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Pastor Obituaries 2019

PASTOR JOHN GARY DILLON



Mr. John Gary Dillon passed away peacefully at the Palliative Care Unit in the Cape Breton Regional Hospital on January 18, 2019 in Sydney, NS at the age of 75. Gary is survived by his wife, Elsie (Boutilier); children, Troy Dillon (Belinda Herman, grandchildren Jeffery, Renee with mother Lorilei), Karen Murphy (Mike, grandchildren James, Michael), John Dillon (Shauna, grandchild Michael); siblings, Ruth Smith (Garry). He is preceded in death by sister, Gail Degaust; brother-in-law, Gary Degaust; mother, Evelyn Dillon, and father, John Dillon.

Gary was born on December 12, 1943 in Glace Bay, NS to John and Evelyn Dillon. He graduated from Cape Breton Vocational School in 1963 with a diploma in Electrical Technology. He married Elsie Boutilier in 1965 and enjoyed 53 years together. Gary was a minister at the Glace Bay Baptist Church up until 2015 when he was forced to retire due to illness. He was an electrical technician by trade and worked at Devco for over 20 years.

<https://www.capebretonpost.com/obituaries/john-gary-dillon-14095>



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REV. DR. RANDOLPH 'RANDY' LEGASSIE



The Rev. Dr. Randolph “Randy” Frederick Legassie passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on June 1st. He leaves behind a legacy of lives forever touched by his dry wit, his practical approach to problems and his inherent ability to teach even the most reluctant learner.

Randy gave openly of himself to his church communities, urging them to grow, learn and to celebrate with food. He was honoured to be involved in defining moments in the lives of a great many community members and did so with tremendous love and support, as they were married, born, baptized and buried. He was a faithful and devoted pastor to the Baptist congregations in Hall’s Harbour, Inglewood, Lower Granville, Canning, Deep Brook-Clementsport and the Churches by the Sea (Hampton, Port Lorne, St. Croix Cove and Wilmot Mountain).

Always a teacher, he taught cadets, cub scouts and youth groups important life skills like not touching the side of a tent in a rain storm, or how to cook a stew on an open fire. More formally, he shaped the careers of students at Acadia Divinity College as well as the Africa Brotherhood Church (Kenya) by instilling such wisdom as the best sermon is less than 20 minutes long.

Randy leaves behind Elizabeth (Mullen), his wife, confidant and best friend of 45 years. Together they shared countless adventures such as back country camping, climbing Mount Fuji, and traveling to and from Kenya, at times with young children. He will be deeply missed by his children Jenny (Steve), Joel (Jill), Jonathan (Hayley) and foster son Justin. Among many things, Randy bestowed on his children a love of reading and photography, the skills to right a tipped canoe, and the ability to subtly defy the letter of traditions while honoring their spirit.



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His grandchildren Heidi, Alexandra, Magnus and Lochlan will grow up knowing their Babu loved them dearly. They already demonstrate his eagerness to learn new things and his confidence to question everything. Randy was predeceased by his loving parents, Lloyd and Mary (Daye) Legassie of Chipman, New Brunswick. He will be dearly missed by his eight siblings, each of whom contributed to his sense of humor, devotion to family and appreciation of quiet moments and spaces.

<https://kaulbachfamilyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/976/Randolph-Legassie/obituary.html>

REV. STERLING WILSON GOSMAN



Rev. Sterling Wilson Gosman – age 74, of Kentville, passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at home, in the arms of his loving wife Ann. Born in Fredericton, NB he was a son of the late Bruce and Virginia (Wright) (McIntyre) Gosman. Sterling was born in Fredericton in 1944 and graduated from Fredericton High School in 1963. Soon after graduation he started work at CBC Fredericton. He worked there for 33 years before retiring. After being retired for five years, Sterling felt the call into full time ministry and he and Ann moved to Kentville, NS to attend university for the first time at Acadia Divinity College. After five years, Sterling graduated from Acadia University with his Bachelor of Theology degree in May of 2007. He then accepted a call to serve as



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Minister of Visitation and Care at New Minas Baptist Church. He served in this capacity until his death. The civic-minded Gosman was a former Fredericton city councilor. As a city councilor, he served on sub-committees such as Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Business Association, Planning and Advisory Committee, as well as an Auxiliary Police Officer. He also served as a member of the Baptist Men's Association, the Canadian Bible Society, and former President of the Canadian Baptist of Atlantic Canada. Sterling was a great athlete and participated on several fastball teams representing NB nationally. He also enjoyed hockey, bowling, and fishing. He was inducted into the NB Sports Hall of Fame and the Fredericton Wall of Fame. Sterling was a man of great faith and he would say, "Jesus was revealed to me on my Mother's knee, and Mom not only taught me about the love of Christ, but she also displayed it in her life and I'm the benefactor of her fervent prayers. We have been "saved" to serve, and to make a difference in a world where we all must, at the very least, Care in Christian love about one another." Sterling loved the book of Proverbs. One of his favorites, a principle so evident in his life was Proverbs 22:1 – "A good reputation and respect are worth much more than silver and gold." He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ann (Eatmon); son, Rev. Dr. Sterling Neville Gosman (Donna), Fredericton; daughters, Teah Gosman-Odinga, Kentville and Measha Brueggergosman, Falmouth; grandchildren, Tiffarah (Andrew), Josiah (Chelsea), Micaiah (Robyn), Elijah, Jilahni, Imahni, Shepherd and Sterling; great-granddaughter, Mae Dawn Marie; brothers, Wilfred McIntyre, of Saskatchewan and Bruce Gosman, of Mill Cove, NB; nieces, nephews, extended family, "like family", and church family. Rev. Gosman was predeceased by grandson, August David Brueggergosman; siblings, Maureen, Yvonne, Louise, and Gertrude Ann; and half-siblings Katherine, Perron, George, Irvin, and Douglas.

<http://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/134796?fbclid=IwAR3vkPr0Ucy2SMGe6bd0dJ3YfHkgMeoZytusDgSbHnavn7bmBkC3sMwMLFc>



PASTOR JENNIFER LEVY



Jennifer Lynn (Millett) Levy – 46, of Canaan, Kings County, passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior Thursday, June 20, 2019 in the QEII Health Sciences Centre, VG Site, Halifax, after a short, but intense period of illness. Born in Kentville, she was the daughter of Leslie B. and Carol (McGray) Millett, Canaan, formerly of New Minas. Jennifer's faith was always her top priority. This was so evident by how deeply she cared. She loved big and she loved wide. Jenn loved art. She had so many uncompleted projects and a room full of craft supplies, ready to start more, but she ran out of time. She loved the ocean, cottage time, and trying to capture a beautiful sunset. Jenn loved people. Everyone came before she did. She intentionally connected with people wherever she went; from her time at Atlantic Baptist College, Acadia Divinity College, Kingswood Camp, Falmouth Baptist Church, and everywhere else along the way. Jenn always made a point to invest in authentic relationships such as that which she shared with her "adopted" daughter, Alyssa. While Jenn never had any children of her own, she helped to raise so many. Jennifer had many different occupations over the years but they always involved investing in people. She babysat, was a nanny, a day care worker and also worked in the family business. She spent two summers working in Grand Pré at an antique store before becoming the Executive Director at Kingswood Camp for 3 years. After that she was the Associate Pastor of Christian Education and Outreach at the Falmouth Baptist Church for 10 years before "retiring" to look after her parents. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Jonathan; her father and mother-in-law, David and Sheila Levy, Canaan; brother-in-law, Jason (Heather) Levy, New Minas; three nieces, Sarah (Brandon) MacGregor, Halifax; Meghan Levy, Halifax; Rebekah Levy, New Minas; as well as so many chosen aunts, uncles, sisters, sons,

daughters, nieces and nephews that she loved so dearly. She was predeceased by both sets of grandparents, Perry and Hazel (Dakin) Millett and John and Muriel (Sargent) McGray; as well as her uncle, Louis Millett.

REV. HARDY RONALD WORDEN



Rev. Hardy Ronald Worden, 95, of Riverview went to be with his Lord and Saviour on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at Monarch Hall, Parkland, Riverview. Born in Meductic, NB, he was the oldest son of the late Howard and Helen (Johnson) Worden.

As a young man he made a decision to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour and was later baptized in the St. John River. Motivated by the love of his country, Hardy enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1942 when he turned 18 and served as a gunner with the 8th Field Artillery in Italy and North West Europe. In 2005 Hardy received a Certificate of Appreciation for exceptional service rendered to Canada from Gen. Rick Hillier for volunteering to participate in chemical warfare experiments in 1942. Following the war he felt the call to Christian service and enrolled in Tyndale College (Toronto Bible College) graduating in 1950. Hardy was ordained in South Rawdon in 1964 after completing his studies at Acadia Divinity College. Hardy was a true man of God ministering in several New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island churches for over 50 years. During these years, Hardy pastored two fields of five churches, was involved in missionary conferences, evangelistic campaigns, camp chief at Bible camps and was a moderator of the PEI Association. He had the joy of being involved in the building and dedication of three new houses of worship in Birchy Head, NS, Timberlea, NS, and Burtts Corner, NB. In 1990, while still pastoring, Hardy was



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engaged by Veterans Affairs Canada to act as chaplain to veterans in the Dr. George L. Dumont Hospital and later in the Veterans' Health Center, retiring in 2008.

Highlights of his ministry were the outdoor baptisms held on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean and Northumberland Strait where Pastor Worden led new believers in following their Lord's example. He also took great joy in officiating at all three of his children's weddings. Hardy's passion was hockey and he was a life-long faithful supporter of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

He will be deeply missed by his cherished children, Margaret (Bill) McGrath, Upper Kennetcook, NS; Karla (Larry) Kelly, Weymouth North, NS and Timothy (Janice) Worden, Riverview; his nine treasured grandchildren and seven precious great-grandchildren; brother Vallis, Long Creek, NB and several nieces and nephews. Hardy was predeceased by his devoted and loving wife, Dorothy of 66 years; and brothers Walter and Douglas.

During the many years that Hardy served the Lord and his people, he was lovingly supported by his loyal and faithful companion, Dorothy. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather whose teachings and memories will live on in the hearts of his family forever. "Safe in the Arms of Jesus"

REV. VAUGHAN HENSHAW



Reverend Vaughan Henshaw – 84, of Cambridge, Kings County, passed away Monday, September 2, 2019 in the Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville. Born in Digby, he was a son of the late Russell and Lillian (Doty) Henshaw. He is survived by his wife, Frances Ella (Franklin); a daughter, Violet Henshaw, Cambridge; two sons, Day (Charlene), Saudi



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Arabia; Darnell (Charlene), Glenmont; a sister, Maxine (Ken) Connell, Smith's Cove; two brothers, Stearnes (Beryl), North Vancouver; Blaine, Cole Harbour; grandchildren, Cory, Ryan, Robert, Nathan, Stacey, Summer and Megan; great grandchildren, Brooklyn, Jazminn, Knox, Victoria, Nellie and Calie; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Blair; a great granddaughter, Kimberli.

REV. CLAYTON A. COOK



Rev. Clayton A. Cook — 82 — of Grangeville, passed away peacefully at the Dr. Georges-L. Dumont University Hospital Centre on Friday, November 15, 2019.

Born in Orwell Cove, PEI, he was the son of the late William and Isabelle (MacLeod) Cook.

Clayton was a retired Baptist pastor, having served in the parishes of Weldon, Salem, Lakeville -Carleton County, and First North River. He was a member of Grangeville Baptist Church, where he served his church in various capacities over the years. Prior to pastoring, he worked in a lumber mill, which he greatly enjoyed. Clayton loved fishing, woodworking, carpentry, being outdoors and his family.

Clayton will be greatly missed by his son, David Cook (Kimberley) of Moncton; cherished grandson, MacKenzie "Max" Cook; as well as several extended family members and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Winnifred (Ward) Cook (January 2019.) and special cousin, Rena Cook.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at the Dr. Georges-L. Dumont University Hospital Centre and Fundy Royal Manor for the tremendous care



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given to Clayton during his stay and also to Pastor Paul and Debbie Leger for their love and support shown to our family.

REV. STEWART BUCHANAN WILLIAMS



Rev. Stewart Buchanan Williams – 69 – passed away Thursday, November 21, 2019. Stewart was born on July 30, 1950, in East Preston, the son of the late Howard Sr. and Ada (Brooks) Williams. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 49 years, Sister Linda (Provo) Williams; their son, Gunther Rodney Williams; and daughter, Yolande Faye Williams; grandchildren, Courtney (Shauna), Nevael, Breeanna (Justin), Corez (Jaiden), Makeegan, and Maryssa; great-grandchildren, Camden, Gianna, Ava, Tye, Ivyonna, Jaydyse and Aaliyah; siblings, Howard Jr. (Mary), Wendall (Joanne), Oshawa, Ont.; Clinton (Lillian), Nicholas (Marlene), Craig (Wenda), Marcel (Leslie), Mississauga, Ont.; Mark, Dana (Kathy), sisters, Sandra, Opal (Elmer), Rochelle, Thornhill, Ont.; Tracy (Derrick), and Veronica, brother-in-law. George Heath, Toronto, Ont. Predeceased by sister, Gloria Heath.



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REV. ROBERT 'BOB' CALVIN MALCOLM



Rev. Robert Calvin Malcolm – 87 – of Saint John, NB, passed away Sunday, November 24, 2019.

Bob was born in Montreal, QC where he graduated from high school and McGill University (BSc); he also graduated from McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, ON. He served faithfully for many years overseas as a missionary in Angola, Congo (Zaire) and Brazil and in pastorates in Bowness, AB, Montreal, QC and Fredericton, NB. His joy in life was his family and friends from many different countries.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 63 years, Margery Malcolm (nee Young); three sons Glenn (Jill) Malcolm, Brian (Lynda) Malcolm, Dale (Peggy Barton) Malcolm; six grandchildren Sara, Paul, Camila, Gina, Adam, Matthew; sister Shirley (Peter) Ingram; sister-in-law's Elizabeth Malcolm, Joyce Tabah, Dorothy Young.

Bob was predeceased by his parents William and Marion Malcolm; brother David Malcolm; brother-in-law's Fred Tabah, Bruce Young, Ross Young; sister-in-law's Dorothy Young, Audrey Young; and grandson Denis.