laughter and togetherness for 46 years. Lorne is survived by his one and only child, loving daughter Megann Conrad (Andrew), and his two grandchildren, Drew and Lily Conrad. He is also survived by his brothers, Joe, John, Angus, Kevin, and Paul; his sisters, Claire and Marie. He is also survived by his wife's brother and sisters: Marie (Wayne), Michelle, Betty (Mose), Natalie (Robert), and Lloyd (Pamela). He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Dad loved home, and loved his time with the Murphys, especially his father-in-law, Mike. He is predeceased by his cherished wife, Karen; his parents; his sisters, Gloria and Geraldine; and his brothers, Basil and baby Gerard. Dad was a faithful man of God and attended Sacred Heart Parish for many years in Timberlea, and later Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys in Tantallon. He served with the Knights of Columbus for many years and enjoyed every mass, listening to the Word and listening to his wife and daughter sing in the church choir. Dad was a hard worker and worked for postal services for 30 years. Once he retired, he and Mom enjoyed the camping life at his camper on Lake Ainslie. His grandchildren would spend many summers with Nana and Poppy, gathering so many great memories. Dad loved electronics and had taken small electronic repair in trade college. He had many, many computers, gaming systems, gadgets, watches, and most of all, radios and flashlights. Dad was a man who was kind and gentle, quiet and soft-spoken. I will always have memories of his gentle ways. Dad also loved his wife and could not wait to be reunited with her

again. Dad loved animals of all sorts, especially dogs. Dad loved music and listening for hours to folk music, especially Gordon Lightfoot, Eric Bogle, and Stan Rogers. Dad also had a wonderful sense of humour and had a particular smile that everyone called "The Lorne Smile". Dad will have a private funeral mass with family, December 13th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., in Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish in Tantallon. We will also have a memorial in the spring of 2026, in Dunvegan, Cape Breton, where everyone is welcome. It will be listed in the Inverness Oran as the time approaches. Dad is gone to live a life of eternal love in the arms of Jesus. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia or your local SPCA. ~ "And he will raise you up on eagle's wings."

DOUCET

Marie Dianne Doucet, age 78, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on December 1st, 2025, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Dianne was the daughter of the late Moise and the late Luce Agnes (Chiasson) LeBlanc. Born in Chéticamp, Dianne worked in several restaurants as both a waitress and a cook. She was an avid baker who loved preparing treats for her family, especially her grandchildren. Dianne cherished the company of her sisters. Playing a lively game of 200 with them brought her tremendous joy, and together they were fondly known as the "Golden Girls." Anyone who had the pleasure of spending time with Dianne knew how fortunate they were – her warmth, kindness, and humor made every moment special. Above all, Dianne was her sons' and grandchildren's number one fan. She loved watching them play hockey and was always their most enthusiastic supporter in the stands. She also never missed an opportunity to watch Emilie step dance. She was endlessly proud of them and treasured every moment spent with her precious grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents; her sisters and best friends, Julia Lester, Therese Murphy, Marie Hilda Aucoin, and Eileen Belliveau; and her brothers, Albert and Linus LeBlanc. Dianne is survived by her husband, Willie Joe; her sons, Alvin (Johanne) and Stephen; her cherished grandchildren, Christian, Emilie, and Carson; her sister, Elizabeth Chiasson; her special niece, Annette LeLievre; and many other nieces and nephews. She will also be lovingly missed by her grand-dogs, Chester, Neily, and Ginny. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the doctors and staff at the Cape Breton Cancer Centre, the Inverness Oncology Team, and especially the doctors, nurses, and support staff at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre for their kindness and care over the past few months. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. There will be a graveside ceremony at a later date. Donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation or the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Care Fund. Arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca

GALLANT

Mary "Ethel" Gallant, Belle Côte: It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Ethel (mom, nanny) Gallant at the Foyer Père Fiset on December 1st, 2025 at the age of 87. Survived by her children Lucille (Earl) Nason, Calgary, Paul (Shelagh), Belle Côte, Denise (James) Tompkins, Truro, Bernice (Arnold) Doucet, Halifax, Giselle (Mike) Ferns, Belle Côte, Carol (Barry) MacNeil, Belle Côte; grandchildren: Alicia, Adam, and Michael; Heidi, Hilary, and Jillian; Hunter; Jenna and Jamie; Grace; Michael; step-grandchildren: Woodrow, Krishna, Sam, and Hannah; great grandchildren: Brooks, Archie, and Reid; siblings: Rita, Dorothy, Hubert (Helena), Millie (Dale); and the extended Gallant family. She was predeceased by her parents Vincent and Judith (Julia) Chiasson; her loving husband Anthony; her siblings: Louis, Joseph (Joe), Clifford, Josephine, and Raymond. Mom was always happy, loved all her family, had a great smile, and wit. She volunteered in her community and was never shy of hard work. She enjoyed playing bingo, cards, making puzzles, quilting, and crafting. She was a great cook, enjoyed having company, and always had "room for dessert". Cremation has taken place under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative. Mass was at St. Michael's Parish, East Margaree on Monday, December 8th at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Foyer Père Fiset or charity of your choice. Online

condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com. "It is what it is."

MacDONALD

MacDonald, Bernard Gerard – Port Hawkesbury/South West Mabou. With sadness, we announce the death of our dear brother Bernard Gerard MacDonald (Bernie). Born June 28th, 1958, Bernie passed away on December 5th, 2025. Bernie was the son of the late Allan Francis and Mary Ann (Beaton) MacDonald of South West Mabou. Bernie is survived by his long-time partner Janice DeCoste, as well as his sisters Betty and Margie, brothers Alex, Angus, Stanley (Catherine) and Kevin (Margie), and brother-in-law John MacInnis. Bernie will also be missed by his numerous nieces and nephews who loved how he made them laugh. Bernie was predeceased by his sisters Alanna, Anne, and Joan as well as brother-in-law Wayne, and sisters-in-law, Brenda and Marjorie. Bernie attended Radio College of Canada in Toronto in 1976, studying to be an electronics technician. He later enrolled at the former Vocational School in Port Hawkesbury (presently NSCC Strait Campus) graduating in Instrumentation Technology and progressing in his career to obtain his red seal. Bernie worked many years across the country on construction sites, mainly in the resources sector, recently retiring in Port Hawkesbury. Bernie's knowledge and approach to his work earned him a great deal of respect within the industry. Bernie, known affectionately by his many good friends as The Big Bopper, had a wonderful wit matched with great intellect and good humour. If you ran into Bernie, you smiled as soon as you saw him coming towards you. You knew you would, at some point in the conversation, laugh out loud and very often learn something new. And having him on your team for Trivial Pursuit meant certain victory. He loved sports and in his early years spent many hours keeping statistics on games of every type of sport played, especially those of the Montreal Expos. The Expos and major league baseball statistics were his first passion. As a young boy, he would spend many late nights listening to baseball games on the radio from distant locations. If Bernie gave you a stat, from any sport, it was usually correct. Bernie was drawn to Toronto after high school, mainly due to his passion for the Toronto Maple Leafs and then, while there, the newly minted Toronto Blue Jays. He continued his passion for the sports teams in that city for his entire life. Bernie was a kind, much-loved brother and friend who will be missed. Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12th, 2025 at the Port Hood Funeral Home with funeral service held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday at St Peter's Church, Port Hood, with Father Sunny officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Port Hood Funeral Home, the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to a charity of choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Inverness Funeral Home.

MacDONALD

It is with deep heartbreak that the family of Gerard Anthony MacDonald share the news of his sudden passing. Gerard was born in Detroit, Michigan, on February 28th, 1963. After spending his early years with his Beaton family in Welland, Ontario, and every summer in Cape Breton, Gerard returned to the beautiful community of Mabou. There, he was lovingly welcomed by his extended MacDonald family, grandparents Angus Johnny Ban and Katie Margaret, Aunt Christianna, Uncle Jack, Uncle Roddie and Aunt Margie who created a second Mabou home for him alongside his cousins Angus, Lorna, Sharon, Wayne, and Devin. Gerard loved his time in Mabou and the community loved him just as deeply in return. Gerard grew up enjoying the outdoors, often working and living close to the land. He embraced adventure, travelling across the country with a genuine curiosity for new places and the people he met. As a young man, he returned to West Mabou, where days were spent surrounded by others – long afternoons at the beach, guitars pulled out, stories shared, and laughter carrying into the night. In time, Gerard met Claire, and he made the short journey from Mabou to Foot Cape, where they built a warm and welcoming home in their farmhouse. There they cared for their horses, Beauty and Jesse, and their puppy Jack. Above all, they became devoted and proud parents to their daughters, Annie and Olivia. Together, the family shared the responsibilities of the land, visited local beaches, shared a love of music, tended to vibrant gardens and fruit trees, and raised animals with care – especially Finn, Gerard's steadfast

co-pilot. Gerard taught his daughters to be curious about the world, and to stay curious. Young cousins and friends of the girls had many exciting adventures with Gerard, exploring the natural beauty of Inverness County! As Annie and Olivia grew, pursued their studies, found meaningful work, and became artists, community organizers and planners, they brought Gerard immeasurable pride and joy. Gerard is survived by daughters, Annie and Olivia MacDonald, and his wife, Claire Brennan; his mother-in-law, Lorraine Brennan; his Brennan, Taylor, O'Grady, Falencki and Ryan in-laws; his nieces, nephews, and grandniece. He is also survived by his brother, Sean Beaton (Sylvain); Aunt Margie MacDonald; and cousins Lorna (Danny), Sharon (Mike), Wayne (Colleen), Devin (Koryne), Angus, and Brenda Rankin MacDonald and families, along with his Halifax cousins Sandy, Cathy Laurie, Aunt Susanna and their families. He was predeceased by his mother, Mary Beaton and father, Bernie Beaton; uncles, Alexander, Roddie, Jack and aunt Christianna (Dougall) MacDonald. Gerard, a friend to so many, will be remembered for his kindness, his easy smile, and the way he always made time for a quick chat with those he encountered. Whether he was working on a project, heading to his beloved land in West Mabou, checking a racecard, hitting the beach for a quick dip, or running into the Freshmart or Co-op, he would pause to share a laugh before carrying on. He believed that life's true worth is found in the connections we make – and he lived that belief every day. Gerard's passing is a tremendous loss, yet his spirit will continue to echo through the stories told, the songs played, and the memories cherished by all who loved him. Visitation will take place on Tuesday December 9th, 2025 from 4: 00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Inverness Funeral Home. Gerard will be laid to rest with his mother in Mabou at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneraalhome.com.

TIMMONS

Tommy Robert Timmons, age 82, North East Margaree, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 26th, 2025 in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. Tommy was the son of the late Clarence and the late Bertha (Timmons) Timmons. Tommy worked most of his life at Midway Motors in Middle River, doing what he loved the most, driving tow trucks and working on cars. In his early years, he worked in the woods cutting pulp for B.A. Fraser. He was an usher at St. Patrick's Church for over 30 years. Tommy may have been known for the love and admiration he had for his wife of 62 years, Helen, and his children and grandchildren. Tommy is survived by his wife, Helen (Hannigan) Timmons; sons, Thomas Jr. (Tommy) Timmons, Philip (Lisa) Timmons, and Clarence (Ginette) Timmons; daughters, Julia (Mike) Campbell, and Shelly (Bruce) Poirier; sisters, Sarah, Catherine, and Mabel; grandchildren, Stacey, Corey, Logan, Marcus, Murray, Holly, MacKenzie, Tomas, Rebecca, Jackson, and Christopher; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Charlotte, James, and Hazel. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a great-grandchild, William. A funeral mass was celebrated on Monday, December 1st, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church, North East Margaree with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Tommy's memory to the Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca

AUCOIN

It's with great sadness that the family announces the peaceful passing of Clifford Aucoin, born May 21st, 1931 – died November 27th, 2025, at the age of 94, in the home in Fortierville, Quebec. He was predeceased by his loving wife Anne; parents John and Stella; brothers Charlie (Mary), Joseph (Betty), James (Yvette); sisters Marie Cecile (George), Lucie Dumais, Ethel (Henry). Surviving are his sister Muriel (Philip), and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. The family would like to thank the Gilbert Family, and the home "Centre d'Hebergement de Fortierville", in Quebec for all their loving care, support and compassion given by the doctors, nurses and staff. Clifford will be cremated and the celebration of life will be in Cheticamp, N.S. next July, 2026.

BOUDREAU

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Ernest Boudreau of Cheticamp. Born October 29th, 1922, died November 3rd, 2025. Survived by his loving son, François residing in Montreal; his sisters, Marie Lorraine and Marie Hélène; and his brother Louis-Lévis (Réjeanne). Predeceased by his wife Olga and his daughter Claire; his Dad Lazare; his Mom Esther; his brothers Arthur, Emmanuel, Paul Patrice, and Gaston. His sisters Sr. Adele, Edna, Alice, Eveline, and Sr. Marguerite Alma. He will be sadly missed by his many nieces and nephews, family members, and many friends. The family wishes to thank the hospital personnel for their care and compassion during Ernest's time at the hospital. Ernest was a man of many talents; he will be remembered for his decorated house of many flowers which he painted all by hand. Mini sample in picture. A celebration of life will be celebrated in July of 2026; may he rest in peace.

MacEACHERN

With deep regret we announce the passing of John Dougald MacEachern, age 87, of Inverness, surrounded by his loving family in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on November 28th, 2025. In his younger years, John Dougald worked on his father's farm where he developed his love for horses and animals. He was an avid ball player, who loved watching all sports, especially the Blue Jays. He was a man of many talents and later became a plumber/pipefitter, proudly serving his UA LOCAL 682 since the 1980s. John Dougald was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Survived by his devoted wife, Marion (Moore) MacEachern; children, Brent (Margaret), Tracey, Malcolm, Cheryl (Ray), Rachael, Melissa (Gary) Jacquard; stepdaughter, Margaret (Kyle) Durrant; brother, Gerald (Brenda); sister, Mary; sister-in-law, Barbara; grandchildren: Zachery, Megan, Emma, Ian, Claire, Aiden, Keiran, Madison, Marina, Kyle, Hannah, and Daniel. John Dougald was predeceased by his first wife, Joan Cormier; mother, Sarah (MacDonald) MacEachern; father, Donald MacEachern; brothers, Frankie, John A, Malcolm, Alistair; sisters, Rose, Catherine (Kay), and Louise; and stepson, Shane Moore. Visitation will take place in St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove on Friday December 5th, 2025, from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Margaret of Scotland Cemetery Fund, Broad Cove or to Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacINNIS

John Donald MacInnis was born in Northeast Mabou on May 31st, 1927, and passed away peacefully on November 22nd, 2025. He was the first-born son of the late John James MacInnis and Margaret (Gillis) MacInnis. John was predeceased by his wife Audrey of 63 years, and his siblings, Annie Jane, Marie, Jim, Alex, Blaise, and Richard. John is survived by his daughter, Kathy (Paul) of West Mabou; and son, David (Debbie) of Ontario; grandchildren, Stephen, Katy (Mike), Julie (Adam), Kristy (Donnie), Peter, and Kimberley (Jerome), and 10 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by siblings, Catherine and Dougald (Silvia); sister-in-law, Leona; and many nieces and nephews. John lived a very full and adventurous filled life that led him to many different parts of the world. He loved the warmth of the sun and travelling to sun-soaked countries for his holidays which he did until he was 91 years old. He was always a hard worker and did any kind of job to provide for his wife and children. In his early years, he was sailing on the merchant marine oiler ships working as a chef. In his 40s he studied at George Brown College to be an executive chef and finished his career with the Municipality of Toronto as a professional executive chef and was responsible for 700 meals three times a day. He was also called in to prepare meals for many of the Toronto City Hall meetings with the Mayor and City Council members. John loved the West Indies in particular and always looked back on his years sailing as the best times of his life, so he made sure that he went on a few cruises in the West Indies. He had a love of Cape Breton fiddle music and all the wonderful Cape Breton musicians. Until he was 94 years of age, he would often be seen at any one of the

dances in Inverness County, dancing a waltz or in a square set. He was also someone who loved to go to Bingo and was always so happy when he won, which he did often. He loved a game of cards and especially if he was the one to win. He lived in the Inverary Manor, Inverness from the age of 95 until death where he was cared for in a very professional, kind, caring, and dignified way by all of the staff at the manor. He ended his life suffering from Lewy Body Dementia with Parkinsons but was still a force to be reckoned with and he always enjoyed the parties at the manor where he loved dancing to a tune with any one of the lady visitors to the manor. Many warm thanks go out to Leah MacKinnon and her staff at the manor for the wonderful work that they do and have done for my father John. Thank you also to Dr. Lok, Dad's primary care physician, and the others over the years. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Research Fund of Canada or St. Mary's Cemetery, Mabou. Visitation will take place in St. Mary's Church, Mabou on Thursday, December 4th, 2025, from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m., burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MULLENDORE

David Robert Mullendore (October 18th, 1961 – September 28th, 2025) of Mabou, NS, passed away peacefully on September 28th, 2025. Born in New Haven, Connecticut. He graduated from Scattergood Friends School in West Branch, Iowa in 1980. After graduating he had various cooking jobs in Iowa City, Colorado, Halifax, and Cape Breton. David's passion for cooking began to shine. In 1989, David became the driving force behind The Mull Café and Deli in Mabou, where he served as chef and manager for 30 years. Under his care, The Mull grew into a beloved gathering place known far beyond the community- celebrated in Where to Eat in Canada and other publications, especially for his award-winning seafood chowder. Diners travelled from near and far, and many continue to speak fondly of The Mull long after its doors closed. Cape Breton's food scene will always carry the mark of David's talent, creativity, and warmth. David shared over 30 years of life with his partner, Lisa Nishi, in Mabou. Together they built a life full of adventure, humour, and companionship- enjoying countless trips to New York, drives in his cherished sports cars, outings on the water, and peaceful moments spent at the Mabou coal mines. A lover of all things technical, David delighted in telescopes, cameras, computers, and gadgets of every kind. His aerial drone photography became a local favourite, capturing Cape Breton from angles only he could see. Music was another great passion, especially Blues, classic folk, and country artists like, John Prine, B.B. King, and George Strait. David had a big laugh, an even bigger heart, and a shy, quirky sense of humour that made him unforgettable. He worked hard, drove fast, loved deeply, and embraced life in a way that made others feel at home in his presence. He was admired by his community and cherished by those closest to him. The years shared with David were a gift, and his absence will be felt profoundly. David is survived by his mother, Eleanor Hinshaw Mullendore; brother Steven; nephew Tyler; nieces Abbey and Elizabeth; grand-nieces Aidan, Leni, and Lea; grand-nephew Benjamin; and by his life partner and companion, Lisa Nishi. He is predeceased by his father, Charles Mullendore, and his brothers John and Eric. The family invites all who knew and loved David to join them in celebrating his life on Thursday December 11th, 2025, at the Mabou Parish Hall, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Stories, memories, snacks, and refreshments will be shared in honour of a life that meant so much to so many. Cremation has taken place. Donations in David's memory may be made to the Nova Scotia Heart and Stroke Foundation or to an animal rescue of your choice.

NORDHAGE

Bertha (Betty) Nordhage (née Brunner), (1932 – 2025), 93, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 18th, 2025, at St. Joseph's Villa in Sudbury, Ontario, surrounded by loved ones. She leaves behind her daughters, Lise Nordhage and Kathleen Rankin (Paul), and her cherished grandchildren Jennifer Stanley (Mike), Lauren Nordhage-Sangster (Jacob Goulding), Nicholas, Oliver (Marlee Pyott), Jacob, and Steven. She is predeceased by her parents Albert and Marie

Brunner, her sisters Anne, Hilda, and Ruth, her beloved husband Bjarke (Bill) Nordhage, and her son-in-law Timothy Sangster. Betty was born in Kamloops, British Columbia on March 30th, 1932. She spent her early years in Creston before marrying and beginning a life that took her across the country – to Calgary, Alberta; Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; Beaconsfield, Quebec; and finally, in retirement with Bill, to the place she loved most: Mabou, Nova Scotia. It was in Mabou that she formed some of her deepest and truest friendships – Betty Jane Cameron, Colleen MacInnes, Margie MacInnis, Lindy Pottenger, Dorothy Frank, and Maureen Hart, among others. Throughout her life, Betty worked in roles that showcased her curiosity, skill, and work ethic. Her very first job – washing dishes at a lodge in British Columbia – remained a point of pride. She later worked as a draftsman creating maps, and then for Air Canada making reservations, where she had the opportunity to travel, including a memorable trip to Japan. After her daughters were born, she dedicated herself fully to motherhood, a role she excelled at – teaching kindness, caring, empathy, and love. As her daughters grew, Betty shared her warmth and creativity with her community. She volunteered at the Lakeshore Hospital in Montreal, comforting premature and sick infants. She taught papier-mâché at the elementary school for years, and after moving to Mabou in 1983, she designed window displays for the local museum An Drochaid (The Bridge) – some of which remain on display today. Betty's artistic talents were widely known. She painted in acrylics and watercolours, drew with charcoals, conte crayons, and pen and ink, sewed clothing, dolls, and furnishings, and transformed everyday materials into imaginative creations. Her creativity touched every space she inhabited. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the entire staff of the Gardenway neighbourhood at St. Joseph's Villa for their steady kindness and care, with special thanks to Amanda, Katrina, Shelby, Cathy, and Dawson. A burial will take place at a later date in Mabou, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Betty will be remembered for her artistry, her compassion, her strength, and the love she gave so freely. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

AUCOIN

Aucoin, Marie Carmel "Cynthia," age 76, Petit Etang, passed away on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Cynthia was a daughter of the late Louis Pat and the late Catherine (Chiasson) Poirier. Cynthia was born and raised in Cheticamp. She moved to Toronto in her late teens, married there and had one daughter. She moved back home to Cheticamp with her husband and daughter in 1980. She had numerous jobs throughout the years. She worked at Willie à Charles' store, then she worked at the hospital in the laundry department, and would also take care of any sewing needs required. She also took on small sewing jobs for the local community. People often came to her to have their pants hemmed. She spent a number of years working in the kitchen of the l'Artisanale. She even spent time in the kitchen of the Doryman and the Gabriel. In her later years, she became a member of Les Femmes Acadiennes, and... we can't forget her love of Tim Horton's tea! Cynthia is survived by her daughter, Genevieve Chiasson; brothers, Joseph Abraham (Murielle) Poirer, Raymond (Jacqueline) Poirier, Adrien (Ruth Boudreau, je crois) Poirier, and Claude (Teena) Poirier; sister, Louise Poirier; sisters-in-law, Marleen Aucoin, and Lynda Davis; and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Cynthia was predeceased by her first husband, Wilfred Chiasson (1980), and her second husband, Joseph Linus Aucoin (2017); brother, Paul Emile Poirier; brothers-in-law, Lubie Chiasson, Roland Aucoin, and Leonard Aucoin; sisters-in-law, Hilda Chiasson, Marguerite Aucoin, Elaine Poirier, Darlene Poirier, Rita LeFort, and Isabelle Deveau. Visitation was held on Monday, November 17th, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Cheticamp Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, November 18th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Father Sunny Sabastian officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DOYLE

Mary Teresa Doyle, aged 93, of Inverness, Nova Scotia, passed into eternal life peacefully,

surrounded by her family, on November 20th, 2025, in Inverary Manor, Inverness, NS. Born on March 18th, 1932, in Inverness, NS, she was the eldest of 16 children born to the late Charles Winthrop Doyle and Catherine Ann (née MacLellan) Doyle. Teresa was predeceased by her brothers Patrick A. (Mary) and Edmund; her sisters Yvonne (Charles), Shirley, Mary Magdalen (Thomas), Blanche (Norman), and Charlene, who died in infancy. She is survived by her brothers Elmer Joseph, Stephen (Evelyn), Bernard (Linda), Eldon, and Jerry (Tonya); her sisters Iris (Wilfred), Sheila Ann (Jack), and Marie (Paul); as well as a great many cherished nieces and nephews. Having graduated from high school, Teresa began her professional career with the Royal Bank of Canada in Inverness, Nova Scotia before moving to Halifax to work as the personal secretary to the executive officer at CFB Stadacona for 13 years. For a brief period, she was employed at The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, Ontario before returning to the Maritimes where she spent over two decades as a data entry supervisor with the Government of Nova Scotia at the Victoria General Hospital's Cytology Division in Halifax, NS, where she retired early at the age of 63. On and off for over 70 years, Teresa made Halifax and Rose Bay, NS her home, before returning to Inverness in her final years to be close to family. A woman of profound Catholic faith, Teresa was a devoted long-time parishioner of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Halifax, where she volunteered for many years as a parish sacristan. Her spiritual life led her on multiple pilgrimages to sacred sites including Medjugorje, Rome, Poland, and the Holy Land. She held the distinction of being the first lay member of the Companions of the Cross. Teresa cherished her independence, particularly the freedom afforded by her car, which enabled her to make many summer trips to Boston to visit her best friend, Dorothy Warner, and her family. In her leisure time, she enjoyed reading, painting, and various crafts such as needlepoint, cross-stitch, knitting, and crocheting. Teresa's life was a testament to her unwavering faith, family devotion, and quiet strength. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. May she rest in the peace of Christ her Savior. Visitation and the vigil service was held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Inverness Funeral Home on Monday November 24th, 2025. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated in Stella Maris Parish, Inverness, NS on Tuesday November 25th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. followed by interment in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Stella Maris Parish, the Companions of the Cross or Inverary Manor. Online condolences can be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

M McNAMARA

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Michael Jerome McNamara, age 65, on Monday, Nov. 17th, 2025. Michael passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. He was the son of the late Joe and Lucy (Berg) McNamara. Michael grew up in Port Hood (a Scramble Street boy). Michael made his living as a carpenter. He took pride in his work, a crafted skill with a quality that stands the test of time. Michael's motto: "Measure twice, cut once." After meeting and marrying the love of his life, Bernice (MacDonald), they moved to Bernice's former home in Mabou Harbour, which Michael completely renovated and here they raised their family. Michael was always up for an adventure, a good laugh, and had a charming wit for telling stories. He loved a good feed of lobsters, almost as much as he loved his family and friends. Michael is survived by his loving wife Bernice (MacDonald) McNamara; sons Alex (Erica), Bridgewater, NS, and Thomas, Mabou. He is also survived by his sisters Mary Rose (Larry) MacIsaac, Elizabeth (Gerard) MacDonald, Lucille (Allan) MacIsaac; brothers Danny (Lois), Warren (Ruth); sisters-in-law Lynn (Cyril) Chisholm, Lori (Kyle) Kennedy, Joanne (Darren) Smith, Clorice (Ian Crighton); his mother-in-law Stella (Beaton) MacDonald, and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Lucy and Joe, Michael was predeceased by his sister Karen (Angus) Waye; brothers Fred and Eugene; nephew Mark Waye; father-in-law Duncan MacDonald; and brothers-in-law Alex and Jason MacDonald. The family would like to extend our appreciation and sincere thank you for compassionate care given to Michael. We, Michael's siblings (including siblings by marriage), would like to offer our heartfelt thank you to Michael's wife Bernice and their sons Alex and Thomas for the loving care, their patient understanding and standing beside him throughout his illness. Funeral mass was on Monday, November 24th at St. Mary's Church, Mabou.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Michael may be made to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Co-operative. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

TIMMONS

James "Jim" Edgar Timmons passed away peacefully at home on the morning of November 13th, 2025 at the age of 74. Born in Inverness on September 11th, 1951, and later settling in New Glasgow to raise his own family, Jim was a loving and devoted son, brother, father, uncle and grandfather. He was predeceased by his parents, Molly (Poirier) and Buddy Timmons; his sisters, Marlene Holmes (Paul) and Darlene Campbell (Angus L.); and his first-born daughter, Sherry-Lynn (deceased at birth). He is survived by his wife, Catherine (Kay); children, Kelly (Craig), Lisa (Matt), D.J. (Alanna) and Kevin; grandchildren, Jack Timmons, Channing Timmons, Kayla Timmons, and Nate Dobbin; siblings, Charlotte Dalton (Ken), Murray Timmons (Bonnie), Edy Hesse (Rick), Sandy Timmons (Cathy) and Wilma Timmons (Gerard); and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Raised by a pillar of the Inverness community, young Jim learned early the importance of hard work, family, and helping others. He carried these values throughout his life, spending over 30 years working at the pulp mill in New Glasgow to provide for his family. Despite the long hours, Jim was an ever-present husband, father, and grandfather, who could be seen at every game, concert, and event, beaming with pride. Known for his kindness and quiet generosity, Jim made time for everyone. He coached hockey, ran errands for Kay, and cared for everyone's needs without hesitation or complaint. He loved to spend quiet moments at the beach, walk his dog Henry, and visit with family and friends whenever he had the chance. An avid sports fan, he never missed watching his Toronto Maple Leafs and Blue Jays. Jim was a deeply loved and cherished member of the family and will be profoundly missed by all who knew him. Visitation will take place on Thursday, November 20th, 2025, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. with Funeral Mass to follow at 11:00 a.m., both in Stella Maris Church, Inverness. All are invited to celebrate Jim's memory at a reception downstairs at the legion after the funeral service. Memorial donations may be made to Multiple System Atrophy Canada at msacanada.ca. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

HINKLEY

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Ernest Daniel Joseph Hinkley, 62, of S. W. Margaree on Nov 7th, 2025. Ernest was born March 28th, 1963, one of 11 children to the late Myles and Mary (Kennedy) Hinkley. Ernie was a kind, loving, and caring husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Ernie loved playing ball (great centre-fielder), hockey, darts, and made life-long friendships with the people who played with him. He loved to hunt, fish, watch live horse racing, and playing cards with family and friends. He was very devoted to his family and friends, along with the Montreal Canadiens and the Toronto Blue Jays. Ernie was employed in the fishing industry for a number of years. He fished gaspereau as a helper for some of the fishers on the S. W. Margaree River and fished lobster with his brother Brian out of Inverness. A serious car accident a number of years ago prevented Ernie from working in the industry he loved. Ernie is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Mary (MacLeod); sons, Mark (Carlie), Todd (Savannah); daughter, Amanda; and his grandchildren, Ashton, Chloe, Zachary, Arlo, Oliver, and Georgia. He is also survived by his brothers, Brian (Jessica), Bernie (Corinna), Archie, Walter (Sam); sisters, Sally, Danena, Mary (Donald) and Irene. Ernie is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and the MacLeod family. Besides his parents, Ernie was predeceased by his son, Myles Donald in infancy; brothers, Hector and Johnny; and in-laws, Donald and Catherine MacLeod. Ernie was a member of St. Joseph's Parish, S. W. Margaree. Visitation and funeral mass will take place at St. Joseph's Church, S. W. Margaree. Visitation will be from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov 16th, 2025. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 17th, 2025 with Father Peter LeBlanc presiding. Burial will follow in St Joseph's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Joseph's Cemetery Fund or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CHIASSON

Marie Lorette Chiasson, age 91, Grand Etang, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 1st, 2025 at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Lorette was a daughter of the late Joseph and the late Annie (Roach) Chiasson. Lorette was a very kind, pleasant, lovely lady. She was loved by all who knew her. Everyone was always welcomed at her home for tea and delicious baked goods. She will be remembered for her famous "rolls". She loved to cook, bake, pick wild berries, play TV bingo, play cards...especially 200, read novels, do jigsaw puzzles, rug hooking, and so much more. Lorette worked hard all her life. Aside from raising her four children, she also worked at FJ Aucoin Variety store, then Lemoine Credit Union, and the fish plants in both Cheticamp and Grand Etang. She also volunteered on various local committees. In her final years, living at the Seniors apartments in Lemoine, Lorette enjoyed her time gathering with fellow residents who became good friends. Lorette is survived by her sons, Jules (Michelle), and Camille (Paulette); daughters, Denise, and Aline (Peter); sisters, Therese and Marguerite; grandchildren, Jeannot (Lindsay), Mario (Kaitlyn), Jessica, and Jocelyne (Chris); and great-grandchildren, Trent, Rachel, Owen, Eva, Lydia, and Leti. Besides her husband, Elie Joseph Chiasson, Lorette was predeceased by her son-in-law, Yvon Doucet; brothers, Gerald; and sisters, Rita and Marie Edna. A visitation was held on Friday, November 7th, 2025 in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. with Father Daniel Gustave officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

CLARK

Donald (Don) Clark passed away the morning of October 8th at Kingston General Hospital at the age of 80. Loving husband of Carol, and son Derek. Survived by his siblings Bill (Kris), Heather, and Stacey, and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents William and Rita, and sister Mary. Don travelled to Inverness, N.S. in 1985 and immediately recognized it as home. He loved the people, the Inverness Raceway, Le Portage/Highland Links golf courses, and when Cabot opened Don caddied there for five years and enjoyed every round! Don grew up in the Willowdale area in Toronto after moving in his early childhood from Sydney, N.S. He was a valued member of the North York Fire Department for 30 years. He moved with his family after retiring to Marmora to fulfill one of his life passions of running an Arabian horse farm. He was an avid lover of dogs, horses, and was extremely passionate of the game of golf. By his request Don was cremated at Milestones Cremation Services in Napanee. If desired, a donation to the Humane Society in his name would be appreciated.

LARADE

Gerard Larade, age 70, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025 at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. He was a son of the late Joseph and the late Luce Yvonne (Aucoin) Larade. Gerard was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He loved sports and was an avid golfer. He worked in the woods most of his life. In his later years, he fished with his son. Gerard is survived by his loving wife, Lina (Aucoin); son, Joey (Carolyn); precious grandson, Connor; godson, Grayson, who he loved like a grandchild; brothers, Edgar (Catherine), Semi (Jeannine), Patsy (Julie), Linus (Lucille), and Albert (Lea); sisters, Laurette (Donat) LeBlanc, and Helena (André) Aucoin; sister-in-law, Lucie May (Edmond) Landry; brothers-in-law, Paul Joe (Aldora) Aucoin, and Marcel (Gloria) Doucet; godchildren, Angele Poirier and Marc Neary; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Gerard was predeceased by his sisters, Martine and Mina; brother, Armie; and parents-in-law, John Joe and Marie Cecile Aucoin; brothers-in-law, Tommy, Albert, and Leopold; and sister-in-law, Elizabeth. A graveside service was held on Saturday, November 8th, 2025 in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp with Father Daniel Gustave officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation or a charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to:

ROACH

Ronald Patrick Roach, of Cheticamp, age 70, passed away Friday evening, October 17th, 2025. Born in Cheticamp, April 4th, 1955, Ron was the 7th of 9 children to the late Willie and the late Madeleine (LeBlanc) Roach. The family moved to Woodstock, Ontario when Ron was five years old. Like many before him, he was unable to escape the undeniable draw of his Acadian roots and natural beauty of Cheticamp, moving back in 1983 for good. Ron is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Calista (Deveaux) Roach; son, Shaun Poo Bear Roach (Brandy); daughter, Raven Two Shoes Roach (Serge); mother-in-law, Adrienne Deveaux; his two grandsons, Marco and Marcus; and granddaughters, Ella and Janie; his brothers, Clifford Roach (Mary deceased), Claudie Roach (Susan), and Rick Roach; sisters, Priscille Hoelke, and Claudette; as well as eleven nephews and nieces, numerous cousins, and many cherished friends (you all know who you are). Besides his parents, Ron was predeceased by his father-in-law, Wilfred Deveaux; brother, Roger Roach; and sisters, Diane and Marilyne. Ron was a hard-working man till the very end, always willing to go above and beyond to help his family and friends. He will be dearly missed and leaves a huge void to many. If you were lucky enough to be part of his inner circle, then you were blessed to see his humorous and caring side. Ron may have had a tough outer shell but, in reality, was very soft hearted. Funeral mass was celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp, on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025 with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. with Father Daniel Gustave officiating. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to C.A.R.E.S. (Cheticamp Area Residential Education Society). All are invited to remember Ron and celebrate a life well lived. He is finally at peace, free of pain, resting easy and breathing deep. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

SPENCER

Donald Gordon Spencer (February 26th, 1950 – November 2nd, 2025) passed away peacefully November 2nd 2025 at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital after a brave battle with dementia. He leaves behind his children Kali Spencer (Andrew Froese), Winnipeg, and David Spencer (Dana Thomas), Mabou; his grandson Miles; his siblings Sheila Spencer, Bedford, Susan McEvoy (Joe), Bedford, and Bruce Spencer (Gina), Fredericton, and many beloved nieces and nephews. He will be remembered for his stories, wit, and his gift for connecting with people. Don was born February 26th, 1950 in Sydney, Nova Scotia, and was raised on Castle Drive, where his late parents Edward and Norma (née MacLeod) nurtured in him and his three younger siblings a deep appreciation for hard work, family, and community. As a teenager, Don worked at his uncle Carmen MacLeod's garage, Shipyard Shell, where he cultivated his remarkable ability to connect with people from all walks of life. His love for motorcycles began at this time, sparking his keen sense of adventure. In 1968, Don enrolled at St. Francis Xavier's Sydney Campus, where he gained a lifelong passion for academics and mathematics. He earned a B.Sc. in Physics from Dalhousie University in 1972, a B.Ed. at St. Mary's University in 1973, and later, an MBA from the University of Regina in 1994. In the early 1970s, Don taught in Schefferville, Quebec, and the stories and friendships from that time remained close to his heart throughout his life. By the mid 1970s, the pull of the West proved irresistible. Don moved to Calgary, where he began programming National Cash Register computers, helping bridge the gap in office automation. In 1977, he joined RedStar Management Services, a startup that led him to Regina, where he completed programming contracts for municipalities across Saskatchewan before taking a permanent role at SaskTel. It was in Regina that he met Kate, and together they raised their children, Kali and David. In the early 2000s, Don returned to his true calling – teaching. He taught mathematics, statistics, and calculus at the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST), where he remained until his retirement in 2015. Don was a skilled sailor, talented waterskier, and an excellent downhill skier. He was deeply proud of his Scottish heritage. He loved his tartan ties, learning new languages,

good music, puns, and wordplay. Don was generous, loving, and instinctively kind to all he met – though few remained strangers for long. He was unwavering in his support of those he cared about. He took immense pride in the academic achievements of his siblings, and instilled in his children and students the importance of working hard and trusting your own judgement. Every time we giggle at a pun, correct grammar, learn “hello,” “please,” or “thank you” in a new language, or multiply fractions in our heads, we carry his legacy forward. Though his work and life took him across Canada, his heart remained in Cape Breton. In 2018, he returned there to be near his son David, spending his later years surrounded by the beauty and community he cherished. He lived those years content and fulfilled. Per Don’s wishes a funeral service will not be held. A small celebration of life will be held in the spring at the family bungalow in Northside East Bay, the place where Don truly felt at home. Fois shìorraidh dha anam. May his soul have eternal peace. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff at the Foyer Père Fiset in Cheticamp, the Inverary Manor in Inverness, and the Inverness Hospital, for their compassionate care. Donations in his memory can be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

GILLIS

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of John James “Red John” Gillis of Hawthorne Road, Port Hood, NS on November 1st, 2025 at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. John, the youngest of 10 children, was born to the late Duncan and Maggie Belle (MacDougall) Gillis on January 15, 1937. He enjoyed a happy childhood in a close-knit, Scottish family. He was a member of St. Peter’s Parish, Port Hood and was also a proud organizer on the Angus Ban Gillis Reunion Committee. While working in Ontario, John met the love of his life, Catherine Isabel (C.B.) MacMaster. They returned home to River Center and Hawthorne to marry and start their family. “Up Home” was their beautiful, welcoming farmhouse where family and friends, from near and far, came to visit and stay. Red John was employed by Stora Forest Industries for over 30 years. John spoke fondly of his years as a volunteer hockey coach in Port Hood and with his love of the game was a lifelong Toronto Maple Leafs fan. John is survived by his sisters, Cecilia Pellerin, Rose Gillis and Gwenie Beaton; sister-in-law, Ann MacDonald; daughter-in-law, Doreen Cummings; grandchildren, Vanessa (Blaze) Clarkin, Colton, Dawson (Amber), Riley and Sierra; great-granddaughters, Jerzee, Jazmyn, Jaylah, Tiana; as well as many loving nieces and nephews in Canada and the United States. John was predeceased by his wife, C.B.; his parents, Duncan and Maggie Belle; his son, Gordie; his siblings, Angus (Josephine), Lawrence (Kaye), Lillian (Dick) Blondell, Mary (Danny) Rem, Elizabeth (Duncan) MacEachern, Teresa (James) Reason, Ann (John Paul) MacKinnon; brothers-in-law, John MacDonald, John Duncan (Mamie) MacMaster and Angus MacMaster. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 5th, 2025 at the Port Hood and Area Resting Place from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be at St. Peter’s Church, Port Hood at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 6th, 2025 with Reverend Sunny Sebastian officiating. Donations in memory of the late John Gillis may be made to Port Hood Volunteer Fire Department or to a charity of your choice. The Gillis family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and support staff at ICMH, with special mention to Dr. Rhea MacDonald, for her concern and compassion over the years. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

GILLIS

John Angus Rankin (Johnny) Gillis died of the cancer he had lived with for over 10 years on October 3rd, 2025, at the age of 62. John was born January 6th, 1963, and was a son of Hugh and Mary Catherine Gillis of Northeast Mabou, originally chosen to be his godparents, but who ultimately raised him from infancy. John is survived by Ann Morrison, his spouse of nearly 40 years, and his brothers, Fred Clarence Gillis (late Sandra), Inverness, James Roy Gillis (late Beatrice), Inverness, and Al MacKay, Clinton, BC. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews in Nova Scotia and across Canada. He was predeceased by his parents Hugh and Mary Catherine Gillis and by his birth mother, Katherine MacEachern (nee Rankin), of Northeast Mabou. He was also predeceased by his sister, Jessie Ann Isabel Gillis; his brothers, John Hugh

Gillis and Angus Francis Gillis; his nephews, Bobby Jenkins and Gerard MacDonald. Johnny was a graduate of Mabou Consolidated School and went on to receive a diploma in media arts from Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax. He worked much of his career in media, arts, communication, and journalism while living in Halifax, Vancouver, and in Inverness County. After returning from Vancouver in 1998 to renovate and live in his family home in Northeast Mabou, Johnny worked at the Red Shoe Pub with its founder, Rob Willson. There he got the opportunity to meet and work with so many great musicians over the years. John worked as a doorman, a cleaner, a beer runner, and a busboy, and he assisted with booking the entertainment. After that, he enjoyed more than 15 years discovering and telling the stories of the people of Inverness County and surrounding areas through work with The Inverness Oran, winning multiple Atlantic Community Newspaper awards for some of his writing and photographic contributions. John's hobbies and interests included hockey, soccer, and running in his youth. Later, he pursued interests in creative writing, fine arts, photography, journalism, folk music, storytelling, and song writing. In 2010, John enjoyed a creative period, completing a CD of 11 original songs produced by J.P. Cormier called Dowser. The title served as a metaphor for the mystery of the creative process. He always loved playing music (harmonica, guitar, vocals) with his friends at public events or at house parties. Although the people he enjoyed playing with are too numerous to list, he especially loved his times playing with Scott Macmillan, Brian Doyle, and Steve Basker. John also enjoyed collaborating with a talented group of Inverness County musicians on several musical theatre productions with Outfront Productions, which featured shows like The Last Waltz, Hits of Motown, Johnny Cash, Four Strong Winds, and more, and thrived under the leadership of Beth Ryan, Brian Doyle, and Edmund MacLean. His contributions to these events will be greatly missed, as will his presence in all the lives he touched over the years. The outpouring of love and support for John in his final days was overwhelming and is a testament to the many lives he positively affected. He distinguished himself in two of the most important aspects of life – to love and to be loved. John and his family would like to thank Dr. LaFrance, Dr. Saliba, Dr. Oja, Dr. Bennett, and Dr. Coakley, the nursing staff in Inverness (especially the entire oncology team) for their excellent care over many years. Thanks also to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Cape Breton Cancer Centre, Sydney, and the QEII Interventional Radiology Centre, Halifax, for their care. John has been cremated and there will be no service as per John's wishes, but there will be a celebration of John's life at a later date. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice in John's memory. Condolences can be sent to www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com. Rest in peace, Johnny – you have earned it!

LEBLANC

Richard Leonel LeBlanc, Cheticamp passed away October 22nd, 2025 at the Foyer Pere Fiset. Richard was born August 28th, 1948, the son of Levi and Mary Hattie LeBlanc. Richard is survived by his wife Linda (MacPhail); their children, Amy (Alex) Shaw, British Columbia, Joel, Ontario, Brent, Cheticamp; four grandchildren, Arianne and Xavier Shaw, Alex and Julia LeBlanc; and many nieces and nephews. Also survived by his brothers Emile, David, (Eldora), Leon (Ann-Marie), Philippe (Marcelle); sisters Jeanita (Alex) Gillis and Leona Morash. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Theresa Mosher, and his sister, Rose. Richard was a lineman and worked for Nova Scotia Power for 31 years. In 1973, Richard and Linda moved to Cheticamp where Richard was a lineman supervisor for NS Power, first in the Cheticamp area, and later included Ingonish and Baddeck. Prior to retiring, he built a workshop where he spent many hours of his retirement as a woodworker, creating pieces for friends, family and local farmers' markets. When he wasn't spending time in the workshop, he could be found fishing or hunting. Richard was a member of the Cheticamp Salmon Association. He was also a dedicated Palliative Care volunteer and spent many hours with patients in the hospital. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on October 29th at the Seniors Hall in Cheticamp. Memorial donations in memory of Richard may be made to Foyer Pere Fiset or a charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

YIPP

We regret to announce the death of Lorette Marie Yipp, 80, of Inverness, who passed away peacefully on October 22nd at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, surrounded by friends and family. Lorette was the daughter of the late Virginia and Clifford Feehan, and was predeceased as well by her husband, Roy, brothers Sextus and Joseph ("Joe"), and sisters, Delores (Lally), and Theresa (Alex) Gillis. She is survived by her three daughters, Denise (Brian) Doyle, Carol (Tom Rahkola), and Robyn Yipp (Greg Rodger); two brothers, Dwayne and Floyd; sisters Sheila and Verna (Ted) Peters. As well, mourning Lorette's departure are grandchildren Keira and Tess Doyle, Devon, Jera, Genevieve, and Sage Wolfe, and James and Lily Rodger. Survived as well by her great-grandchildren, Ray Leigh, Taylor, and Kori; and her nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews. Lorette had lived a full and selfless life. She was married to Roy, an engineer whose international work brought the family to Churchill Falls, Montreal, Indonesia, Venezuela, San Francisco, Toronto, Mexico, Taiwan, Pakistan, and Vancouver. No matter how far she travelled, though, Lorette's heart never left "the Corner" in Inverness. She returned every summer to their cabin above MacIsaac's Pond with her children to ensure that they would experience Cape Breton and its culture, and would have, despite their broad exposure to other cultures, a familiarity with their own. A person whom one friend described as someone of "a sharp wit and soft heart," Lorette lived her last decades back in Inverness where the "cabin" became home, a home which welcomed countless friends and family members, all of whom were also welcome to make their own tea. It was there also that on Saturday mornings for more than twenty years female friends gathered on a weekly basis for several years. Lorette gave much of herself to the place where she lived. She was one of the volunteers who, on behalf of Inverness, welcomed and made a home for a family of Vietnamese "boat people" in the 1970s. For more than 25 years, Lorette was the volunteer manager of the Inverness Food Bank. With a staff of other volunteers, they provided food for several families in the area. The work they accomplished is now being carried on by another staff of volunteers. Lorette was a gifted storyteller, who loved to listen to as well as tell the humorous tales and anecdotes, whether about herself or featuring the cast of characters who have enriched Inverness for generations. The family would like to thank the wonderful healthcare given to Lorette in Inverness – with sincere thanks to Dr. Ritter and the palliative care team, continuing care, home care, the Inverness Hospital, and the many friends who came to the "cabin" to visit Lorette. Cremation is under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. At Lorette's request, there will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Inverness Foodbank and/or the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society.

CESTNICK

Mary Malvina Cestnick, age 82, of South Greenwood, NS, passed away suddenly on Monday, September 22, 2025, at the QEII Halifax Infirmary. Born in Inverness, she was the daughter of the late John Dan and Bertha (Monnon) MacDonald. Mary was a faithful member of the Queen of Heaven Chapel in Greenwood and a dedicated member of the Catholic Women's League. She was also a long-time member of the VON Sore Finger Quilters and a devoted Toronto Blue Jays fan. She loved movies, baking, and spending time with her many friends at afternoon dinners and card games. Known for her warm personality and social nature, Mary will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Mary is survived by her daughter, Shauna (Robert) Comeau, Greenwood; sons, Darcy (Angela) Cestnick, Delta, BC and Michael (Nicole) Cestnick, Fort McMurray, AB; sister, Deanna Marie (Sandy) McLean, Inverness; grandchildren, Nathaniel (Kiley), Alberta; Jason, Greenwood; Sara, Greenwood; Alanna (Zach), Saskatoon; Kimberly (Brady), Martinsville, SK; Jonathan, Saskatoon; Celsa (Nicholas), Jasper, AB; Mackenzie and Jenna; Fort McMurray, step-grandchildren, Christopher (Natalie), Jordan (Dominique); Jaden and Victoria; great-grandchildren, Arianna, Madeline and Barry. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Richard, and daughter, Jacqueline, in infancy. In keeping with Mary's wishes, cremation has taken place. Funeral service was held on October 6th at 12:15 in Queen of Heaven Chapel, 14 Wing Greenwood. Father Magnus Chilaka officiated. Interment will be in Stella Maris Cemetery, Inverness

at a later date. Donations in memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to Middleton Funeral Home, 398 Main Street, toll free 1-855-825-3448. Online guest book may be signed by visiting: www.middletonfuneralhome.com.

MacDONALD

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of my beloved husband, Leonard MacDonald on September 22, 2025, in Inverary Manor, Inverness. Born to the late Mary Christie and Dan Lawrence MacDonald on January 21, 1939. One of 14 children, five boys and nine girls. Left to mourn are his wife, June, of 63 years; his children, Tracy MacIsaac, Halifax; son, Leonard Jr., Little Judique; grandchildren, Craig MacIsaac, Little Judique, Candace MacIsaac, Halifax, Connor MacDonald, Newfoundland; great grandchildren, Ava and Ella Glover, Halifax, Savannah and Teagan MacDonald, Newfoundland; brother, Gerard (Elizabeth); sisters, Barbara (Joey) Landry, and Donalda Picco. Predeceased by grandson, Kirk MacIsaac; sisters, Margaret, Irene, Pauline, Mary Jeannett, Kathy, Hughena and Sandra; brothers, Donald B. Lawrence and Bert. Visitation will take place in Port Hood and Area Resting Place on Monday September 29th from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Funeral mass to be held in St. Peter's Church, Port Hood on Tuesday, September 30th at 11:00 am with burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Inverary Manor, Inverness. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacLELLAN

We, the family of Mary "Adelaide" MacLellan (July 22, 1940 – October 11, 2025), are sad to announce her passing in St. Martha's Regional Hospital on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at the age of 85. Adelaide was born in Inverness, on July 22, 1940, and was a daughter of the late Jean (Burney) and Alex Quigley. Adelaide married Gussie MacLellan on September 7, 1959. Together they raised their two children, Donnie and Laurie in her family home on Forest Street in Inverness. Throughout their life together, their house was often the hub of many busy days and nights, get togethers, and visits where all were always welcomed and offered a cup of tea, food, and a warm bed. Throughout her working life, Adelaide held many positions in the community of Inverness. She spent time in the lab at the old St. Mary's Hospital, as a phone operator, worked at the counter at Sears, made flower arrangements at the Inverness Flower Shop, and her last working role was bookkeeper for Gussie's business, "Gussie's Burner Service." In her free time, Adelaide and Gussie were active members of the bowling league in town, she enjoyed playing bingo, a good game of cards and always enjoyed special meals at her godson's restaurant The Belle View. She loved her special days out with her "knitting club" friends where we are told she spent much of that time amusing them with many of her funny stories. She was fiercely proud of her family, and for the Inverness Centennial gave a presentation about her Belgium heritage with her sister Joanne and brother Allan. She gave of her time over many years volunteering with Kinettes and at many church events and community happenings. Last year in 2024, she was so proud and humbled to have been asked along with her husband to be honorary marshals for the Inverness Gathering Parade. She is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Gussie; daughter, Laurie (Charles Smith); grandchildren, Taylor and Devin, Bradley (Krista), Brianna (Justin); honorary granddaughters, Dara and Trista; great-grandchildren, Audrey and Carson; sister, Joanne (Wayne Smith); sister-in-law, Claire Quigley; many nieces, nephews, godchildren, relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her son, Donnie; parents, Jean and Alex Quigley; sisters, Anna in infancy, Doris (Bas) Purcell, Aileen (Charlie) LeBlanc, Celeste O'Quinn; and brother, Allan Quigley. The family would like to say thank you to the wonderful medical staff at the Inverness hospital ER and the doctors and nurses of the ER and ICU at St. Martha's Regional Hospital as well as the spiritual staff for their efforts, caring and kindness in her final days. In particular, we would like to say a special thank you to Dr. Susie Egar who was her family physician for many years and has always cared for her with much care, love, and support. Visitation and funeral to take place in July 2026 with exact dates to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in memory of Adelaide may be made to Stella Maris Parish Cemetery Fund, Inverness. Online condolences may be made to:

BOYD

It is with broken hearts that the Boyd and Beaton families announce that Angus Lawrence Boyd passed away peacefully on Monday, October 6, 2025 at the Strait Richmond Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Angus was born in Antigonish, Nova Scotia on August 23, 1949 to the late Donald and Edna (Samson) Boyd. He leaves behind his loving and caring wife, Marlene, with whom he was to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on October 12. Left to cherish his memory and mourn his loss are his five siblings and brothers-in-law with whom he shared many special memories: Margaret Ellen MacKinnon, Sylvia French, Jack MacNeil, his twin sister Carol Anne Maybin (Don), Almeda De Amicis (Peter) and Donald, and Marlene's three brothers and sister-in-law, Ronnie and Alice, Collie and Doug Beaton. Angus is remembered by his many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly. He took great joy in their accomplishments and was a very proud uncle. Angus had a gentle, loving, and kind presence. He loved spending time with family and friends and sharing stories with great detail. He was proud of his Glendale and Mabou roots and enjoyed Scottish music, concerts, and square dancing. He had an amazing memory for people, events and statistics. Angus had a great love of sports, especially golfing, and in his younger years he played competitive basketball and baseball. He had fond memories and great stories about playing with the Louisdale Baracos. Angus enjoyed his teaching career in Richmond County's elementary and high schools. He coached school sports and felt prouder than ever of his players when his AA Isle Madame District High basketball team hosted and won the provincial championship in March 1982. During his journey on dialysis, he formed many supportive friendships for which he was forever grateful. Angus's faith, courage, strength and unwavering determination were an inspiration to all who knew him. Angus is now reunited with his parents Edna and Donald, his beloved sister Donna MacNeil, Marlene's parents Collie and Jessie, sister-in-law Wendy Beaton and brothers-in-law Freeman and John Beaton, Ray MacKinnon, and Kevin French. Angus was forever grateful for the wonderful care that he received at the Strait Richmond Hospital and St. Martha's Hospital. The family also extends their sincere gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and hospital staff for their exceptional care and compassion during his illness. Funeral services for Angus have been entrusted to Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home, 724 Granville Street, Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia. The family welcomes you to his visitation on Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 from 2:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. His funeral mass will be held on Thursday, October 16th, 2025 at 10:00 am from St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Port Hawkesbury. A reception celebrating Angus's life will follow in the church hall. Following the reception, Angus's burial will take place in St. Mary of the Angels Cemetery in Glendale. If so desired, donations can be made in Angus's memory to St. Mary of the Angels Cemetery Fund, Glendale. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

GILLIS

Donna Marie Gillis, 63, passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 20 in her home in Upper Margaree. She was one of thirteen children born to Joe Angus and Annie Jane Gillis. She is survived by 11 of her 13 siblings, her 39 nieces and nephews, 42 grand nieces and nephews, and one great-grandnephew. And she loved and cared for each of them, having been a frequent babysitter and caregiver most of her life. Family was everything to her, and when we were young, she would often have her nieces and nephews rhyme off the birth order of our aunts and uncles, and all the cousins. To this day, many of us can still list each name. She also took great pride in diligently tracking our birthdays, anniversaries and deaths, and spent time each New Year hand writing each date into a new calendar. Many of these hand-written treasures have migrated across the country, ensuring that we will not lose track of each other (an important task in a family this large.) Donna's love language was food, and she delighted in feeding us. Everyone in the family recalls her famous rolls, delicious pork pies, and many other treats that were always around on holidays. But it is her sense of humour we remember most, and the time and energy she put into

entertaining us – particularly her nieces and nephews. She loved music, making us mix-tapes and teaching us the words to her favorite songs, whether at late-night sleepovers in her tent each summer, or dance parties at holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries. Thanks to Donna, we all know the words to “OK Blue Jays”, “John Deer Green” and “The Day the Squirrel Went Berserk”, among others.

She spent extended time with many of her sisters over the years, living with them to work and/or take care of children. Notably, she spent many summers with her sister Barabara in Lochaber working at Glenhill Berry farm, where she was well known in the community, as well as stays in Yellowknife with sister Martha and Newfoundland with Esther. She also spent a large portion of her life caring for her brother Hector, her mother Annie Jane and later, her uncle Kenneth MacKenzie. She was particularly close to her twin sister Diane and her six children. In her later years, she worked at Cabot Links, and Donna, who never had her driver’s license, grew quite resourceful finding herself drives to Inverness. She especially relied on Diane and her children, and her cousin John Hughie MacKenzie as well as several neighbors and friends who kindly re-arranged their schedules to help out. Donna was a lifelong Montreal Canadiens fan, and though they loved to watch hockey, tension could run high sometimes, as Hector and Annie Jane were devout Maple Leafs fans! They all saw eye to eye when it came to the Blue Jays though. They also loved to play radio bingo, and the family understood that you dare not call her house on Friday evenings! Donna is remembered with love by immediate family including Martha (Floyd Adlem); Ann (Hugh MacDougall); Ena (Dan Cousins); Esther (Alan Kirby); Barbara (Sid Taylor); Jesslyn (Lawrence MacLellan); Margaret (Kevin MacIsaac); Hector, Diane (Kevin MacKinnon); Robert (Liann), and Albert. She was predeceased by sister Theresa, and parents Joe Angus and Annie Jane. Visitation and funeral mass will be held at Saint Joseph’s church in South West Margaree. The visitation will be held on Wednesday October 8, from 4-7 pm. Funeral mass on Thursday, October 9 at 11 am, with Fr. Silvichan Dominic, with burial to follow at MacDougall’s cemetery, South West Margaree. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Sunset Funeral Cooperative, Margaree Valley. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saint Joseph’s Parish or an organization of your choice.

JUDSON

Doris Ann Judson, age 64, passed away on September 6th, at ICMH in Inverness, NS. She was born on September 29, 1960 in Inverness. Doris worked in the service industry all her life with her final job working at the Inverness Beach Village in Inverness. A testament to her fierce work ethic, she worked almost to the end. She was predeceased by her parents John and Elizabeth (Betty); survived by siblings, Bill (Cristina), Mary (Ed), John (Maria), Stan (Norma), Wilma (John); nieces and nephews Jennifer, Catherine, Cory, Kristena, Geri, Jessie, Beth and Sam; and honorary sister Margie Wiswell. Doris loved long walks, sometimes even surpassing the twenty thousand a day marker. She loved her sports teams, Jays and Habs, and would never refuse a spirited game of auction. She had a dry-witted sense of humour that could bring you to your knees. She was first and foremost an animal lover, and the many pets on her route to work would agree. Join the family in celebrating Doris’s life on October 6th at Stella Maris Parish at 11:00 a.m. There will be a tea downstairs at the Royal Canadian Legion to follow. Rest easy Doris “all’s good.”

CAMUS

On September 18, 2025, Joseph Gelas Camus, at the age of 67, left us in grief to be reunited with his precious daughter Daphne, who he missed dearly. With his wife, Giselle, they raised their family in the old homestead at the Redman. Gelas worked as a plant worker and fisher buyer for the past 50 years. Everyone that knew him, enjoyed his sense of humor, easy going and joyful personality. His closest friends knew him as “Minou”... he will surely be missed on the wharf by so many. In the past few years, he got to live his passion in riding his motorcycle, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling with friends. His true joy in life was to spend time with his three grandchildren. Gelas leaves behind his wife of 34 years, Giselle; his son, Bradley (Rosie); and his three grandchildren, Isaac, Isaiah and Ava. Also grieving are his brothers, André (Gisele), Léonel (Lorraine); and his sisters, Patricia and

Dauphine. He was predeceased by his daughter, Daphne; parents, Napoleon and Jeanette; brothers, Pierre Joseph, Alphonse; and brothers-in-law, Clovie and Michael. A special thank you to all the staff at the Cardio Vascular Unit at the QEII in Halifax for their dedication and wonderful care during his short stay. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. We will all miss you dearly and you will forever be in our hearts....fly high and watch over us. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at the Senior Citizen Hall, Cheticamp from 1-4 pm, followed by a graveside service at St. Peter's Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacLENNAN

Jessica Elizabeth MacLennan, 77, of Blues' Mills, passed away Sat. Aug. 16 after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Clarence and Rebecca (Macdonald) MacLennan of Blues Mills and was predeceased by her sister Cheryl (Rick Casey). Survived by brothers Clarence (Nancy) and Bill and sister Elinor Clark (Albert); nieces Tara (Steve Brass), Janet and Elise (Rob Frizzell) and nephew Alex Clark as well as grand nephews Thane and Thurston Brass, Justin Alamo-MacLennan and grand-niece Abigail Frizzell. Jessica graduated from Saint Francis Xavier University and received a Masters of Library Science from Dalhousie University. Over a long career, she worked in almost every kind of library, college, university, school, public, etc. interspersed with time out to backpack around Europe, work as an au pair in England and visit ancestral homes in the Hebrides among other pursuits. Jessica was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, The local Gaelic Community, always striving to perfect her own knowledge and pass it on to others and of Forbes United Church, taking an active part in ensuring the church would survive where many others have not. To this end she had started to follow the Licensed Lay Worship Leader program of the United Church until the decline in her health forced her to stop. Her interest in and her support of family and friends will be missed.

ARSENAULT

Simon Patrick Arsenault of Margaree passed away peacefully at the Inverary Manor on September 6th, 2025, at the age of 94. He was the son of the late Patrick and Annie (Maillet) Arsenault. He is predeceased by Louise Arsenault, Frances DeYoung, and sons Simon Junior and Mikie Arsenault as well as sisters Alice Roberts, Cecilia Brewer, Margaret Spagnolatti, Theresa Walsh and brothers Mose, Wilfred, William and Joseph Arsenault. He is survived by his sister, Rose Harkin and brother, Mike Arsenault as well as his daughter Ann Marie (Michael), and son, Bob (Judy). Loving poppa to Jennifer and Stephanie Oke and Stephen and David Arsenault. For a humble and modest fellow Simon was a man of many talents and lives. In his youth he was "farmed out" to widowed elderly ladies who needed help to keep their households together. Later, at about 13, he became the "Priest's Assistant" in what he referred to as his first paying position. He boarded in the Glebe House where he kept the fires burning, there as well as in the church. He also did the barn chores looking after the hens and cows, all before heading for school, which was for a few years upstairs at the parish hall. All this through the 1930s depression in a rural community without electricity. Then – before the age of 16 – he followed his older brothers and sisters to Sydney's Whitney Pier district. He was successively employed as a taxi driver, coke ovens worker, coal hauler, and milk delivery person for Hirsch's Modern City Dairy, but on the rural route that took him as far as Baddeck. This gave him a wonderful storehouse of tales of adventures along the route. Those were busy years and he also welcomed his four children during that time. Still a young man, he made his way to Toronto after his first marriage ended, and he subsequently arranged for his four children to join him there. He worked pumping gas, on the lake boats for a few seasons, finally ending up first working for a floor finisher and later starting his own business. He prospered in that situation, getting large contracts from the housing boards for sanding and finishing their floors. Through those years he was supported by his second wife, Fran DeYoung, who brought up the children and made a home for them. Still in his early forties he entered the final stage of his travels, all the way back to

Margaree. When a doctor in Toronto diagnosed respiratory issues and Simon told him of his background in the coke ovens and as a floor finisher in the era before protective masks, he and Fran quickly decided to sell the house and leave Toronto. He had already bought a house down the road from where he had grown up. But it was the magnificent two-story shop with as many tools as one could identify or ever wish for that made it the centre for men in the community. Who knew that in this second half of his life he would become a larger than life "Mister fix it" for Margaree. He thrived as the "Go to" person for any and all problems mechanical, carpentry and any other issues. He mowed fields, plowed driveways and generally kept busy with all that. Simon was also Ken Hannsford and Elizabeth LeFort's personal chauffeur, handy man and close friend. He still found room for loads of social occasions and was a very serious (and very good) cribbage player. He has been sadly missed since his decline; but is still fondly remembered by all. Interment for family members will be held at St. Michael's Cemetery in Margaree on October 7th at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Celebration of Life at St. Michael's Catholic Parrish Hall at 11:00 a.m. Special thanks to Dr. LaFrance and the nursing staff at Inverness Memorial Hospital and to all the staff at Inverary Manor for their wonderful care and compassion. If desired, donations in his memory may be made to either the Alzheimer's Society or the Inverary Manor Harbour Lights staff. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco.op.com.

BEATON

Finley J. Beaton, age 88, of Antigonish passed away peacefully at St. Martha's Hospital on September 18th, 2025, following a brief illness. Raised in Blackstone, Inverness County, NS, he was the eldest son of Dan Angus and Catherine (MacLellan) Beaton. After completing high school he left to work in construction and mining in Ontario. For a fellow who always loved cars, a stint at the Chrysler assembly line in Detroit was fitting. He returned to Cape Breton in 1962, married, and raised a family. He worked in heavy industry and retired in 1997 after 27 years at Nova Scotia Power as a Stationary Engineer-Unit Operator. After retirement he relocated to Antigonish, where he happily resided until his death. Finley was an avid reader of non-fiction, particularly science, history, and astronomy. He enjoyed Scottish music and never danced a square set he didn't enjoy. He deeply valued education and supported his children in the pursuit of their respective careers. More recently he had been following with great pride the educational pursuits of his grandchildren. Finley is survived by his four children: Carole (Todd LeBlanc) of Halifax, Michele (David Timmons) of Dartmouth, Shaun of Zurich, Switzerland, and Laurie (Sean Brown) of Vancouver, BC. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Ainslie Timmons; Aerin, Ian and Sarah Brown; and Hailey Beaton. Finley is also survived by his siblings Angus (Marilyn), Marie (Ron Martineau), Alexander, Marcella, Kevin (Mary), Margaret (Alex D. MacDougall), Marian (Rannie MacLellan), and Malcom (Marguerite) and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his brothers Ambrose (Cathy) and Martin (the late Joan), his sister Theresa and his nephew Darren Martineau. The family is grateful to Finley's long time physician Dr. David Cudmore. Special thanks to all the health care providers at St. Martha's Hospital, especially the amazing team of the Palliative Care unit. Visitation will take place on Monday, September 22nd, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in C.L. Curry Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ninians Cathedral, Antigonish with Fr. Danny MacLennan presiding. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Antigonish Palliative Care Society or the Antigonish Community Food Bank. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of C.L. Curry Funeral Home, Antigonish. Online condolences at www.clcurry.com.

CLARK

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister, Glenda, on September 18th, 2025, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital surrounded by her boys. Glenda was the oldest daughter of the late Donald and Coletta Timmons of Margaree Centre. Glenda is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Bobby; and two sons, Robert (Margie), and Adam (Nadine). She was a loving and proud nanny to Ben (Kenzie), Bobbi (JC),

Rylan, Becca (Brian), Jake (Selina), Seph; and great-grandmother to David, Jessi, Rose Ellen, Walter and Della. Glenda is also survived by her sisters, Wanda (Joe), Cindy, and Crystal (Clifford); brothers, Johnny (Rose Mary), Jeffery, Richard (Linda), Dexter, and Brent (Bernice); brothers-in-law, Eddy, Ray, Bernie (Carol), Jimmy (Gail), David (Charlene), Cecil (Lise); sisters-in-law, Lillian (RJ), Debby (Don), Ethel (Bernie), Willena, and Brenda. Glenda was predeceased by infant son, Cecil; infant brother-in-law, David; brothers, Donald and Kirt; sister, Marsha; brother-in-law, Gordon; and nieces, Raylene and Colleen. She was also predeceased by her in-laws, Jessie and Cecil Clarke. She is remembered and loved by several nieces and nephews; Uncle Earl, and her beloved pet Murphy. She made her career at Gisele's Inn in Baddeck where her coworkers became family for more than 30 years. Special thank you to Mr. Khan and family for your generosity and support. Mom was happiest when her house was full of friends and family, always serving coffee, tea and an abundance of homemade goodies, forever remembered for her turkey dinners, strawberry shortcake and her famous Mississippi Mud that was always a birthday must. Special thank you to the compassionate care of Central Inverness Palliative Care Society, nurses and doctors of Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital and community care nurses. Special thank you to her granddaughters, Becca and Bobbi and sisters, Cindy and Wanda for your hours of love and dedication at home to be able to keep mom comfortable as long as possible. Visitation will be held in Wilson United Church Hall in Margaree Centre on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

FRASER

It is with sadness we announce the peaceful passing of Tamara Marie (Tammy) Fraser, at the age of 54, surrounded by her loving family and friends at her L'Arche Cape Breton home in Orangedale on September 16th, 2025. Tammy was born June 16th, 1971, at Inverness Memorial Hospital to the late Lee Ernest and Bridget Agnes (Tompkins) Fraser. She is survived by her siblings, Mary Lee, Elizabeth (David) Zillman, David (Cathy), Rosalie (John) Pino, Bell (Stewart) Applegath, and many nieces and nephews. God graced our family with a treasure that had immense value. Tammy was a very special and pure soul. She helped us to look at the world with a different perspective. Tammy, you are our special angel and will forever remain in our hearts. We are forever grateful to Tammy's L'Arche Cape Breton family for the exceptional care and sincere love that was shown to her. A heartfelt thank you to you all. Funeral Service was held at the L'Arche Cape Breton Chapel, Iron Mines, on Friday, September 19th. Memorial donations in memory of Tammy may be made to : L'Arche Cape Breton, 3 L'Arche Lane, Iron Mines, NS, B0E 3K0 or online at: <https://www.l'archecapebreton.org/donations/>. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacLEOD

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of John James MacLeod, born February 9th, 1955. He passed away peacefully on September 12th, 2025, at the age of 70. He was the 8th child in a family of ten. John grew up in Brook Village, N.S. and lived there all his life. He was his parents' main caregiver until their passing and made sure their later years were happy and peaceful. He worked at Stora Pulp Mill for many years and spent some time working in Western Canada after his retirement from Stora. He was a member of the Pipe Fitters Union and an associate member of Mabou Fire Department. Like his parents, John was a dedicated community minded person. He managed the Brook Village cemetery and when repairs were needed at the church, glebe or hall, John was always there. John was the designated turkey carver at hall dinners and a faithful worker at hall dances. John is survived by siblings, Kate (late Charlie) MacNeill, Mississauga; Mary Catherine (late Billy) MacDonald, Brook Village; Annie (Liam) Hurley, Mississauga; John Daniel (Anna), Lower Sackville; Archie (Colleen), Little Judique Ponds; Mary Helen (Bernie) Petitpas, Dartmouth; Neil (Gloria), Judique; Margaret Anne (late Steve) McDow, Dartmouth; sister-in-law Joanne MacLeod, Levack, Ontario. He was loved by his many nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his parents Jack and Sadie (MacNeil) MacLeod, and his brother Joe, brother-in-law

Charlie MacNeill, brother-in-law Steve McDow, sister-in-law Gladys MacLeod, brother-in-law and Billy MacDonald. He enjoyed the company of his many wonderful neighbours and in his later years loved to stop in for a visit as he walked the village and the country roads of his community. He was a much-loved resident of the Inverary Manor and spent his last days surrounded by their loving care. John's wake will be in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mabou on Sunday, September 28th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.. The funeral will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 29th, at St. John the Baptist Church, Brook Village. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Brook Village or the St John the Baptist Parish, Building Fund in John's honor. E-Transfers: johnmaryandjoseph@gmail.com with a note containing contact information for receipt. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

LeLIEVRE

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Maurice LeLièvre, 71, which occurred on Saturday, September 6th, 2025, at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Maurice will be remembered for his thoughtful nature and deep appreciation for life. He shared with his family and friends a love of travel, especially with his niece, Nicole, of a good conversation and a commitment to community that touched the lives of many. Maurice spent many years living in Ottawa, where he built lasting friendships and meaningful professional relationships. He was a proud St.FX Alumnus, class of 1975; this year was his 50th class reunion. Maurice will be remembered for his good humour and his deep love for friends and family. He never took those moments for granted, and his legacy is one of connection, kindness, and quiet dedication. Seventeen years ago, Maurice returned home to his beloved Cape Breton. He settled in "au p'tit lac," a place that brought him great peace and joy. Though he embraced the slower pace of life, Maurice wasn't quite ready to fully retire. A dedicated volunteer, he generously gave his time to numerous committees, always striving to make a positive impact. He was acknowledged for his volunteerism in 2024 with the King Charles III Coronation Medal for Public Service. He continued to share his time and talents through his work with the CDÉNÉ, remaining active and engaged until the time of his passing. He leaves behind his sister, Josephine, and brother-in-law, Leandre, whom he spent much time with; his brother, René, and sister-in-law, Marie; numerous nieces, nephews and even grand-nieces and nephews. He was affectionately known to many simply as Uncle Mau. He will also be missed by many cherished friends and colleagues. He was predeceased by his father, Marcelin; mother, Jeannette; step-father, Denis; and brothers, Hector, Adrien, and Marcel. Maurice's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. Maurice would often say, "La vie est belle," a good reminder to appreciate all the little moments life has to offer. Funeral mass was held in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine on Monday, September 15th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with Father Daniel Gustave officiating. Burial in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to La Paroisse de Saint Joseph du Moine, The Heart and Stroke Foundation or charity of your choice. Thanks to the staff of the Sacred Heart Hospital, especially Doctor Kassie and Doctor Amélie. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of CheticampFuneral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

Dennis Raymond MacDonald passed away on September 13th, 2025, at age 84. Born in Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec, the youngest son of Dorothy (Dolly) and John Alex (Jock) MacDonald. At age five he moved with his parents and brother to Judique, Cape Breton. There he graduated high school in 1959, then attended St. Francis Xavier University, graduating with a BA and a B.Ed. in 1964 and 1966. Dennis taught school in Edmonton, Mabou, and Halifax County, until retiring in 1995. He was also a reading consultant for the Halifax School Board. He then spent three years teaching English in South Korea. There he greatly enjoyed the people, their culture, and their enthusiasm for learning. In 1998 he started his own company, Scotia Shade Awnings. After closing his business, he

became a Commissionaire at Stanfield International Airport for eight years, retiring due to declining health. Dennis served as Commissioner for Clan Donald Halifax Region and Clan Donald NS. He also served as director of Clan Donald Canada. He leaves to mourn: his wife, Phyllis (Manuel); daughter, Mary Elizabeth; and son, Rhett (Tracy) and their children Sophia and Caden; stepdaughter, Judi (CJ) Weiss; stepson, Shawn (Barb) and their children, Justin and Michel (Jon); brother, Lewis (Maureen), and their children, Jamie (Laurie), Alex Joe (Sean), and Calum (Angela), and their children, Darcie and Marshall; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Keith (Helen), Rick (Cindy), Karen Tetreault, and Bev. Besides his parents and in-laws, he is predeceased by brothers-in-law, Sam and John Manuel, and the mother of his children, Fidelle. He also leaves to mourn a great number of cousins and friends. The family would like to thank the staff at Bisset Court for their excellent care during Dennis's stay there. Service is at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 18th, at Atlantic Funeral Home, 771 Main Street, Dartmouth, NS. Cremation has taken place, and interment will follow the service immediately in Dartmouth Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Society NS or the SPCA. Service will be live-streamed. To leave online condolences and join livestream link visit Dennis's obituary page at www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com, Dartmouth Chapel.

SMEENK

Theresa "Michelle" Smeenk, 1984 – 2025: We regret to announce the passing of Theresa Michelle Smeenk of Blackfalds, Alberta. Michelle passed away on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025, at the age of 40 years. Michelle was born and raised in Glendale, NS. She attended school in Port Hawkesbury and later moved to Alberta, where she worked as a waitress and cook and manager in various restaurants. Michelle will be lovingly remembered by her parents, Billy and Norma (née Pitre); her brothers, Allan and Norm; and her sister, Julia Bernice (née Smeenk). She was predeceased by her grandparents, William, and Wilamena Smeenk, Glendale; Edmond, and Claire Pitre, Creignish Rear. Visitation will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19th, 2025, at Dennis Haverstock Funeral Homes, 724 Granville Street, Port Hawkesbury. Funeral Mass will take place at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 20th, 2025, at St. Mary of the Angels Roman Catholic Church, Glendale, with Father Duncan MacIsaac officiating. Burial to follow in the Parish Cemetery. Donations may be made in memory of Michelle to Leaside Society. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home, 724 Granville Street, Port Hawkesbury. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at: www.haverstocks.com.

CAMUS

Charlene Ann Camus, age 51, Cheticamp passed away on Thursday, August 21st, 2025. Charlene was a daughter to Joseph Arthur Camus and Margaret "Jackie" (Burns) MacNeil. Charlene was loved by an abundance of family and friends. She loved her children and grandchildren very much. She also loved her cats. Charlene worked at the fish plant for many years, as well as the Harbour Restaurant.

Besides her parents, Joseph Arthur and Jackie, Charlene is survived by her sons, Tylor (Tanya), Cody (Mya), Riley, and stepson, Christopher; daughter, Kayden; brothers, Neil, Jimmy, and Kevin; sisters, Barbara, Darlene, and Debbie; and grandchildren, Ava, Scarlette, and Jace. Charlene was predeceased by her brother, Michael. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, August 26th, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charlene's memory to any SPCA. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

GILLIS

Burton Gillis, June 14th, 1961 – August 31st, 2025: Burton Gillis passed away peacefully in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on August 31st, 2025, with family at his side. Burton was born in Couchenour, Ontario. In 1966 his parents returned to Inverness County and settled in

Judique, a community with many close family and friends. Burton graduated from Judique-Creignish Consolidated in 1979 and went on to NSCC and NAIT / Calgary to further his knowledge as an Instrument Technician. He created his own company to provide expertise in various work locations including Hibernia, Calgary, Fort Hills, Louisiana, and early days at Pickering. He enjoyed learning the food culture of new places and was an excellent cook who enjoyed getting together for family meals. He also enjoyed horse racing and discovered the excitement of harness racing that comes from owning a horse in the race. He enjoyed time on the water lobster fishing with his father and in later years, moved home to help care for his mother in her final years. Burton is survived by spouse Sylvia Budiashi and step-son Alex; siblings Virginia MacIsaac (A.J.), Kenneth Gillis Jr. (Mary), Brenda MacDonald, Clayton Gillis (Karen Lee); niece and nephews Kent MacIsaac (Claudia), Chris MacIsaac (Joanna); Amy MacDonald, and Nolan MacDonald; also by great-niece Brooklyn MacIsaac and great-nephew Alex A. MacIsaac; aunts Margaret Beaton, Sadie MacDonald; uncles John Duncan MacDonald, Clair (Ronalda) MacDonald; and Archie MacDonald, former brother-in-law. He was predeceased by his parents Louise (MacDonald) Gillis and Kenneth Gillis Sr; sibling Loretta Gillis; paternal grandparents Margaret (MacDonald / Graham) and Archie D. Gillis; maternal grandparents Mary Ann (Gillis) and Johnny MacDonald; aunts Kay (John Donald) MacDonald, Annie Laurie (Tony) Zenns, Elizabeth (Mario) DiFazio, Marie MacDonald, Isobel (MacLellan) MacDonald; uncles Donald (Peggy) Gillis, Martin (Eileen) Gillis, Stanley (Loretta) Gillis, Alex Graham and Winnifred Beaton. A funeral mass with Rev. Fr. MacMillan officiating took place Wednesday, September 10th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Judique, NS, with burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday, September 9th, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Judique & District Fire Hall, coordinated by the Inverness Funeral Home. Donations may be made to the Judique & District Volunteer Fire Department and the St. Andrew's Parish Cemetery Fund. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MERLIN

With great sadness the family of Mary Merlin (Greg MacLennan, deceased 2014) announce her peaceful passing on September 4th, 2025. Mary was born on July 21st, 1934, to the late Mary Jane O'Brien and Hughie Dan MacDonnell. Mary is survived by her daughter, Jane (Carl) Kaiser; and her son, Daniel MacLennan; granddaughters, Amanda Kaiser, Charlie MacLennan, and Madeline Troini; grandsons, Charles (Crystal) Kaiser, Curtis (Jewel) Kaiser, and Tanner MacLennan; and Melissa MacLennan, mother of Tanner and Charlie. She was blessed with seven great-grandchildren which she loved dearly. Mary is also survived by her dear sisters, Penny Kennedy and Sadie Burton; and her brothers, Hughie MacDonnell, Harold MacDonnell, and Jimmy MacDonnell. Mary came from a large family of 10 and was very close to all her siblings. Mary had many nieces and nephews. Mary is pre-deceased by husband, James Edward Merlin; her son, Michael Merlin; her granddaughter, Holly Bowser; sisters, Katherine Hardy, Christina Shaw, Johnena MacLellan; her brother, Donald James MacDonnell; sisters-in-law, Audrey MacDonnell, Phyllis MacDonnell, Beatrice MacDonnell, brothers-in-law, Stan Hardy, Donald Shaw, Rannie Kennedy, and John Alec MacLellan. Mary was very involved with the community. She was member of the CB club (served as president, her club name was Bingo Marker). She was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, the Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary, and Stella Maris Church. She was an avid bingo player, traveling to many places just to try her luck. In her younger days, she loved to go to square dances and a good kitchen party. Her passion, besides bingo, was baking (Who didn't love her pies?) and spending time with her family. She worked at the Cottage Workshop for many years. The family would like to thank the manor and palliative care for their amazing care. Also, a big thank-you goes out to all who came to sit with her this past week. Visitation will take place on Thursday, September 11th, 2025, from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. with funeral mass to follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Cemetery, Broad Cove. In her memory donations can be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or the Food Pantry, Inverness. A lunch will be served at the Royal Canadian Legion. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

POIRIER

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Stanislaus "Lionel" Poirier, 94, after a long and fulfilling life, on August 25th, 2025, in his home, surrounded by his family. He was a son of the late Nazaire and the late Lucy Anne (Marchand) Poirier. Born on August 12th, 1931, he lived nearly a century, surrounded by family and friends, doing the things he loved. Today, we know Lionel as a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother. His love and commitment were truly immeasurable. He was the unwavering cornerstone of his family, always ready with a helping hand, a listening ear, or a word of encouragement for anyone who needed it. Known to many as "Coyote Man," Lionel was a true outdoorsman and an avid trapper. His passion for the wilderness was a defining part of his life, a craft he honed with skill and respect for nearly a century. He spent countless hours in the forests and fields, trapping everything from coyotes and foxes to bobcats, bears, and rabbits. His deep connection to the land was evident to all who knew him. And if he wasn't in the woods, you could find him by the sea, fishing rod in hand, catching a feed for the family. The last 10 years of Lionel's life were spent in his new home at the other end of town. He moved in with his daughter Lucie Anne and her husband, Donald. With the help of family members from time to time, Lucie Anne and Donald offered Lionel the best care and the most love they had to give. He was treated like a king. Even in his advanced age, you could find Lionel out and about, taking drives, fishing, and visiting family.

Having lived through hard times after big losses, and surviving six heart attacks, he never let these circumstances manage to stop him. Even up until the final weeks of his life, Lionel could be found sitting around the table with the gentlemen of the Coffee Club. He had a remarkable gift for connecting with people. He truly knew no stranger; whether he met you for five minutes or five years, with his warm smile and easy conversation, he could befriend anyone, anywhere. His presence will be deeply missed by his family and friends, who will forever cherish the times spent around the table, coffee in hand, sharing his many stories of life experiences and adventures. He is survived by his sons, Amedee John (Georgina), Daniel (Lucille), and Emile; his daughters, Lucie Anne (Donald), Marie Cecile, and Lisette (Aurel); grandchildren, Barbara, Marky, Scott, and Nathan; great-grandchildren, Sienna and Élianne; and his brother, Patsy. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Marguerite; son, Nazaire; daughter, Brenda; grandson, Shawn; and great-grandson, Christopher; son-in-law, Bobby Haché; brothers, Richard, Vincent, Napoléon, Sammy, and Jean Marice; and sisters, Pauline and Angès. Visitation was held on Friday, September 5th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Cheticamp Funeral Home. A grave-side service in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp was held on Saturday, September 6th, at 10:30 a.m. with Deacon Gerald LeBlanc officiating. A light lunch followed at the Knights of Columbus. Donations may be made to the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Care Fund. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacISAAC

On Saturday, August 23rd, with his wife and children by his side, and united in love, David Archibald MacIsaac slipped peacefully into the arms of God. David was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and proud Judique! Born on November 5th, 1963, to John Jameison and Mary (MacMillan) MacIsaac of Judique, he was born into a family of ten boys and one girl. Lovingly referred to as one of the "little ones," he had a very special place in everyone's heart, as he was humble, kind, and easy going. Those were traits David brought into his adult life; he was non-judgmental, always willing to lend a hand, and kind to everyone he met. He lived his faith every day, and relied on that faith when facing his illness. He followed in his father's footsteps as a community volunteer, believing strongly in the need to do your part for your community. He served on the first board of directors of the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, was a member of the Judique Volunteer Fire Department since 1989, serving on the executive as secretary and vice-president during that time, and was a First Responder. David was most comfortable in his role as husband, father, and grandfather. His family was everything to him. He supported his children in all their interests, ferrying them all over the province to participate in competitive sports and any and all other interests. All he asked in return was that they cheer for the Bruins, and try their hand at being a goaltender. They all

complied! Whether it was an annual family golf excursion, huge breakfasts on Saturday mornings for family and friends, cooking a perfect prime rib which he had personally picked out, or sitting doing crosswords with the odd “Dad joke” thrown in, he was all about his family. Nothing made him happier than when he welcomed his beautiful grandchildren into their family. In his final days, the mere mention of one of them would bring forth a smile. Papa will now be a guardian angel to all six of them. For many years, David was a driver for Ideal Concrete, an invaluable employee who was meticulous about his work and with the perfect demeanor and skill set to train new employees. He was particularly proud of the fact that in 19 years of working for the company, he’d never had an accident. Because of all his travel, he was always the “go to” person to call if anyone ended up lost on a back road somewhere! David will be forever in the hearts of those who loved him: his beautiful wife of 34 years, Lorraine (VanZutphen), who faithfully and lovingly stood with him and cared for him throughout his illness, and his children Jamieson (Jessica), Bradley, Andrew, Stephen (Amanda), Eric, Marianna, and Julia; his precious grandchildren, Levi, Claire, Christi, Josie, Max, and Milo; his siblings Donnie (Annette), Marina (late Robbie MacEachern), AJ (Virginia), Mickey (Sarah Ann), Jamie (Louise), Lauchie (Coleen), Neil (Janet); his sisters-in-law, Marion MacIsaac (late Jimmie MacIsaac), Sheila MacIsaac (late Duncan MacIsaac), and Maureen (Mario) Ferrante; brother-in-law, Harvey (Janet) VanZutphen; father-in-law, John VanZutphen; and dozens of nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by brothers Johnnie, Jimmie, and Duncan; his mother-in-law Teresa VanZutphen; brothers-in-law Robbie MacEachern and Patrick VanZutphen; niece Meggie MacIsaac; and nephew Keith Campbell. The family would like to offer sincere appreciation to all those involved in David’s care; he was treated with the utmost dignity and respect: Dr. Susie Egar; the staff of the oncology clinic at ICMH; the continuing care nurses; palliative care staff; EMTs; siblings who took David to appointments, visited, and offered comfort and support to their brother. If you choose, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Judique & District Volunteer Fire Department, or to St. Andrew’s Parish Building Fund, Judique, NS. Visitation took place between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 and 9:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 27th, 2025, in the community room of the Judique Volunteer Fire Department, River Denys Road, Judique. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 28th, 2025, at St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Judique, NS. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

AuCOIN

Daniel AuCoin, age 77, Grand Etang, passed away on Saturday, August 16th, 2025, in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Daniel was a son to the late Wilfred and the late Catherine AuCoin. Although quiet in nature, Daniel made an impression on all who got to know him. As a father, he always made time for his sons, whether it was throwing a baseball or going fishing. It made him very happy to be able to experience that with his grandchildren as well. He may have been a welder by trade, but spent a good part of his life as a fisherman, mostly lobster, crab, and even tuna. After his retirement, he loved having the opportunity to volunteer at the church with his friend, Dora. Daniel will be remembered as being a caring father, grandfather, and friend. He will be greatly missed. Daniel is survived by his son, Brent AuCoin (Julia); his brothers, Leonard AuCoin (late Patsy), Alphonse AuCoin (Kay), and Henri AuCoin (Yvonne); and grandchildren, Jaylon AuCoin, Owen AuCoin, Quinn AuCoin, and Isla AuCoin. Besides his parents, Daniel was predeceased by his son, Dwayne AuCoin (Kim); special friend, Dora Delaney; sisters, Odette Delaney (late Wilfred) and Marie-Anne Arsenault (late Jean-Paul). Funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. on August 22nd, 2025, in St. Joseph’s Church, St. Joseph du Moine, with Deacon Gerald LeBlanc officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacDONALD

Ralph MacDonald, 89, of Port Hood passed away August 11th, 2025. He belonged to the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Local 73. He fished many seasons out of Murphy’s pond.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marjorie (Reeves); his children, Linda (Weldon), New Glasgow; Michael, Port Hood; Carolyn (Stuart), Whycomogagh; Richard (Tammy), Sarnia; Jennifer (Brendon), Judique; 11 grandchildren; one step-grandson; 19 great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his grandsons, Alex, Cory, Jerome, and step-grandson, Chris. He was the last of his family. Cremation has taken place. Burial will be at a later date. Memorial donations maybe made to Alzheimer's Society or Parkinson's Canada.

LeBLANC

Marie Alice LeBlanc, age 95, Cheticamp, formerly of East Margaree, passed away on Saturday, August 16th, 2025, in the Foyer Père Fiset Guest Home, Cheticamp. Marie Alice was the daughter of the late Joseph and the late Rose (AuCoin) Cormier. Mom was an excellent cook. Many people enjoyed the meals that she prepared at the Paul Pix and Harbour Restaurant. In their younger years, Mom and Dad enjoyed house parties and dancing. Marie Alice is survived by her son, Evan LeBlanc (Dave), Port Dover, Ont.; daughters, Majella Arsenault (Ed), Kensington, PEI; and Marielle Robinson, Halifax, NS; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Besides her parents, Marie Alice was predeceased by her husband, Paul "Jim" LeBlanc; son, David LeBlanc; infant daughter at birth, Margaret Michelle LeBlanc; and brothers, Alphonse, Jean Phillippe, Wilfred, and Jean Roland. A private family burial will be held in St. Michael's Cemetery, East Margaree. Memorial donations may be made to Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

WALDEN

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Stewart Reginald Walden on August 13th, 2025, in the Victoria County Memorial Hospital, Baddeck, Nova Scotia. Born in Vancouver, he was the son of the late Reginald and Lois (Hastie) Walden. As his father served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, he and his three siblings grew up on air force bases throughout Canada and Europe. In his late 30s, at the Fergus Highland Games, he met and became friends with John Allan Cameron and his wife Angela. In 1998, he went to his first Celtic Colours festival and fell in love with Cape Breton. He subsequently learned to play the bagpipes and joined the RCAF 8Wing Trenton Pipes & Drums. After a long career in IT for the Government of Ontario, he finally fulfilled his life dream and retired to live on Cape Breton Island. He embraced living in his new home and contributed a great deal to the Baddeck community in a short period of time. As a long-standing member of the Royal Canadian Legion, he continued to be an active member at Branch 53. He served on the Bras d'Or Yacht Club Board of Directors for three years and whole-heartedly took on the role of Rear Commodore in his last year on the board. Stewart is survived by his wife Kirstin Kidd of Baddeck, sister Sharon (Ralph Marson) Young, brothers Brian (Josefa), and Darren (Kathy), of Wasaga Beach, as well as nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nephews. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Sydney Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be held August 29th, 2025, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Knox Presbyterian Church, Baddeck. Funeral service will be held on August 30th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in Knox Church with Rev. Brian MacLeod officiating. Reception will follow the service at the Victoria-Baddeck Branch 53 Legion. Private family burial to take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Hospice Society of Victoria County. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.sydney Memorial Chapel.com.

GILLIS

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of Beatrice Lewis Gillis, who left us on August 14th, 2025. Beatrice was born on September 11th, 1936, to the late Catherine (Timmons) and Alexander Dixon of Inverness, NS. A proud Invernesser, she left home to work in Toronto, where she met her loving husband, Jim. Together, they eventually returned to Inverness, where they built both a business, (the Inverness Glass and Mirror Shop) and a life full of love, laughter, and hard work. Beatrice is survived by her devoted husband of 65 years Jim, and their four children, Jodie, Jimmy (Pauline), Jason, and Justin (Darlene). She poured her heart into her family, and when she became a grandmother, her love only grew stronger. To R.J., Jamie, Justine, Kara, Dixon, and Delylah she

wasn't just "Gram," she was the world's best Gram, sharing a special bond with each of them. She was equally cherished by her great-grandchildren Will, Colby, Luke, Kate, Raina, and Dixon. She is also survived by her brothers-in-law Clarence and Johnny (Ann) Gillis. She was predeceased by her siblings Jessie (Clarence) Jardine, Jean (Angus) Murray, Isaac (Joan) Dixon, and Alex (Evelyn) Dixon, as well as her grandson, Jim, and great-granddaughter, Blake Everleigh. Beatrice was known for her kindness, generosity, and unwavering devotion to those she loved. She was honest to the core, and you always knew exactly where you stood with her, a quality her family admired and will deeply miss. Her quick wit and famous one-liners will continue to bring smiles as her loved ones recall the many memories she leaves behind. She found joy in life's simple pleasures; a hot cup of tea, listening to the radio, visiting with family and friends, and family dinners every Sunday, where she made sure no one ever left hungry. Cremation has taken place, and in keeping with her wishes, there will be no service or visitation. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

GILLIS

Susan Annaia Gillis, March 14th, 1952 – August 10th, 2025: It is with great love and a lot of tears, that we say goodbye to our beloved Susan Annaia Gillis, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, and all-around legend of the White Rows. Susan was a daughter of the late Archie and Margaret (MacKinnon) MacDonnell. Susie leaves behind her proudest accomplishments: her son, William Franklin (Billy Frank) Gillis (Kristen MacKinnon); her daughter, Jennifer May (Jenny) Gillis; and the lights of her life, her grandchildren, Anaya and Isla Crawford; and Jonah and Lana Gillis. She is also survived by her brothers, Laughie (Ardyth), Alex "Hubba" (Mary Catherine); and her twin brother, Billy (Josephine); her sisters, Mary Florence "Sissy" (James), Shirley, Josie (Bobby), Kathleen (Frankie). Susan also had a soft spot for her "bonus kids," the boys and girls she claimed as her own, who will miss her just as fiercely. Though she stood at just 4'11", Susan was a giant in toughness, grit, and love. She lived to take care of anyone who came through her door. Her kitchen was the heart of her home, and she was the undisputed Queen of fresh homemade bread, a title awarded by her kids, grandkids, and all the neighbourhood kids who knew exactly when to show up hungry. Susan could dance and sing, especially to old country songs. But when she broke into her famous Funky Chicken dance, well, you'd better make room, because nothing could stop her once she got going! Susan's life was built on laughter, hard work, and love so big it spilled over to everyone lucky enough to know her. We will miss her every single day, but we take comfort in knowing that Grandma Margaret, Da, and the rest of the crew are welcoming her with open arms hopefully blasting her favourite song Susie Q. Visitation was held in Inverness Funeral Home on Monday August 18th, 2025, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass took place in Stella Maris Church, Inverness on Tuesday, August 19th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Family flowers only please. Memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

STEWART

Mary Catherine (Coady) Stewart, June 26th, 1933 – August 10th, 2025, of South West Margaree: Mary was a daughter of the late Margaret Dunn and James H. Coady. We regret to announce the peaceful passing of Mary in Inverary Manor, Inverness. A dear mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Mary is predeceased by her husband, Michael; daughters, Camilla and Judy; son, Alex; and sister, Gert. She is survived by her children, Cathy (Jerald), Michael, Rose (John), Daniel (Helen), Finley (Sylvia), Richard (Charlene), Ronald, Angus (Denise), Bernard (Joanne), Mary (Robbie), Barbara (Scott), Deborah; brother, Johnny and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary was a stay-at-home mom. Her door was always open as she enjoyed company, playing cards, visiting, and going on trips. She was a member of the CWL, helped in Palliative Care, and was also very active in the Seniors Club. Mary was always willing to help if she could. Mary always had a strong faith. She loved to go to church, watch mass on TV and pray the rosary, it meant so much to her. She was glad to meet Minnie, who was always there to visit and say the rosary. Due to Mary's declining health, she spent the last few months in the manor in Cheticamp,

then in Inverness. She accepted this to be her home. We would like to thank the home-care workers, hospital staff, Foyer Pere Fiset staff, Inverary Manor staff and especially the Harbour Lights staff. Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph's Parish Hall, South West Margaree. Visitation was held in Inverness Funeral Home on Friday, August 15th, 2025, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Funeral Mass took place on Saturday, August 16th, 2025, in St. Joseph's Church, South West Margaree, at 11:00 am. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

FRASER

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of George Grant Fraser of Pleasant Bay, who died peacefully on August 4th, 2025, at the age of 74 in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, educator, and community leader, he will be remembered for his love of family and unwavering commitment to his community. Born and raised in Pleasant Bay, he remained deeply rooted in his hometown for his entire life. After graduating from NDA in 1969, he continued his studies, earning a Bachelor of Arts from St. Francis Xavier University in 1973 and a Bachelor of Education from St. Mary's University in 1975. George married Lily, the love of his life, in 1974, and together they celebrated 51 years of marriage. His career reflected his deep commitment to education and community. He served as principal of Pleasant Bay Elementary and later worked as a small business owner, government inspector, and manager of the Whale Interpretive Centre. In every role, he was known for his integrity, dedication, and strong sense of community – always working with care and pride for the place and people he loved. A tireless volunteer, he was awarded the International Year of Volunteers Medal in 2001 for his longstanding contributions. He gave generously of his time to organizations such as the Pleasant Bay Volunteer Fire Department, Friends of Whale Watch Cape Breton, the Pleasant Bay Community Development Association, and the Nova Scotia Liberal Association. He played a key role in the development of the Cabot Trail Arena through his work with NIRCA and was instrumental in founding the Scouts Canada troop in Pleasant Bay. He also contributed to the Pleasant Bay Historical Society and Polletts Cove-Aspy Fault Trail committee. In addition to his many contributions to community life, he found great joy in nature, hiking, camping in his beloved "Lovebug," listening to Beatles music, photography, playing darts, and cheering on the Pittsburgh Penguins. Above all, he cherished time spent with his grandchildren, who brought him immense pride and happiness. George will be remembered for his kind heart, quick wit and sense of humor, steady presence, and lifelong commitment to the place he called home. George is survived by his wife, Lillianne (LeBlanc) Fraser; sons, Duncan, Truro, and Lee (Amanda), Fort McMurray; daughter, Melissa (Chris) Ingraham, Margaree; brother, David, Cheticamp; sister, Helen Bernice MacGregor (Doug Kenny), Halifax; and grandchildren, Alex and Owen Fraser, and Jasper Ingraham. George was predeceased by his parents, Duncan and Lydia; brothers, John Alexander, John Roderick, and Truesdale Kenneth; and sister, Pauline Salton. A funeral service was held on Monday, August 11th, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's United Church with Rev. Heather Cronhelm officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant Bay Cemetery, Pleasant Bay. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be made to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

HOWLETT

Stephen "Steve" Jerome Howlett, "Poppy," August 6th, 1947 ~ August 6th, 2025: It is with broken hearts we announce the passing of our loved one, Stephen, in St. Martha's Regional Hospital Palliative Care Unit in Antigonish after a brief battle with cancer. Steve was the youngest of 10 children, son to the late Angus and Mary Kate (MacInnis) Howlett, West Bay Road. Steve is survived by his wife, Marguerite (MacLean-Hendsbee) Howlett; daughter, Angie (Arnold McNamara), Kempt Road; Betty, mother of Angie; grandson, Zachary (Jessica); three great-grandchildren, Scarlett, Tia, Xavier; step-son, Shane (Natasha Snow) Hendsbee; and step-grandson, Ethan Hendsbee-Rankin; siblings, Christena "Tena," West Bay Road; Bernie (Linda), Port

Hawkesbury; brothers-in-law, Duncan MacLean, Halifax; Ed (Gloria) MacLean, St. John's, NL; many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Steve was predeceased by siblings, Catherine, Leo, Jackie, Donnie, Mary, Florence, and John. Steve loved his family dearly, and all the phone calls proved that. Steve worked for 40 years for Best Wall, later known as Georgia Pacific, operating heavy equipment. He made many friends along the way. His story telling was amazing; he could make you believe almost all were true. We, the family would like to thank the Palliative Care team from Strait Richmond and Antigonish that made Steve's journey and ours so much easier. The care and compassion he received was totally amazing. Dr. Gillis and Kyla and all the others are worth their weight in gold. Visitation was held from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10th, in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury. Funeral mass will be held 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 11th, 2025, from St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Port Hawkesbury, with Father Joby Augustin officiating and assisted by Deacon Berkley Guthro. Cremation will follow with a private family burial in St. Margaret's Parish Cemetery, West Bay Road at a later date. A reception will follow the funeral mass in the church hall. Family flowers only please, and if so desired, memorial donations may be made to St. Margaret's Cemetery Fund, Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society, St. Martha's Palliative Care, Canadian Cancer Society, or to a charity of one's choice. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

*To have family is to have love
And you were loved.*

MacDONALD

It is with great sadness that the family of Josephine Anne (Campbell) MacDonald announce her passing on August 2nd, 2025, at the Inverary Manor at the age of 89. She was born to Johnny Martin and Mary Jessie (MacInnis) Campbell of Rocky Ridge. She is survived by her best friend and husband of 60 years, Ronnie MacDonald. She is survived by daughters Kelly (Rob Nicolson), Dartmouth; Therese (Keith Young), Calgary; Joan, Iron Mines; son Tom (Marilou), Fort McMurray; and daughter-in-law, Peggy MacDonald, Dartmouth. She was a loving and proud grandma to Megan, Genevieve, and Todd MacDonald; Lena, Jesse, and Nora Young; and Kelvin (Debby) and Martin (Pamela); and great-grandmother to Primo, Calvin, and a new arrival expected later in August. She was their biggest cheerleader. Josephine is also survived by her sisters, Tena (Pat Murphy), Mississauga; Betty Anne Campbell, Judique; brother Tony Campbell (Flo), Judique; and sister in-law Mary Campbell, Prince George. She is remembered and loved by several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by son, Peter, in 2022; brothers, Buddy, Duncan, John Alex, and Donald; and sisters, Florence, Theresa, and Marie. After completing high school in Mabou, Mom worked in Toronto where she lived with her sisters. She returned to Rocky Ridge to look after her mother when she fell ill. She worked at the Inverness County Courthouse until she and Ronnie started their family. She met Ronnie at a CWL dance at the Port Hood parish hall. They were married in 1964 and lived in Ronnie's childhood home in Harbourview where they raised their family. Mom was kind and gentle and a woman of great faith. She was an active member in the CWL and the community. Mom, Josie, or Aunt Josie was known for having the cookie jars full of Fat Archies and sugar cookies, cinnamon rolls, and buttermilk biscuits for all who visited. She was happiest when the house was full of family. She loved to watch sports, especially baseball. She played a good game of cards and loved to win regardless of the competitor. She loved to sing and listen to guitar music. Mom, aka Grandma, you are reunited with your family who went before you, especially Peter. We were blessed to have you all these years. You will be missed beyond measure. We hold you forever in our hearts. Visitation was held on August 7th, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Port Hood and Area Resting Place. Funeral mass was held on Friday, August 8th, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Port Hood. We would like to thank the staff at the Inverary Manor for their kindness and compassion towards Josephine and family. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that you consider a donation to L'Arche Cape Breton, www.larchecapebreton.org, or the Canadian Cancer Society. If you are unable to donate to one of these charities, please consider rolling up your sleeves and making an appointment to donate blood in memory of Josephine

because "it is in you to give." Appointments can be made under the Partners for Life Program, "Peter and Friends." Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

*A mother's love is a blessing,
No matter where you roam.
Keep her while she's living,
You'll miss her when she's gone.
Love her as in childhood,
When feeble, old and grey,
For you'll never miss a mother's love
'til she's buried beneath the clay.*

MacEACHERN

Sadly, Gerard MacEachern died in his 82nd year on July 31st, 2025, in Inverary Manor, Inverness. He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph Alan and Florence Catherine (MacIntyre) MacEachern. He was also predeceased by brothers, Norman D. (Jane), Joseph G. (Alberta) and John C. (Sandra). He is survived by brother, Dannie (Stephen) in Inverness, and several nieces and a nephew. As a young man, he worked in retail in Inverness and also volunteered within the community. He was active with the Inverness Jaycees, Christmas Cheer, Parish Council, KOC, Poor People's Project, and the Food Bank. A serious car accident in 1962 left Gerard with limited ability to work and endless years of pain up to his death. He strongly believed in making life fun for the youth of Inverness and became manager of The Corporate Sound high-school rock band, and they did provide fun at the parish hall, Inverness, for teens. I would like to thank Dr. Susie Egar and the hospital nursing staff, the wonderful staff at the Inverary Manor, and Home Care workers for their years of care for Gerard while he was still at home. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will take place in Inverness Funeral Home on Sunday, August 17th, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held in Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church on Monday, August 18th, at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow in the parish cemetery. A lunch will be served at the Inverness fire hall. Memorial donations may be made to Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. "I will miss you brother."

SMITH

October 20th, 1953 – August 3rd, 2025: John Bernard Smith, 71, of Inverness, Nova Scotia, passed away peacefully at home with family by his side on Sunday, August 3rd, 2025, after a day of being surrounded by family. Born in Inverness on October 20th, 1953, Bernie was a son of the late John Angus Smith and Catherine Smith (MacEachern) of Deepdale, Inverness County. Bernie is survived by his wife, Cheryl Smith of Niagra Falls, ON; only son, Adam (Kenzie) Smith of Inverness; step-daughter, Gina Faubert (Demitri Triantafillou) of Waterdown, ON; brothers, Donnie MacDonald of Kingston, ON, and Colonel (Gloria) Smith of Inverness; sister, Rachael (Bob) McConnell of Liverpool; step-granddaughter, Naomi Faubert of Waterdown, ON; sister-in-law, Cindy Smith; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Pauline Krahl of Inverness; brothers, Gordon Smith of Inverside, Inverness, and Joe Smith, also of Inverness. Bernie had a lot of experience in work, starting out fishing with his father and brothers, mining, working for the Toronto Department of Education, the Department of Public Works, and the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. Bernie loved playing cards, especially poker. Everybody always had a story about him. He was personable and very memorable. Bernie was always up to shenanigans, and you never left his house without a good laugh. He was always laughing and giggling, and had a lot of lasting friendships. Many thanks to family, friends, and neighbors for the calls, drop-ins, and cards to express condolences. The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Egar and the Central Inverness Palliative Care Team. In life, Bernie was inseparable from his brother Gordon. In that spirit, he will be laid to rest beside his brother. A graveside service for friends and family will take place on Friday, August 8th, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Cemetery, Broad Cove.

Memorial donations may be made to Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. No flowers, by request. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

SHAW

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Florence Margaret Shaw, Margaree Centre at the Alderwood Rest Home on July 31st, 2025, at the age of 102. Born on May 21st, 1923, in Mackdale, Port Hastings, she was the daughter of Thomas and Margaret (MacAskill) MacQuarrie. Florence was a member of Wilson United Church and Wilson UCW. She was also a member of the Retired Teachers Association, the Order of Eastern Star, the Canadian Association of Retired Persons, and the North East Margaree Senior Citizens and Pensioners Club. During her early years, she attended Nova Scotia Normal College from where she graduated in 1946; later attending summer school in Truro, Mabou, and Halifax. She taught school in Margaree for twenty-one years, shaping the lives of many young students. Florence was married to the late Hiram M. Shaw and they had four children; Eileen, Victor (Paulette), Thomas, and Allister (Giao). Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, and by her sons Thomas and Allister. She is survived by many wonderful and much-loved grandchildren, great grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m., August 6th, at Wilson United Church, Margaree Centre. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wilson United Church. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Tim Woodford, as well as all of the staff and volunteers at the Alderwood Rest Home for their many years of compassionate and exceptional care. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

MacDONALD

It is with great sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved brother, Terrance Daniel "Terry" MacDonald, at home on July 23rd, 2025. Terry was born in St. Mary's Hospital in Inverness on September 20th, 1949, to Bridget (Ryan), and Daniel Joseph MacDonald. Terry was known for his love of a good conversation and could often be found chatting with anyone about the latest news – especially if it involved the history of Inverness. He was deeply passionate about preserving our heritage so that future generations could learn from it and take pride in their roots. Community-minded, kind, and considerate, Terry gave generously of his time through countless volunteer efforts over the years. He was a driving force behind the Christmas Cheer boxes and the Angel Tree program for those in need. Even in later years, despite mobility challenges, he was always front and centre, helping to coordinate their distribution. In 1992, Terry received the prestigious Governor General's Commemorative Medal for Volunteerism, a recognition of his significant contributions to the community. He was humbled to be honoured in this way. Terry was also one of the founding members of the Inverness Miners' Museum, where he served as curator for many years until his passing. He had a deep passion for sharing his knowledge of Inverness history with everyone – young people, tourists, and returning Invernessers alike. A 10-minute chat with Terry often grew into an hour-long conversation, especially if it touched on the community or its stories. He attended St. Francis Xavier University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in English, followed by a Bachelor of Education in May 1973. He proudly wore his X-Ring and never passed up a chance to reminisce with fellow alumni. Terry taught high school in Inverness for many years, inspiring students to follow their passions. He also directed drama productions, creating lasting memories and a strong sense of camaraderie for many graduating classes. Terry continued his academic journey, earning a Master of Education from St. Francis Xavier University. A lifelong learner, he embraced new experiences even after his teaching career ended. He worked at Glenora Distillery, learned the distilling process, and enthusiastically guided tours, staffed the front desk, and shared stories that often included his love of Gaelic culture. An avid gardener, Terry loved to spend quiet days "puttering away" in his garden, a place where he always felt at peace. His advice on plants that thrive in the variable windy climate of Cape Breton will be very much missed by his close family and friends. Terry's passing leaves a deep void in the lives of his family and many close friends, especially his sister, Jean. He is also survived by his brothers, Jamie (Janet) and Bobby (Cindy);

and by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews, all of whom he cared for deeply. He was predeceased by his parents, Bridget (Betty) and Dan Joe, as well as his brothers, Ned (Abby) and Donnie; and his sister, RoseAnne, in infancy. The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the first responders, RCMP officers, Father Daniel, and Kevin and Tonya from Inverness Funeral Home for their compassion and care during this difficult time. Special thanks also to Dr. Susie Egar for the wonderful care Terry received over the years. As per Terry's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation. Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside committal service at Stella Maris Parish Cemetery, Inverness on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Those wishing to make a donation in Terry's memory may do so to the Christmas Cheer Fund, the Stella Maris Cemetery Fund (c/o Stella Maris Parish Office), or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

CHIASSON

Gelas Joseph Chiasson, age 69, Cheticamp, passed away on Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025 at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. He was a son of the late Loubie and the late Marie Annie Mae (Romard) Chiasson. Gelas married Anne Marie on December 2nd, 1977. In 1980, they welcomed their son, Troy, their pride and joy. Gelas was a truly devoted father, proud and always present; his life was centered around Troy. He took great interest in Troy's passion for hockey, both as a player and later in life as a coach, always encouraging his dreams. For 34 years, Gelas worked at Dean Evan's Coal Mine until his career was unfortunately cut short due to an accident. He worked for John Chisholm for four years after that. He found joy in the simple pleasures of life. Gelas loved watching hockey and golf, listening to country music; especially songs of Robert Bouchard and Serge Caissie. He also enjoyed taking his ATV out on the trails. Gelas had a special place in his heart for children and enjoyed visits from his great nieces and nephews. Troy's friends were always quick to tease Gelas, but he was quick with a witty comeback. His dry sense of humour always made everyone laugh. Gelas is survived by his wife, Anne Marie; son, Troy; and brothers, Gary, Eric, and Wayne. Funeral service was held on Monday, July 28th, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church, Cheticamp with Deacon Gerald LeBlanc officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Foyer Père Fiset. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

MacEACHERN

With deep sorrow, the family of Hughie James MacEachern announces his peaceful passing, surrounded by family, at the age of 83 on July 22nd, 2025. Born to Angus Dougall and Christy (nee MacNeil) MacEachern, Hughie built a life rooted in love, humour, and unwavering devotion. He shared 56 cherished years of marriage with his beloved wife, Alice, together raising a close-knit and loving family in the home he built in Craigmore, Nova Scotia. He was a proud father to Bob, Cockscomb Lake; Rick (Melanie), Lloydminster; and Colleen (Terynn), Cole Harbour. His legacy lives brightly through his grandchildren: Kristen, Ally, Katelyn, Chelsea and the memory of his grandson, Drew, whose absence Hughie felt deeply. Hughie dedicated over three decades to Stora Forest Industries, and his passion for the outdoors found its rhythm lobster fishing along the shores of Craigmore. A storyteller at heart, he could often be found holding court at Tim Hortons, coffee in hand, recounting spirited tales filled with local lore and endless charm. He had a special knack for knowing not just everyone's name – but whose father, and father's father, came before. His civic pride shone through his years as president of the Ceilidh Trail, tirelessly working to complete the scenic route from Port Hastings to Long Point. Hughie generously lent his time to Tim Hortons Camp Day, a cause that held special meaning for him. In retirement, Hughie and Alice chased sunshine and fairways, golfing in Guysborough and wherever the open road invited them. He found quiet joy spending many hours tending horses for his friend, Joe Janega – another way he stayed connected to the land and community he loved. He is lovingly remembered by his siblings and extended family, whose lives he deeply touched: Alex Dan (Betty), Bill, Jerry (Helena), Almira

O'Brien, Doug (Glenda), and Angus (Marion). Hughie was predeceased by his cherished grandson, Andrew (Drew); beloved parents, Angus Dougall and Christy; brothers, Dougald, Angus Beaton, Johnny, Josie, and Stevie; sisters, Theresa, Mary-Belle, Elizabeth, and Aneas; sisters-in-law, Elaine, Rose, Helen, and Valerie; and brothers-in-law, Art Proctor, Frank Cabay, Jimmy MacEachern, and Bernie Smith. A man of strength, heart, and laughter, Hughie's memory will live on in the stories he told, the roads he built, the puzzles he completed, and the countless lives he touched. Known for his quick wit and never one to shy away from a clever comment, Hughie had a knack for lighting up conversations with humour that lingered long after the laughter faded. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff of R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home for their compassionate care and support. Visitation took place from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 27th, in Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury. Funeral mass was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 28th, from Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church, Creignish, with Father Barrett Clare-Johnson officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tim Hortons Camp Day, a cause close to his heart.

MacPHERSON

William Everett MacPherson, October 16th, 1945 – July 19th, 2025, Sudbury, Ontario (formerly of Inverness, Nova Scotia): William Everett MacPherson, 79, passed away with family by his side on July 19th, 2025, at HSN in Sudbury, Ontario, after a long and fulfilled life. He was born on October 16th, 1945, in Inverness, Nova Scotia, to the late Angus and Veronica MacPherson. William is survived by his children, Jennifer MacPherson-Gresmak (Stephan), Bill MacPherson Jr. (Lynne), Crystal MacPherson (Damian), Tammy MacPherson (Richard), and Greg Rorison (Vanessa). He was also the proud grandfather of Keilidh, Aidan, Cole, Paige, Reese, Leeland, Brantlee, Kaitlin, Travis, and Haylee. He is also survived by his siblings, Jean MacDonald and Allen MacPherson. He was pre-deceased by his loving wife, Anne Marie MacPherson. Billy Doink will be fondly remembered for his quick wit and humour, his boisterous laugh, and his ability to make everyone feel welcome. His infectious spirit brightened any room, and he left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will also be fondly remembered by his extended family and many friends. A passionate lover of music, Billy enjoyed playing the fiddle, guitar, and piano, often bringing joy to friends and family with his musical talents. He especially loved playing the song MacPherson's Lament, a tune that held deep meaning for him and his family. An avid outdoorsman, he cherished his time hunting and fishing, creating lasting memories in the great outdoors. Billy also had a deep love for Cape Breton Island, a place that always held a special place in his heart. Billy shared a particularly close relationship with his grandson Leeland, who was affectionately known as "The Leelander." Their bond was unique and filled with special moments that will forever be treasured. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in Inverness, Nova Scotia. In the song from his late sister Annie Mae Skinner, "Returning, returning, there is nothing can keep me away. I'll be back to Cape Breton one warm summer's day."

INGRAM

Carol Anne "Joan" Ingram, age 86, passed away on Sunday, May 25th, 2025, in the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney, Nova Scotia. Born December 26th, 1938, in Sudbury, Ontario, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Anne Elizabeth (Ward) Nowell. Joan was a Registered Nurse who graduated from the Winnipeg General Hospital School of Nursing in 1959. In her mid-twenties, Joan served for several years in the Royal Canadian Navy as a "Nursing Sister". Joan worked in health care in Manitoba and Ontario before moving with her family to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia in 1981. There, she worked in long term care homes including the Foyer Pere Fiset, Cheticamp and the Inverary Manor, Inverness. Joan is survived by her sons, David and Andrew Ingram and grandchildren, Rebecca, Alden, and Alex (Clara) Ingram. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Frederic Ingram. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Sydney Memorial Chapel. There will be no visitation or service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Feed Nova Scotia. Words of comfort can be sent to the family at www.sydney Memorial Chapel.com.

CHIASSON

Sister Isabel Chiasson, formerly Sister Ann Stephen, 92, a Sister of St. Martha of Antigonish, died at Mary's Court, Parkland, Antigonish, on Friday, July 11th, 2025, in the 67th year of her Religious Life. Born in Margaree Forks, Nova Scotia, Sister Isabel was one of thirteen children born to the late Didace and Sarah (Miller) Chiasson. Sr. Isabel entered the Sisters of St. Martha on August 15th, 1956. She pronounced her First Vows on August 15th, 1958, and her Perpetual Commitment on August 15th, 1962. She began her Martha life of Ministry in our pioneering field of homemaking. Serving in the kitchen, mostly as pastry cook, at Bethany, our former Motherhouse; St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay; and St. Rita's Hospital, Sydney. She was also missioned to the Teachers Residence, Eskasoni, and served as kitchen supervisor at St. Mary's Hospital, Inverness, and the RK MacDonald Nursing Home, Antigonish. Interspersed throughout these years, Sr. Isabel consistently sought to upgrade her knowledge and skills, providing opportunities for her to do internships in different institutions. Prior to transitioning to another ministry, Sr. served again at the RK MacDonald, and at Martha Center, Lethbridge, Alberta, in both places as dietary supervisor. Following some time of renewal, and volunteering, Sr. Isabel embarked on a completely different ministry. She attended a program of Addiction Counselling at Boston College, and at Rutgers, in NJ. She ministered at Harbour Lights Mission in Boston, for several years. Upon returning to Antigonish, she served as supervisor at the main switchboard at Bethany, which included many other tasks along the way, among them looking after Fatima, a summer place for our Sisters. A deeply private person, she valued her time in quiet and solitude. She was faithful to her daily walks, until her health made that difficult. Sr. Isabel cared deeply for those who lived on the margins, spending countless hours creating or gathering gloves, scarves, hats, etc., to be given to those who had little. A generosity that was demonstrated quietly and with great dedication. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by sisters Margaret, Anita, and Eleanor and brother Robert. Sister Isabel is survived by sisters Anne, Theresa, Mary, and Lorraine, and brothers James, Stephen, John, and Edgar, and their families. Liturgy of Christian Burial took place on Tuesday, July 15th, 2025, in St. Martha Chapel, Parkland, Antigonish. Arrangements were under the direction of C.L. Curry Funeral Services of Antigonish. Online condolences: www.clcurry.com.

CAMERON

The family of Donald Angus (DA) Cameron are sad to announce his passing at the age of 76 at Harbourstone Advanced Care in Sydney River. DA was born and raised at Glencoe Station but, in later years, he called Mabou home. He lived life on his own terms and on many occasions made his way across the country, where he would pick up several odd jobs, but then he would just move on to his next adventure. At the age of 53, while living in the Ottawa area, he suffered a massive stroke. He lost his ability to walk or talk. After being in rehab for about six weeks, he gained some ability to walk and to understand basic words, for instance, distinguishing between the meanings of "yes" and "no." Although he wanted to live independently, it was decided that it would not be in his best interest. So, after residing with family in Cape Breton for a few years, he moved to a residential care facility in North Sydney where he received excellent care from the home as well as from community residents. As his ability to walk decreased, he spent his last years at Harbourstone where he also received excellent care. Besides his parents, Dan L. and Katie Anne Cameron, he was predeceased by his brother John Allan (Angela) and his sister, Marie. He is survived by siblings, John Donald (the late Rose), Judique; Jessie (Reggie), Craigmore; Alex, Sydney; and Cyril (Claire), Fall River; as well as Ray, Hillsborough; and nine nieces and nephews. In DA's memory, donations may be made to The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Cremation has taken place. A private burial will be held at a later date.

BARRETT

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of a beloved sister, sister-in-law, aunt, stepmother, cousin, and friend. Joan Elizabeth Barrett (née Gillis) was born on November 18th, 1936, to John

Archie (Jack) Gillis and Mary Ann (Gillis) Gillis of Upper Margaree. She passed away in Markham, Ontario, on June 27th, 2025. Joan was a kind and graceful woman, always ready to help those in need. She had a deep love for nature, especially the beautiful surroundings of her birthplace. Her nieces and nephews were deeply devoted to her, and we all looked forward to her return to the hill each summer. It was always a joy to be in her presence. Joan attended Gillisdale School until Grade 10, then completed Grade 11 at Inverness School. She graduated as a Registered Nurse from Saint Elizabeth Hospital in North Sydney. Her nursing career began in hospitals in Inverness and the Boston area, after which she earned a degree in Public Health from McGill University. Joan went on to serve as a public health nurse in Toronto, where she worked with dedication and compassion until her retirement. Joan loved skiing, and it was on the slopes that she met her future husband, Tom Barrett. Together, they shared a passion for travel and embraced the cultures of many countries. They also loved to dance and, during their summers at home, rarely missed a dance at the South West Margaree parish hall. Joan was predeceased by her husband Tom; her parents; her brother Howard; her twin sister Jean; a brother in infancy; and her stepdaughter Catherine. She is lovingly remembered by her sister Helen; brothers Malcolm (Terri) and Norman (Rosita); stepsons Chris, Rodney, Gary, and Brian; stepdaughter Denise; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family. A funeral service was held in Markham, Ontario, on Friday, July 11th, 2025. A memorial Mass was celebrated on July 21st at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in South West Margaree. Rest in peace, Joan. Your good works go with you. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

WILCOX

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Terrie Lee Wilcox, who left this world on July 8th, 2025, at the age of 38. Terrie was a loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She is survived by her and Brian Arseneault's daughter, Kiara Jamilee Wilcox, whom she deeply loved and held close in her heart. Though their time together was not always constant, Kiara remained a guiding light in Terrie's life, bringing her hope, pride, and peace. Terrie carried her love for Kiara with her always. She will be forever missed by her mother Theresa (Gillis) Wilcox; her sisters Elizabeth (Evan) MacLean, Olive Wilcox, Olivia Wilcox (Jeremy MacDonnell), and Marie (Joel) Spence. She was predeceased by her father, Charles Wilcox, who she held dearly in her heart. Terrie was a cherished aunt to Kylie, Nikolas, Aidan, Lily, Tara, Steven, Leeland, Kallie, Lukas, and Charlie, and a great-aunt to Summer and Sophia. Those who knew Terrie will remember her as a kind hearted soul – beautiful both inside and out. She had a vibrant spirit and dreamed of building a future in business and cosmetology, where she could share her creativity and warmth with others. Terrie loved deeply, and her compassion and laughter left lasting impressions on those around her. A Memorial Service to celebrate Terrie's life and legacy will be held Saturday, July 19th at 10 a.m. at St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Waycobah (Whycocomagh). A private family burial will follow the service in the Stewartdale Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages acts of kindness in her memory. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com. "I love you, I miss you xoxoxoxo, love Mommie." "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid." – John 14:27. Terrie's light will never fade. Her love will live on in those she held dear, and her memory will be forever cherished.

MacLEAN

John Fred MacLean, age 92 of Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia passed away July 8th, 2025 at the Dartmouth General Hospital, Nova Scotia. Born in Inverness, Nova Scotia, he was a son of Dan and Hughena MacLean. Early in his career, he was a plant manager at Quality Records for 20 years. After leaving Quality Records, he owned and operated several companies related to the music industry until retirement in his 80's. He enjoyed travelling, golfing, bowling, reading, listening to music and spending time with family and friends. He had a great passion for the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Blue Jays. John is survived by his loving wife Sally MacLen (Reppa) of 65 years, daughter, Leslie MacLean (Hazel Rolfe), Lawrencetown Nova Scotia; sister; Mrs. Mary Courtney, Peru Indiana; sister-in-law, Blanche MacLean, Mississauga Ontario; many nieces and nephews,

cousins and friends. Predeceased by parents Dan and Hughena MacLean; brothers, Neil MacLean (Kay) and Daniel MacLean; brother-in-law, Ray Courtney. Donations may be made to Dartmouth General Hospital, Nova Scotia, and Hope for Wildlife Nova Scotia. John was very caring and generous to his family, friends and anyone he met. He had great compassion and love for all animals. John will be sadly missed by his family, friends, and family pets – Holly and Snowflake. The family would like to thank Northwood Homecare and Dartmouth General Hospital staff, nurses, and doctors for their excellent care and support. A special thank you to his family doctor – Dr. Peter MacAvley. Online condolences may be made at: www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com (Dartmouth Chapel).

HANNIGAN

It is with complete devastation that we share the sudden passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, John Michael Hannigan, who left us all too soon on July 9th, 2025 at the age of 60. He was a man of immense humour and wisdom, cherishing every moment spent with his loved ones. John spent nearly 40 years as a skilled mechanic, a milestone he would have celebrated this September, yet his true passion lay with woodworking. Whether he was working on truck manifolds or bringing an idea of Peggy or Jenny's to life, he did everything with passion and perfection. He was a pivotal part in converting the old Northeast Margaree school into the Community Centre it is today. John had incredible patience and always made time to help others. He enjoyed the simple things in life and truly was a big kid at heart. Throughout his time, John enjoyed pickleball, playing crib with his best friends Earl and Jean, kayaking, going out on the ATVs, washer toss (always a champ), fly tying and sitting around the campfire with his camping family. He was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Peggy, the love of his life and proud father to his daughter, Jenny, who was his pride and joy. He truly was their hero, guiding light, best friend and rock. He cherished the time he spent with his son-in-law, Jamie. John had many nicknames in life, but the one he was most proud of was being called "Poppy John", as he was blessed with his granddaughter, Alexandria. He will be deeply missed by his mother, Kay; honorary mother, Aunt Mable who loved and adored him; sisters, Donna (Greg), Debbie, (Brett); brother, Philip (Heather); sisters-in-law Heather (Joey), Julie (Brent), Rayalene (Kenny); brothers-in-law, Frankie (Sharon), Eric (Kelly). John will be greatly missed by his fur baby, Honey and grand fur baby, Tucker and many nieces and nephews who adored and respected him. John was predeceased by his father, Phillip; in-laws, Frank and Jenny MacKinnon; special uncle, Arnold Phillips; sister-in-law, Mary (Michael). We have so much thanks and appreciation for the care and kindness John received from the Angels at Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Oncology Department: Kelly, Melissa, Laura, Melinda and Scott and his family doctor, Dr. Bhreagh MacDougall, who went above and beyond with compassion and care she gave John. We will forever be grateful. There are no words that can express how grateful and blessed we are for our friends, neighbours and family during John's brief illness. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Charitable Foundation c/o Oncology, an organization that cared for him with compassion and grace. There will be a service held on Saturday, July 19th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wilson United Church, Margaree Centre. Reception to follow at the Wilson United church hall. John's laughter, wisdom and kindness touched every life he encountered. John will be deeply missed but forever remembered in the hearts of all who loved him. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

DOUCET

Isadore Doucet, age 83, of Arsenault Hill, East Margaree passed away suddenly at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, July 1st, 2025. He was a son of the late Arthur and the late Margaret (LeBlanc) Doucet. Isadore was a carpenter by trade and owned I. Doucet General Construction until his retirement. Dad's passion in life was hunting, making blood pudding, picking berries (of any kind), and gardening. He was an active member of the KOC, and retired Chief of the Margaree Forks Fire Department. Isadore is survived by his wife of 62 years, Delina (Arsenault) Doucet; daughters, Jeanne (Kevin), and Lucille (Rick); son, David (Bronwyn); grandchildren, Terry

and Devon; and great grandchildren, Fyola and Wyatt. Isadore is also survived by his siblings, Dora (late Edgar) AuCoin, Dennis (Bertha) Doucet, Daniel (Marcella) Doucet, Rosella (Steve) Chiasson, and Stella (late Blair) McDaniel; sister in law, Marie Stella Doucet; and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Isadore was predeceased by his brother, Raymond Doucet; and sister Marie (late Freddie) LeBlanc; and daughter in law, Barb. Funeral mass was celebrated on Monday, July 7th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in St. Michael's Church, East Margaree with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Michael's Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

BEATON

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Donald John Beaton who passed away at the age of 88 on June 25th, 2025 at the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home, Port Hawkesbury, NS. Donald was the son of the late Isabel (Busby) and Hector Beaton, born in New Glasgow, NS on July 23rd, 1936. The family moved to Cape Breton in 1938 and lived in Roseburn until 1941. In 1941, they moved to Dunakin, Skye Mountain, and Donald's heart stayed there, even though he was to later move to Little Narrows and then to Kewstoke. Donald spent his final years at the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home. Donald worked hard his whole life. He started working in the woods when he was very young. He worked at Little Narrows Gypsum, on the gypsum ships for five years, and then after he was married, he worked at Georgia Pacific Gypsum as a machine operator. In the fall of 1971, he began work at Stora where he worked until he retired in 1998. After retirement he worked for Caroline Farms. Donald was very involved in his community. He was instrumental in creating the Little Narrows Community Development Association, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Nova Scotia Highland Village, president for many years of the Whycocomagh Historical Society, and he a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was an amateur genealogist and knew everyone, where their ancestors had come from, and even what date they arrived! He was full of stories and was so proud to be able to record many of them in writing. He was a member of the Stewart United Church in Whycocomagh and the church was always very important in his life. He loved music and attended many square dances, concerts, and ceilidhs throughout the years. Donald loved travelling. He saw a lot of the world while he worked on the gypsum boats: New York, New Orleans, Florida, Houston, Jamaica, and Cuba (during the Cuban Crisis!) He travelled to Newfoundland, Ontario, Quebec, and British Columbia. One of his favourite trips was to the Highlands of Scotland with Jessie. No matter how many places he travelled, his favourite place in the world was Dunakin. He was a proud brother, husband, father and grandfather. He was predeceased by his sisters; Margaret and Jessie, and his brothers; James, Roddie and John. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth Beaton; his son, John (Anne), White Rock, BC; his daughters, Roxanne (Collin Wade), White Rock, BC; and Colleen (Barry Campbell), Kewstoke. He leaves behind two grandchildren: Catherine and Alastair Wade, White Rock, BC. He is survived by his brother, Allan (Linda) and his sister, Marion (Claude), as well as sisters-in-law, Jessie MacKinnon (James), Judy MacKinnon (Roddie), Nan MacKinnon (John), brother-in-law, John MacKenzie (Jessie), and many nieces and nephews. Many thanks to the staff at the Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home for the care and comfort they provided to Donald in his final years. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 29th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in Stewart United Church, Whycocomagh and from where funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m., with Rev. Karen MacNeill officiating. Burial will follow the service in Stewartdale Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Stewartdale Cemetery Company and the Pioneer Memorial (Whycocomagh Historical Society). Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycocomagh.

CHIASSON

At the age of 91, Rita passed away peacefully, surrounded by her large family, on June 26th, 2025 at the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Rita was a daughter to the late John and

the late Susanne (LeBlanc) Poirier. Rita was the baby of 10 children. She started working at Sacred Heart Hospital at the age of 16, where she worked in the laundry and kitchen department. She married the love of her life, Wilfred, at age 19. Together they built a life filled with love, laughter, and lots of dancing – lasting 52 years! She had one daughter, Mariette, and one grandson, Lucas, who became her greatest pride. Rita was a people loving person. She loved a gathering, a good story telling, and anytime there was dancing or music. Being fun loving, she was part of the Bowling League for many years, where she made friends of all ages. She was a member of the Seniors' Club, a Dame Auxiliare, and Dame de Ste. Anne. From her beloved Petit Etang, she moved and lived at the Résidence Acadienne for 20 years with many supportive friends. For the last year, she was a resident at the Foyer Père Fiset, where she received great care. She was spoiled by the many attentions of her numerous nieces, with special mention to Yolande and Gisèle; always on the ready! Many thanks to Dr. Amélie for the years of professional and personal caring; the staff of Sacred Heart Community Health Centre; and the staff of Foyer Père Fiset. The Cheticamp community is a special place, and Rita, and her entire family, benefitted greatly. Rita is survived by her daughter, Mariette Chiasson (Jean-Gilles Poirier); brother, Méderic Poirier (Marie Antoinette); sister, Sr. Virginie Poirier f.d.j.; and grandson, Lucas Poirier (Allison Carter). Besides her parents, Rita was predeceased by her husband, Wilfred Chiasson; brothers, Henri Poirier (Marie Cecile), and Hubert Poirier (Rhéa); sisters, Tarzile AuCoin (Henri), Marie-Joséphine Chiasson (Louis), Marie-Hélène Poirier f.d.j., Henriette Anne Chiasson (Joseph), and Marguerite Esther Poirier f.d.j. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 2nd, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine with Deacon Gérald LeBlanc officiating. Burial followed in St. Peter's Cemetery, Cheticamp. Memorial donations can be made to a Charity of your Choice. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

DELANEY

On the afternoon of July 5th, 2025, our beautiful Bea passed away peacefully in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, surrounded by the love of her family. Beatrice Elizabeth Delaney (née MacQuarrie) was the youngest daughter of the late Allister MacQuarrie and his wife Mary (Smith) MacQuarrie. Born and raised in Inverness, Bea brought light, laughter, and warmth wherever she went. She had a gift for finding joy in the simple things: family dinners, long chats with friends, and always greeting everyone with her radiant smile and open heart. In 2022, Bea was diagnosed with ALS. True to her nature, she faced this journey with extraordinary strength, grace, and resilience. Even on her most challenging days, she remained courageous, kind, and full of love. For 29 years, she was devoted to the love of her life, Gary. Together, they created a home filled with music, laughter, and unconditional love. A home where everyone felt welcome. She was the proudest mom to her children, Taylor Jensen and Ali Wayne, and adored her beloved dogs: Marni Moo, Dolly, and Waylon. She is now reunited with her cherished Maggie Mae. Bea leaves behind her loving husband, Gary; children, Taylor (Jacob) and Ali (Keely); her beloved mother, Mary; siblings Ann (Jimmy) Copley, Lewis (Tereasa), Kathleen, and Dougie (Jolene), all of Inverness; and Gary's siblings Brenda (Danny) St. John, Karen (John) Hawco, and Dougie (Paulette) Delaney. She was also deeply loved by many nieces, nephews, and grandnephews. She was also predeceased by her nephew, Desmond MacQuarrie; as well as her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harold and Norma Delaney, who received her with warmth and kindness into their family. The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Mary Anderson, Dr. Suzie Egar, Dr. Ritter, Continuing and Palliative Care teams, and the many nurses and staff who cared for Bea with such compassion. To the community near and far, thank you for walking this road with us. Your love and support have meant everything. Bea's spirit lives on in all who were lucky enough to know her. She was a light in this world, and she leaves behind a legacy of strength, joy, and endless love. Visitation will be held in Inverness Funeral Home on Monday July 14th, 2025 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass to take place in Stella Maris Church, Inverness on Tuesday July 15th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Burial to follow in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to: Central Inverness Palliative Care Society or to your local SPCA. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com. "Be

tall like a sunflower: so that even on the darkest of days, I will stand tall and find the sunlight.” –
Unknown

DEVEAU

At the age of 86, in St. Joseph du Moine, Hector Deveau passed away on Tuesday, July 1st, 2025 at home. Hector was the son of the late Charles Elore and the late Virgine (Aucoin) Deveau. Hector was born in Cheticamp on February 14th, 1939. As a young man, he started working at the fish plant in Grand Etang with his father, Charles. After a few years, Hector started to work at the fish plant in Cheticamp, where he worked for 35 years. Hector married Marie Cecile and moved to St. Joseph du Moine. When they stopped working the cod, Hector continued to work various jobs as a carpenter, mowing lawns, some painting, and volunteer work. He had many hobbies, some which included planting his garden, bowling, playing pool, putting rabbit snares, and cutting his firewood. Hector is survived by his wife, Marie Cecile (Chiasson) Deveau; and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Hector was predeceased by his step-sister, Cecile (late Gracien) Roach; sisters, Yvonne Bourgeois (late Edmond), and Thérèse Celina (late Jean Marie) Landry. Funeral service was held on Saturday, July 5th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph du Moine with Deacon Gerald LeBlanc officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.

ROSS

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Pauline on June 22nd, 2025 In Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital surrounded by friends and family. Pauline was born on February 18th, 1953 in Sydney Mines to the late Arthur and Pearl Peddle. She is survived by three sons, Gregory, Graham, and Glenn; grandchildren, Maddox, Keiran, Brennan, Charlie, and Ben; and two sisters, Brenda and Picky. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by husband, John Ross; and brother, Arthur. Pauline spent her time quilting, sewing and travelling the world. She worked over 30 years in multiple retirement homes as a PCW and took special training to work in the Alzheimer's unit. At Pauline's request, there will be no service, but a smaller get together will be held at a local restaurant that she has chosen. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com

SUTHERLAND

Edna Margaret Sutherland was born in Inverness on April 26th, 1934 to Joseph (Big Joe) and Elsie (Cross) MacDonald. Edna was predeceased by her loving husband Frank, sister Kay MacMaster and brothers Donald, Charlie, Ronnie, Ervin, James and son William in infancy. She is survived by her brother Wayne. She leaves behind sons Bryan, Randy, and Derek; beloved daughter in law Judi; cherished grand children Kristen and Keenan; and great grandchildren Elsie and Colin. After graduating from High School Mom worked for a couple of years at "Matties" drugstore on Central Avenue before moving to Halifax for school and work. While working for Prudential Life in Halifax she met Dad at an "Old Time" Cape Breton dance. They would happily spend the next 67 years together. After marriage Mom and Dad returned to her beloved Inverness to raise a family. After we boys were all in school, she took some part time work at the J & H Diner (where we loved dropping in for a 10 cent cone of fries or a sundae). Mom later went back into the Insurance business working for Simon P Lefort (whom she held in the highest regard) and Jim Johnson for over 20 years before retiring in 1999. Edna, Big Joe, Donald, Allan California. Oh, how she proudly announced her family "handle" when someone asked. Family was of the utmost importance and Mom took a great deal of pride digging into her Uncle's (Father A.D. Macdonald) Genealogy, "Mabou Pioneers" to trace our family genealogy and connections to other families. She was also so proud of her beloved mother, Elsie and loved making the journey to Tancook Island to keep in touch with her Mom's family. Mom was a person of great faith, she believed in the power of prayer and was a devout member of Stella Maris Parish. Mom had a spirited, competitive nature which was the perfect foil for Dad's more easy

going, laid back manner. Along with Dad, Mom loved travelling with her boys on their Ball, Hockey, and other sporting endeavours to towns all around the province. Mom had many passions, softball player (how proud she was of playing with her Rookies ball team), softball coach, golf (especially family outings to the Margaree Valley Golf Club). Her daily read of the Chronicle Herald (followed by completing the four puzzles), curling, bowling (which she continued into her 80's by travelling to Antigonish!), her flowers and excursions with Elsie to get plant slips to root. Making chow and mustard pickles, skating, shopping trips with beloved sister Kay (whose passing left a hole in Mom's heart), family dinners and get togethers. A good game of catch, a fishing excursion to Colindale, a good square set, Nintendo with her grand children, bingo with Mary and Janet Poirier, game shows. A trip across the street to enjoy tea and one of Alexina's delicious rolls or oatcakes, or a visit with brother Wayne of whom she adored. As Kristen once wrote on her mother's day card, "To the Grandma who does it all!" Mom loved nothing better than to sit and reminisce about the past and all the good times in her beloved "Red Rows". Mom's passing will leave an emptiness in our hearts and our history. Hopefully we can remember and retell her stories so that her spirit lives on. We would like to thank Mom's care givers through the years for the valued care they provided, particularly Dr. Pillai, Dr. Bhreagh MacDougall and Mary Anderson of whom she thought the world. Visitation will take place at the Inverness Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 8th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. with Funeral Mass to follow on Wednesday July 9th, 11:00 a.m. at Stella Marish Parish. If you wish, donations may be made to Stella Maris Parish Cemetery fund or the charity of your choice in Edna's name.

AUSTIN

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our oldest brother, Kenneth Hugh Austin, 75, of Skye Glen, NS. He passed away peacefully on June 17th, 2025, at the Foyer Pere Fiset Nursing Home in Cheticamp, NS. Kennie was born on November 13th, 1949 in Inverness, NS. Kennie will be reunited with beloved wife, the late Linda (MacLean) Austin; his parents Hugh and Edna Austin; sister Janice Austin; and brothers Hedley and Paul Austin. Kennie will be missed by his brothers John (Judy), of Skye Glen, NS and Laurie (Petra), of Trenton, Ontario. Sisters, Diana McCloskey (Linus), of Cornwall, PEI; Patricia Noade (Jerry), of Timberlea, NS; Ella Rankin (Terry), of Fort McMurray, Alberta; and many nieces and nephews. Although Kennie lived most of his life at home in the Glen with his wife Linda, he was often employed away as a commercial insulator at worksites in Port Hawkesbury; Sydney; Tuffs Cove; Saint John, NB; and Fort McMurray, Alberta. He also worked as a plow operator at the Happy Valley-Goose Bay airport in Labrador, Newfoundland. While at home, he drove bulldozers for two construction companies and farm tractors during hay season. At home, Kennie enjoyed the company of his family and many friends. He loved his pet dogs and he enjoyed keeping track of the many birds at his window feeders. He liked to tend his vegetable and flower gardens in the summer and keeping his lawn mowed. Kennie enjoyed playing the mouth organ, watching movies, and reading westerns. He liked to fish trout in the summer at his secret fishing holes on the Skye Glen River. He enjoyed cooking and baking birthday cakes for loved ones. Kennie's family will lay him to rest in the Skye Glen Cemetery at a later date this summer. Donations may be made in Kennie's memory to the Skye Glen Cemetery, c/o Isabel Munro, General Delivery, Whycomomagh, NS, B0E 3M0. Arrangements are under the care of Dennis Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Whycomomagh. Words of comfort may be forwarded to the family at www.haverstocks.com.

FEEHAN

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of our dear Joe/Dad/Papa on June 22nd, 2025, in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his loved ones. Joe will be deeply missed by his wife, Maria; their two children, Conor and Cailin; his daughter-in-law, Kristina; and his treasured grandchildren, Tyler, Marlee, and Lucca. He is survived by his siblings, Lorette Yipp, Verna (Ted) Peters, Sheila, Duane, and Floyd; the MacDonald family, John R., A. D. (Marie), Frank (Theresa), Danny (Lorna), and Alice. He will also be greatly missed by his nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, and many cherished friends. He was predeceased by

his parents, Clifford and Virginia; his brother, Sextus; his sisters, Delores (Lally), Theresa (Alex) Gillis; sister-in-law, Kathleen (MacLellan) Feehan; brothers-in-law, Roy Yipp and Charlie (Canoe) MacDonald; and his In-laws, Alex Joe Iain and Kaye MacDonald. Joe was a “Corner” boy who referred to his childhood as “having a touch of Twain’s Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer”. He cherished his memories of being with the Corner crew, playing hockey in their own rink and shack, playing baseball, building forts in the woods (he still had a scar from that), and just hanging out. Joe and Maria were married in 1986 and raised their two children in Middle Sackville but always returned to Inverness as much as possible. Joe worked mainly in the construction business, but his most proud moments were being a father and grandfather. He was a lover of books, music, history, sports, politics, crossword puzzles, old movies, storytelling, laughter, and trivia; all of which he excelled at. If you were playing Trivial Pursuit, you prayed you were on Joe’s team. At the onset of his illness, Joe returned to Cape Breton to their beautiful cottage that he referred to as his sanctuary. The family would like to thank the wonderful healthcare given to Joe in Inverness – our sincere thanks to Family Medical (Alex MacNeil), the Palliative Care Team, Continuing Care, Home Care, the Inverness Hospital, and the many friends who came to visit. We are sincerely grateful for the comfort and dignity given to him in his final days. Visitation took place on Monday June 30th, 2025 from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. in Stella Maris Church, Inverness followed by Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Father Silvichan Dominic officiating. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Inverness Foodbank and/or the Central Inverness Palliative Care Society. Online condolences can be made to: www.Invernessfuneralhome.com

McQUEEN

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Edward Malcolm McQueen, affectionately known as "Mac", who passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 22nd, 2025, at the age of 83. Born on June 18th, 1942, in Rothesay, New Brunswick, Mac was a son of the late Edward and Marion (Livingstone) McQueen. Mac was the devoted husband of Maybelle Chisholm McQueen. Mac was raised in Rothesay and pursued studies in Business before embarking on a varied and fulfilling career. A man of many talents, Mac was a skilled painter by trade and worked many years in the Saint John area before moving to Cape Breton with Maybelle. A large part of Mac's heart remained in Saint John with his four sons whom he adored. Mac was a big sports fan and truly enjoyed watching football, baseball, golf and hockey, Go Leafs! Mac's family will remember him for his kindness, sense of humor, quiet strength and unwavering love. Mac is survived by Maybelle, his loving wife of 45 years; and his sister, Patricia (George) Kilburn. Mac was a proud stepfather to Brian (Denise), Myles, Colleen (Raymond), and Alana. Mac was the proud father of four sons, George (Beth), Stephen (Katherine), Kenny (Barb), and Chris (Margaret). Mac leaves behind many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Mac will be dearly missed by a cherished grandson, John Boy, who saw Mac as more than a grandfather. Mac was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Marion; brother, Lloyd; sister-in-law, Willa; and niece, Shyanne. Visitation took place on Wednesday July 2nd, 2025, from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, South West Margaree, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 am. Burial followed in the parish cemetery. Donations in memory of Mac may be made to Inverary Manor (Sunrise Villa), Inverness or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com

MacEACHERN

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of our dear Vikki on June 12th, 2025 in Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital, surrounded by her loved ones. Born in Inverness on April 14th, 1971 to Gordon and Chlory MacLean, Vikki was the cherished eldest of 5 siblings. She married her high school sweetheart Glenn (Mr. Vikki), in 1995. They were a match made in heaven and their love for each other was so genuine and beautiful. Vikki's life was filled with many accomplishments, but none shone brighter than the joy of becoming a mother to her two beautiful children, Emily and Luke. Vikki was a guiding light and steady presence in the lives of all who loved

her. Settling in Strathlorne was a dream come true for her, and Vikki loved having a full house to celebrate special occasions. Her many loves also included gardening, walking barefoot in her yard, walking on the beach, teaching aerobics, and teaching in general. She was also a lover of books, and her time on the beach was often spent with a book in her hand. A devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, teacher, and friend, Vikki was truly an angel among us. Her unwavering faith guided every part of her life, and she lived each day led by kindness, grace, and a deep desire to lift others. Above all, Vikki was “love in action” – nurturing, vibrant, generous, and kind. She left everyone better for having known her. Vikki’s life was rich in love, laughter, and meaningful moments, woven together by her deep devotion to her family, friends, and community. A true lover of life, Vik was never one to miss a good song or house party. She found peace in nature, joy in her garden, and magic in the sound of the waves on the beach. Her door was always open, not just to her family and friends, but to every friend her children brought home. Her house was the kind of place where sleepovers turned into lifelong memories, laughter echoed late into the night, and where everyone felt safe, welcome, and loved. The kids who grew up under her roof, even those who didn’t call her “mom”, will carry her love with them forever. In her youth, Vikki attended Inverness Consolidated School. After graduating in 1989, she went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts with an advanced major in English from St. Francis Xavier University. She began her teaching career in Chapel Island and then went on to work at We'koqma'q school for almost 11 years. Vikki always reflected fondly on those years, appreciating how warmly she was welcomed into the First Nations community. She had kept in touch with many of her colleagues and students from those years. In 2007, Vikki transferred to Inverness Education Centre and Academy. She taught Grade 2 for a couple of years before she ultimately started teaching Primary. Vikki was a very gifted and passionate educator. She was made to teach! Her classroom was a place of wonder, joy and love. She instilled a love of learning in both her students and anyone who had the privilege to work with her in her classroom. Later in her career, she was selected to train as a Reading Recovery teacher. The program gave her the opportunity to bring her special gift of teaching young children to read – instilling in them a love for learning with her creative, kind, and caring ways. In 2011, Vikki received her Masters of Education from St. Francis Xavier University. She was in the process of completing a second Masters in Inclusive Education when she became ill in 2021. Throughout her four year battle with brain cancer, she fought each day with unimaginable strength and courage. Even while ill, her thoughts were never far from those she loved and her selfless heart was always more concerned for others than herself. Vikki devoted time each morning and evening to her faith, praying for others. Her love of prayer and her devotion to her faith gave her comfort and courage. She will be deeply missed by her loving husband, Glenn; and their two children, Emily and Luke. Her parents, Gordon and Chlory MacLean; her siblings, Janet (Terry) Fortune, Chlory (Joey) Poirier, Gordie (Maria) MacLean, Bertha (John) Maclean/Gillis; her sister-in-law, Claire (Peter) MacDonnell; and many nieces and nephews who were dearly loved by “Aunt Bippi”. She will also be missed by her many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, students, and colleagues. Her absence will also be felt deeply by her sweet pup and companion “Millie” who brought so much happiness to Vikki’s last four years. Vikki was predeceased by her grandparents, Chlory and Victor Lanceleve, and Norma Jane and Donnie MacLean; and her aunt, best friend, and ice cream date, Shirley. She was also predeceased by her Mother and Father-in-law, Jeanette and Al MacEachern. The family extends our deepest gratitude to the palliative care team and all the dedicated staff of Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital who cared for her with such compassion. Each of you brought her comfort and dignity in her final days, and we are forever grateful for the love you showed her. Our family would also like to express our sincerest appreciation to the community for their unwavering support and kindness throughout Vikki’s illness. For those attending the ceremony, our family invites you to wear a small touch of pink, in honour of Vikki’s vibrant and loving nature. Pink was her favourite colour, a reflection of the warmth and kindness she brought into the lives of everyone who knew her. Visitation will be Friday, June 27th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Inverness Funeral Home. Funeral Mass to be held on Saturday, June 28th at 11:00 a.m. in Stella Maris Church, Inverness. Burial to follow in St. Matthew's United Cemetery, Strathlorne. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Central Inverness Palliative Care

Society. "All of us are better when we're loved" – Alistair MacLeod (No Great Mischiefs). Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

MacISAAC

Gerard Martin MacIsaac of Inverness, Nova Scotia passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 13th, 2025. He was born on May 10th, 1959 and spent the entirety of his life in Inverness, a town he loved. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and will be missed dearly by his close family and friends. He was survived by his loving wife of 43 years Ann MacIsaac (nee Ravoir), who he adored. The love he had for Ann was something they write books/movies about, truly it was a beautiful thing. One could only aspire to have that kind of love in their lifetime. He was a proud father to his children Carl (Morgan), Kenneth, Evan (Jillian), and Shaun. He treasured the small moments and called regularly to chat about everything and nothing. Gerard leaves behind six grandchildren who he cherished Emma, Raenagh, Sara, Peyton, Austin, and Sadie. He was predeceased by his mother Mary MacIsaac; brothers Joe-Burt MacIsaac, Archie MacIsaac, Brian MacIsaac, and Colin MacIsaac. He leaves behind siblings Donald, Christina, Paul, John, Al, Rose, and Peter of Pictou, Nova Scotia. Gerard was not only a presence in the life of his family, but friends, the community, and all those whose lives he touched. He was a man who had a listening ear and an empathetic heart. He was happiest going out for a drive around town and having his morning tea. Funeral arrangements will be held June 28th, 2025 at the Inverness Funeral Home, 45 MacIsaac St, Inverness, NS B0E 1N0. Please join us between 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. "Your wings were ready, but our hearts were not."

DEAGLE

With heavy hearts, Aaron, Alicia, and Kayla would like to say goodbye to our father. Son of the late Vincent and Veronica Deagle. Joseph Alexander Deagle aka "Digger Deagle," also known as "Jody Bird", born February 7th, 1951, passed away peacefully in Cape Breton Regional Hospital, at 74 years old, on June 13th, 2025. Jody Bird lived a simple life in Inverness with his then wife, Kathleen Timmons, and his children. He was a huge fan of hockey and played his heart out in his early years and loved a good game of darts at the Knights of Columbus where he was in a league for many years. Cribbage, 45, and Poker were also amongst his hobbies. Jody was well known around the community and could always be found with a smile on his face. He is survived by his four sisters, Darlene Rosie, Junie, Audrey; and older brother, Angus. He is predeceased by his partner in crime, Booga Vincy. His happiest moments were with his family. He loved watching movies, especially Disney, the Titanic, and horror movies. He loved meeting new people and spending time with his grandchildren William, Marley, and Jack. He had a great sense of humour and loved to make people laugh. He will truly be missed. Go Leafs go! A grave side service was held in Stella Maris Parish Cemetery for family and friends at 1:00 p. m. on Tuesday, June 24th, 2025. Reception followed downstairs in the Inverness Legion. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

FORBES

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Inez Marie Forbes on June 13th, 2025, after a brief courageous battle with cancer. Inez was the daughter of the late James Victor Forbes and Louise Marie (Couture) Forbes. Inez was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and moved with her family to Port Hawkesbury at nine years of age. Completing her high school education as a member of the first graduating class of SAERC, Port Hawkesbury, Inez went on to complete a Diploma in Business Administration at Dartmouth Vocational School. Inez had a long and successful career in advertising, from early days with the Scotia Sun, the Inverness Oran, the Casket and most recently moving into Radio with 98.9 XFM, Antigonish. Inez brought her talent, work ethic, professionalism, friendship, and vast network to each position she held. Inez was a tireless worker and always had energy for extra work and enjoyed her time at Hawthorne Convenience with Ekaterina. Inez gave back with her volunteer time with the Newspaper Atlantic board of directors and as president of the Antigonish Chamber of Commerce. In 2010 she was

proud to be among recipients of The Silver Quill Award. Inez was predeceased by her parents, Jim and Louise Forbes, granddaughter Blake, and dear friend Cheryl Jardine. Left to mourn Inez are her loving partner, Clarence Pelley, who never left her side, his children Colleen, Tyler, and Nathaniel, and their beloved companion, Izzy; brother Jim Forbes, Edmonton; twin sister Ina Forbes (Johnny), Troy; daughter Kate Ste. Marie (Jeremy), Alberta; son Bradley MacNeil (April), North Lake Ainslie; and her grandchildren Carter and Jace Ste. Marie, Harlow and Knox MacNeil and their mother Sasha. She will be deeply missed by her many friends who have enjoyed her loyal and unconditional friendship. Generous to everyone, she always looked for a way to fill every need, thinking of those she loved first. She demonstrated strength, courage, and resilience throughout her life and during her illness. A woman of infinite talent, Inez humbly gained the respect of her peers with her many accomplishments in a challenging career. We would like to thank Dr. Simms, the Palliative Care Team at St. Martha's Hospital, and all those who cared for Inez during her illness. Cremation has taken place. A service for Inez Marie Forbes will be announced once arrangements are finalized. Donations may be made to the St. Martha's Regional Hospital Palliative Care or the Canadian Cancer Society.

MacLELLAN

Margaret Isobel MacLellan, October 30th, 1922 – June 15th, 2025: It is with the greatest of regret that we announce the passing of our Mother, Margaret Isobel MacLellan. She passed away at the Inverary Manor in Inverness on June 15th 2025 having reached the remarkable age of 102. A long term resident of New Waterford, Margaret was born in Dunvegan, Inverness County on October 30th, 1922. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family and the youngest daughter of Donald Joseph and Mary Isabel (Collins) MacLeod. She was predeceased by siblings Aurelia, Donald, Collins, John Duncan (Mary), Katherine Grant (Jack), Finley, Sister Anne CND, the Rev. Colonel, Alexander (Pearl), Roderick (Christine) and the Rev Angus. Margaret was predeceased by her husband, Rannie, sons Angus, Alexander (Sandy), Collins and daughter Aurelia. She is survived by her loving children Joseph (Fran), Donnie (Eleanor), Colonel (Jackie), Archie, Hugh Allan and Ronald (Martin). She is also survived by 19 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren and her sister-in-law, Christine MacLeod of Dunvegan. Our Mother was part of the Greatest Generation who were shaped by the Great Depression and World War II. She, like many of her cohort, lovingly raised a large family on Warren Avenue and was the last surviving Mother from our old neighbourhood. Her profound commitment to her Christian faith served as the wellspring of her love, patience, kindness, constant good cheer, and generous sacrifices for four generations. She had an immutable moral code that framed every single decision she ever made. She never “bent with the wind” and consequently was respected and adored by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She set an outstanding example for us all and will be remembered with deep love and affection for many, many decades. A Tarabish player extraordinaire, she will be remembered for her endless card playing, always with that special twinkle in her eye. She played countless rounds of Crazy Eights with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, turning it into a cherished rite of passage over time. As a Centenarian, from going to church in a horse and wagon as a young girl to FaceTiming her grandchildren around the world she witnessed it all and did it all. Not much put her off her stride. Always cool in a crisis, she was a genuine lover of life and always put her full trust in God. Margaret was a long-term member of Mount Carmel Church, now St. Leonard's, the Jr. St Anne's Society, the Catholic Woman's League (CWL) and Growing Old Gracefully. One of her greatest loves was Scottish music and culture, which she promoted with great enthusiasm her entire life. Nothing warmed her heart more than a good set of foot-tapping Cape Breton music. She was a founding member of the Cape Breton Gaelic Society and made her first trip to Scotland in 1972. She became an avid traveler in her later years and loved to meet new people in new places. She became a resident of Inverary Manor in 2022 where she received exemplary and loving care, for which her family are most grateful. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 from 6–8 p.m. in V.J. McGillivray Funeral Home, 380 Smith Street, New Waterford. A Funeral Mass of celebration will take place on Wednesday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the Parish

Church of St. Leonard, Mount Carmel Avenue, with Father Godwin Obike officiating. Burial will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery with a reception to follow in V.J. McGillivray Funeral Home, New Waterford. Online expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at: www.vjmcgillivray.ca. Thank you Mother /Granma/GG for bequeathing your faith, wisdom and love. Joy you gave us, joy you now have. Rest in Peace. We love you.

BURCHELL

Rita Winnifred Burchell, May 28th, 1931 – June 1st, 2025: It is with great love and sadness that the family of Rita Winnifred Burchell announces her passing on June 1st, 2025, after a short illness. She was surrounded by her family, when she peacefully passed. Born in Inverness, Cape Breton, to William and Myrtle Shaw, she grew up on Marsh Brook Road, Margaree Valley, and as a teenager moved to New Waterford. She worked at the Paramount Theatre and this is where she met her husband, Calvin. After they married, Calvin joined the Canadian Navy. Over their 49 years of marriage, they lived in numerous cities in Canada, ending in Dartmouth, and then finally retiring to Margaree Valley. Rita was well known in the Shannon Park/Wallis Heights communities in Dartmouth. While Calvin spent much of his time at sea, Rita dedicated her time to bringing up their six children. Rita was well known for being at the hockey rink, volunteering at community events, and playing bingo. In her spare time, she quilted, sewed, and knit. As her family grew, she started working outside the home. She worked at the Shannon Park Canteen and the Donut Shop at Mic Mac Mall. Rita is survived by her children Sharon, Pam (Dale, deceased) Waterhouse, Calvin (Londa), Shawn (Sharon), Valerie (Darren) McCoy, and Lynn (Brent) Roeding. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren: Karl (Sarah), Aleshya (Ryan), Hunter (Corrina), Desdamona (Tyson), Etheridge (Annie); Kelly (Rory), Jenna (Peter), Lee; Jill (Terry), Justin (Ashley), Janelle (Shae); Tabitha (Rick), Todd (Cooper); Kelsey (Joey), Kirstie (John), Richard (Megan); Kaitlyn (Adam), and Karlie; and 33 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, as well as her sisters-in-law, Cynthia McNeil and Ruth Burchell. Rita was predeceased by her husband, Calvin, her parents, stepmother, Marcella, and sons-in-law, Dale Waterhouse and Eric Vance. If you wish, donations can be made to the Wilson United Church, Margaree Centre, wilsonunitedmargaree@gmail.com, or a charity of your choice. And they are..."On The Road Again."

MURPHY

Mary "Bell" Murphy (néé Tompkins): March 16th, 1932, a beautiful baby girl arrived on Tompkins Road to parents Mary Bell and Dave Tompkins, a baby sister for Agnes and Donald. Having her mom pass at her infancy, her Aunt Clara stepped in as her mom and care giver. Mom went to her heavenly home on June 3rd, 2025. Mom loved life, living it (as much as possible) to its fullest, caring for the animals on the farm, horseback riding, walking distances to play cards, attending dances with her friends, hitchhiking the Cabot Trail with some of those same friends, dressing up for Halloween, and visiting friends...and dad...to name a few fun activities. Mom grew to fall in love with our dad, Alex. They married, moved to Scarborough, Ontario, and had six children. Although they had a good life in Scarborough, summertime called for Cape Breton vacations. Their love of Cape Breton never wavered. In 1970, they packed their belongings, six kids, Clara, and moved to their Cape Breton farm. Mom led a life of honesty, faith, kindness, compassion, and caring. She was manager of the N.E. Margaree Credit Union for 18 years, to which she held with great competence, esteem, and respect. Our mom's credits and skills were so much more. Her love of community, church, faith, and family was exemplary. Her strength and support to all of it came from love, commitment, and her great belief in God. Mom began and ended every day in prayer. She will be known greatly for her unconditional love for others, her hugs, her apple pie, homemade bread, a cup of tea, and always shared with a "God bless you"! Her title for many, not just her own family, was "Mommy" and "Mom." She was "Nana," not just to her grandchildren, but also to many of their friends. Mom was always ready and willing to volunteer. She enjoyed the early days of MADA, the Margaree Summer Festival, and CWL. If there was a supper at our parish hall, Mom was right there, ready and willing to assist with any task required. Her pancake mix for Pancake Day was one of her

joys. Mom believed in helping others. It was the core of who she was. If you knew our mom, you would know the importance to her to feed others, share what you have, be kind, forgive others, and do all with kindness and love. She was predeceased by her husband Alex Murphy, her parents Mary Bell (Gillis) and Dave Tompkins, Clara Tompkins, and her sons-in-law Alex MacLennan and George Gottschall, and Dale; her sister Agnes Fraser, and her brother Donald Tompkins. She is survived by her children Mary Gottschall, David (Debbie), Sheena (Wayne) Abbey, Sandy (Jackie), Hilda, and Jimmy (Raylene). Survived by her grandchildren, George (Vielk), Dale, Christian, Candice, Justin (Alyssa), Jordan (Eleanor), Natasha, Cheryl (Brian), Bryan, Brenda, Annika, Niccole (Brian) Schippers, and Kaegan (April). Survived by her great grandchildren Matias, Quetzal, Bela, Maddox, Rowan, Lily, Emmett, Arthur, Cora Bell, and Brantley. If you wish to share in mom's joys and memory, please donate to the Margaree Food Security Society or St. Patrick's Cemetery fund. Visitation was held Friday, June 6th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., St. Patrick's Parish Hall, N.E. Margaree. The funeral mass was held at St. Patrick's Church, N.E. Margaree, Saturday, June 7th, at 11:00 a.m. "Have compassion and care for all people and the natural world that surrounds you. We have all been graced with the ability to make a difference, if we follow our hearts." Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

PARKER

James L. Parker, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on June 7th, 2025, surrounded by his family at his home, at the age of 62. Born on November 5th, 1962, to the late William and Christena Parker. James, affectionately known as Uncle Jim, is survived by his daughter, Sara Sullivan, and her husband, John, of Hingham. He was the proud grandfather to John Parker Sullivan. He is also survived by his siblings: Debbie Currie and her husband, Daniel, of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; Billy Parker of Weymouth; Ann Chisholm and her husband, Alex, of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia; Daniel Parker and his wife, Julie, of Weymouth; and John Parker of Weymouth. He was predeceased by his brother Bobby Parker, leaving behind Jane of Plymouth. His life was enriched by the love and companionship of many nieces and nephews who will miss his presence dearly. A graduate of Weymouth South High School, James was known for his strong work ethic, which he demonstrated throughout his career as a truck driver for various oil and gas companies. Jimmy was best known for the love he possessed for his family. His fondest memories of his life occurred on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. In the town of Inverness, Uncle Jim was known as a "summer-time staple," as he had many devout friends who he looked forward to spending time with all year long. Jim was the life of any gathering, always "waggin' the tongue," earning him the affectionate title of the Town Crier. His laughter, stories, huge heart, and visits will be dearly missed by many. Jimmy was an avid Boston Bruins fan, a passion that was only matched by his love for spending time at Inverness beach. His dogs, Lord Stanley Cup and Nova, were his faithful companions, often by his side on his many adventures. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Thursday, June 12th, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the McDonald Keohane Funeral Home, South Weymouth, at 809 Main Street. A funeral service will follow the visitation at 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in loving memory of Jim to Weymouth Youth Hockey.

GUY

It is with sadness, we the family of Archibald James Guy "Archie" announce that he has gone home to be with his Saviour and Lord on May 25th, 2025, at the Inverary Manor, Inverness. Archie was born in Sydney Mines on February 23rd, 1940, to parents James Calder and Eliza Wilemina (Hatcher) Guy. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Gordon Matheson. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend Carol (Cole) Guy; his sister Azalia Matheson; his children Bonnie (Bruce) Nunn, Jimmy (Shauna) Guy; step-children Dawn (Alan) Kieth, Christene (Adrien) Jordan, Darlene (Wayne) Burke, and Tom Barry. Archie is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Archie loved life in Margaree. He enjoyed the outdoors, spending time hunting and fishing. He was dedicated to his faith and his

church and enjoyed going to bible studies and spending time with his church family. We, the family, would like to thank the staff at Inverary Manor for your compassion, care, and kindness provided to Archie during his time at the Manor. Thank you for extending the compassion and kindness to us also as we sat by his side. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Archie may be made to the Inverary Manor. Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on June 3rd in the Margaree Valley Baptist Church with Pastor Hugh Morrison officiating. A reception followed the service. Online condolences: www.sunsetfuneralco-op.com.

LeBLANC

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

MURPHY

Sarah "Sadie" Catherine Elizabeth Murphy (Ryan), 84, passed away peacefully at the Foyer Pere Fiset in Cheticamp on May 31st, 2025. Mom was born in Inverness on November 3rd, 1940, and grew up on Mabou Ridge, she is survived by her children, Willie (Karen), Johnny (Gail Gibbons), Ellen (Rodney Gillis), Phonsey (Carrie), Elaine (John McDonald), Darrell (Linda MacDonald); and her grandchildren whom she loved dearly, Logan Gillis (Megan MacPherson), Ryan Murphy, Jennifer Lewis (Michael), Shawn Murphy, Dylan Murphy, Mitchell Murphy, Kaylan Murphy, Marli Gillis, James Murphy, Jake Gillis, Daniel Murphy, Nickolas Murphy and Lexi McDonald; siblings, Helen Surette (late Art), Jim (late Pat), Jack, Bryden (Maxine), Mary Elizabeth Nahirny (Mike), and AJ; dear friend and sister-in-law, Mary Ryan; brother-in-law, Andy Leochko; many nieces and

nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Alphonsus and Sadie (MacLeod) Ryan; son, Alphonsus Gerard (1966); husband, Bowden (2014); siblings, Francis, James, Bernard, Liguori, Jerome, Gertrude and Noreen; sister-in-law, Betty Ryan; brothers-in-law, Sandy Sanford, Art Surette and all of her Murphy in laws. Mom graduated from Nova Scotia Normal College in 1959 and taught in Mabou Harbour, Mabou Ridge, and River Denys, married in 1963, started a family, and became a stay-at-home mom. Mom struggled with her mental health after the loss of her infant son but never wavered in her faith. She could be relied upon for prayers for all those in need; there were countless cookies, biscuits, pies, and meals made for both the CWL and family; no one left hungry. She loved a hot cup of tea, visits with family and friends, baking, knitting, walking, gardening, watching General Hospital, an A&W mama burger, going to lunch with friends, and a good fiddle tune. Mom had a quick wit that brought many laughs! While dementia took the present day from Mom and her family, it erased the saddest parts of the past, which was both a blessing and a curse. Mom received remarkable care while still at home from her always-on-call nurse and dear friend, Marie Moran; caregivers Mary MacNeil, Amber MacDonald, and Nicole Hawley, with whom she shared many laughs. In her short stay at the Foyer Pere Fiset, she was treated like a queen and greeted everyone with a smile. To the staff, sitters, nurses, and Drs. Maillet, Sonier, and Chiasson of the Foyer; to the staff, sitters, nurses and Dr. Lowry at ICMH; to Dr. Amy MacDonald and Dr. William Booth, and retired nurse Ronata Brophy in Antigonish; and Inverness County Home Care staff, thank you all! Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Visitation will take place on Thursday, June 5th, in Port Hood & Area Resting Place from 3:00–7:00 p.m. with funeral mass to take place on Friday, June 6th, at 3:00 p.m. and burial to follow at St. Peter's parish cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Inverness Funeral Home. Family flowers only! Donations may be made to the Port Hood & Area Resting Place. Online condolences may be made to: www.invernessfuneralhome.com.

SWORDS

Alice Swords, age 91, Cheticamp, passed away on Sunday, April 27th, 2025 in the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Alice was a daughter to the late Alfred and the late Annie (Phillips) Ingraham. Mom grew up in Belle Côte. She later moved to Halifax, where she worked at Government House. She met Dad, who was in the Navy, and they married shortly after. They later moved to Ontario, where she worked as a Health Care Aid for 15 years. She moved back to Cape Breton at the age of 80, and her and dad spent their days playing Phase 10, going to the Casino, and playing bingo. Our family would like to thank all the wonderful nurses at the Sacred Heart Hospital, and Dr. Michel Chiasson, for being so caring and compassionate with Mom. Alice is survived by her daughters, Geraldine Mans (John), and Dianna Chalmers (Robert); sister, Della Jefferson; grandchildren, Jennifer, Bradley, Nicole, and Christopher; great grandchildren, Travis, Hunter, Hailey, Hudson, and Hayden. Besides her parents, Alice was predeceased by her husband, Gerald Swords; great grandchild, Hope; brothers, Reuben, James, Bevis, Alexander, and Fuller; and sisters, Laura, Ella, Margaret, and Doris. A graveside service and burial will be held on Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Whale Cove Cemetery, Margaree Harbour with Rev. Alicia Cox officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre, Cheticamp. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Cheticamp Funeral Services Ltd. Condolences may be sent to: www.cheticampfuneralservices.ca.