

OBITUARIES

Dennis Smith

After a courageous three-year battle with cancer, Dennis Smith, 63, of Skir Dhu, Victoria County, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at the Victoria County Memorial Hospital, Baddeck.

Born in Sydney on July 18, 1947, he was the oldest of four children born to the late Alexander and Evelyn (MacDermid) Smith and was the cherished husband and friend of Nancy (MacInnes) for 44 years. Dennis will forever be remembered by his beloved children, Lorraine (Abraham) Bona, Melanie Smith, Lynette (Jerry) Emberly and Terence (Jolie) Smith; treasured grandchildren, Tristan and Tyler Bona, Josh, Kaitlyn and Sydney Emberly and Brandon, Riley and Samuel Smith. He leaves behind his brothers, Donald (Sonia) Smith and David (Mary Claire) Smith and sister, Mary (Roger) Hankey; along with nephews, Jason and Matthew; nieces, Charmaine, Christene, Rebecca, Emily and Katherine; grandnieces, Jessica and Ciara; and countless other friends and family, who were blessed to know him.

Besides his parents, Dennis was predeceased by his grandson, Daniel Wayne Bona.

Dennis was trained and worked as a medical lab technician but his passion was fishing lobster. He loved to be on the water and was in awe of the natural beauty that surrounded him every day. He was committed to improving the fishing community at large by attending countless meetings at home and across the country as past president of Local 6 Maritime Fishermen's Union and past vice-president for Nova Scotia. He served on numerous committees related to his vocation.

Dennis was an avid golfer. As a member and former president of the Cape Breton Highland Links golf course, he was proud to be involved in the golf course's restoration. He was fortunate enough to be able to play and watch his favourite pastime up until his passing.

He served as an elder of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Throughout his illness, Dennis maintained his wonderful sense of humour and a positive outlook; he regarded each day he was given as a special gift. His strength and dignity were an inspiration to all.

A wake service and funeral service were both held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, North River Bridge, and a reception was held directly following the funeral service to which all were invited. Memorial donations may be made to the Cape Breton Cancer Centre or a charity of one's choice.

Anna C. "Currie" McCarthy

Anna C. "Currie" McCarthy, R.N., age

84, of Truro, passed away Saturday, February 19, 2011 in Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro surrounded with her family.

Born in Baddeck, January 12, 1927 she was a daughter of the late Dr. James Albert Currie and Sadie (MacLeod) Currie R.N.

She was a graduate of the Children's Hospital (IWK) Halifax. She had formerly been employed with the Children's Hospital, Toronto Western Hospital Night Supervisors Children's Ward and with the Victorian Order of Nurses Truro. She was a member of St. Andrew's United Church Truro, where she was a member of the UCW, taught Sunday School and a leader in C.G.I.T.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Edward E. McCarthy; son, David E. McCarthy (Sharon Butterfield), Halifax; step-granddaughter, Michelle Butterfield, Calgary, AB; number of nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Irene Currie.

She was predeceased by brother, James A. Currie; sister, Mary C. Rivers; infant sister, Ruth.

Visitation will take place from 1 pm until 2 pm followed by funeral service at 2 pm on Saturday, March 12, 2011 in the Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Rev. Jay Ettinger will officiate with a reception to follow in the funeral home.

Burial will take place at a later date in Falmouth Centre Cemetery, Falmouth, NS. Family flowers only. Donations in memory may be made to the Nova Scotia Lung Association. The family wishes to say a special thank you to the Palliative Care Unit of Colchester Regional Hospital, Truro, and to the staff of Sandi's Home for Seniors, Truro, for all your kindness and care given to Anna. Private messages of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting the "Guest Book" at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com.

Sally Margaret Garland

Sally Margaret Garland, 65, Whycomagh passed away Thursday, February 24, 2011, at the Palliative Care Unit, Cape Breton Regional Hospital, Sydney.

Born in Baddeck, she was the daughter of the late George and Sarah (MacLean) Garland. She is survived by sons, Calvin (Rita) Fitzgerald, Baddeck, David (Heather) Hyatt, Springhill and three grandchildren; step children, Laurie (Charlene), Little Narrows, Wayne (Muriel), Brantford, Ontario, Willie (Roslyn), Fort McMurray, John Allan (Pat), Brian and Scott of Brantford, Ontario and Margie (William) Sealy, Aberdeen and 11 step-grandchildren; sisters, Marion (Herman) Phillips, Big Baddeck, Reta (Charlie) Cook, Baddeck, Hilda Pardoe, Bucklaw; brothers, Ewen (Catherine) MacLean, Big Baddeck,

Bill and John Garland, Toronto. Sisters-in-law, Kay Garland, North Sydney and Nellie (Ernest) Nicholson, Whycomagh; many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, William K. MacDonald; stepson, Tony and brother, James Garland.

She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held in Stewartdale Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations in her memory may be made to a charity of choice.

CARD OF THANKS

Darren, Cheryl & Morgan Canning wish to thank family, friends and Community. You are some of the most generous people on the planet.

Your gifts of condolence, flowers and monies, food and prayers have strengthened and protected us throughout Flora Canning's illness and her recent passing.

Special thanks to Alderwood staff and their team of health care professionals - you are the best, clergy and pallbearers, Middle River Hall Ladies and those of you that have touched our hearts anonymously.

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CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of the late Ameta (Pike) Stephens of Baddeck would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to relatives, friends, and neighbours for your kindness and support during our recent loss, including all who phoned, e-mailed, sent cards, prepared food, made charitable donations and helped in any way.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the nurses and staff of Victoria County Memorial Hospital - your support, compassion and caring was exemplary, dignified, and has not gone unnoticed.

Thank you to Dr. Carlyle Chow - mom's long-time doctor. Your gentle and sensitive ways helped mom through many a rough patch over the years. Thank you to Dr. Rollie Genge for being there when mom needed you - and when dad needed you -for supporting all of us, and for your respect and compassion. Thank you to Dr. Arthur Coakley for being there at mom's very special moment of need.

Thank you to Dr. Reverend Cameron Brett of Knox Presbyterian Church for your beautiful and poignant service. Also, thank you to the choir members - your voices helped provide comfort and solace, and thank you to the Knox Lades Guild for presenting the wonderful reception. A special thank you to soloist Cathy Buthler who sang mom's favorite hymn, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow". We know mom was smiling.

We are forever grateful to the staff, nurses and support workers of Victoria County Home Support Services for the sensitive and respectful level of care both mom and dad received daily in the comfort of their home.

Finally, thank you to Jewell Jenkins - mom thought fondly of you - words alone cannot express what a comfort and help you have been to her for these past fifteen years. To family friend and neighbour Alfred Matheson, thank you for all of your hard work -your kindness and sincerity. You were always there when mom and dad needed you.

To everyone, our heartfelt thanks. Mom was an integral part of her little community - she enhanced the lives of others as they in turn enhanced and enriched hers. Thank you for all the love over the many years.

*Sincerely, The Family of
Ameta (Pike) Stephens*

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