

OBITUARIES



BARBARA MAY (ROBIDOUX) MCCROSSIN

WOODLAND - Barbara May (Robidoux) McCrossin, 74, of Woodland, Maine passed away at her home, surrounded by her family, on January 8, 2016 after a long illness with COPD. Barbara was also a Cancer survivor, which she faced bravely during her recovery. Born in Webster, MA, she was the daughter of Joseph D. Robidoux & Sarah W. (Johnson) Robidoux.

Barbara graduated from Leicester High School in 1958. In 1959 Barbara was married to Gary Eugene McCrossin, the love of her life. They were married for 56 years. After a honeymoon in Niagara Falls, they made their first home in Key West, Florida. They moved to Woodland, Maine in 1960, where they made their second, permanent home, after traveling around New England. While raising her family, Barbara joined the staff at the Woodland Consolidated School, where she worked for over 25 years. Barbara worked tirelessly with the staff and students, developing a strong rapport with everyone. Her compassion and dedication will long be remembered by many.

One of Barbara's favorite pastimes was visiting and spending time with family and friends, near and far. Every spring, for many years, she would make a pilgrimage through Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Massachusetts visiting with her children, grandchildren, and other friends and relatives along the way. She was always up to try a new adventure, and with her husband planned and organized numerous family trips, including a trip to our nation's capital during the Bicentennial year. Other trips included many camping trips and canoe excursions down the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. In addition to her own small group of snowmobiling friends, Barbara was also a member of the Snow Drifters Snowmobile Club. She enjoyed attending the various club activities at the club house with her friends.

Barbara was an accomplished seamstress. In addition to making dresses for her two daughters, she also made special gifts for others, which she gave generously.

Barbara also enjoyed cooking and baking. Her pumpkin pies, caramel rolls, and jelly rolls were blue ribbon winners at the Northern Maine Fair, which she entered for a number of years. Many of her special recipes have been handed down to her children and passed to other family friends.

Barbara and her husband always grew a huge garden and canned many of the veg-



etables that they grew, sharing their bounty with many of their neighbors and family members. Barbara's jams and jellies were coveted by many, and those that received a special jar felt especially blessed.

Barbara's biggest accomplishment was raising four children. All of her vacation plans always included her children. She was always available to lend an ear, or offer advice. Barbara was a very loving, caring, and devoted mother.

As a young child, Barbara attended daily mass at St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in her home town of Rochdale, Massachusetts. She remained a devout Catholic her entire life and attended mass weekly as well as on all Holy Days. She was a member of Holy Rosary Roman Catholic church in Caribou, Maine from 1960 to the present. God and family were always Barbara's top priorities.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Gary E. McCrossin; four children, Roxane (McCrossin) Davis and husband, Lawrence, of Bath, ME., Susan (McCrossin) Kulis and husband, Gary, of Sherburne, NY., David McCrossin and wife, Tracy, of Woodland, ME., Michael McCrossin of Ellsworth and his girlfriend Sharon Nilles of Bangor, ME, one sister, Shirley (Robidoux) Martin and husband, Maurice, of Kilmarnock, VA; and five grandchildren; Sarah Kulis, Benjamin Davis, Alexander Kulis, Kyle McCrossin and Alexis McCrossin, many nieces and nephews, and many special friends, especially Lula McCrossin, Brenda Kempton, and Phyllis Brown. Barbara is predeceased by her parents Joseph D. & Sarah W. (Johnson) Robidoux, and a sister, Sandra (Robidoux) Troy.

The family would like to thank Cary Medical Center for the excellent care she received during her stays; and the Hospice of Aroostook, especially Ruth Collins and Margaret Casey, for the dedicated and caring assistance provided to Barbara and to the family during her last weeks.

Friends may call from 12:30-1:30pm at Lancaster Morgan Funeral Home, 11 Clover Street, Caribou on Tuesday, January 12, 2015. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Parish of the Precious Blood Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Caribou on Tuesday at 2pm with Father Kyle Doustou officiating. A reception will follow services at the Parish Hall. Memories and condolences may be expressed at www.lancastermorgan.com

Death Notices

BAIRD III, Wilbur Edgar "Willy," 34, Bangor, Jan. 5, 2016. Service 6:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 at the Elks Lodge, 108 Odlin Rd., Bangor. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

BEATON, Charles D., 61, Easton; at Presque Isle, Jan. 10, 2016. Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main St., Fort Fairfield.

BEAUPRE, Jacquelyn L., 86, Caribou; at Caribou, Jan. 8, 2016. Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12 2016 from the Parish of the Precious Blood Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.

BLANCHARD, John D., 51, Jan. 8, 2016, Pembroke. Service 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at Iron Works United Methodist Church, Little Falls Rd., Pembroke. Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

BURTCHELL, Janet M. 74, Fort Fairfield; at Caribou, Jan. 10, 2016. Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main St., Fort Fairfield.

COFFIN, C. Wendell, Mapleton, Jan. 9, 2016. Duncan-Graves Funeral Home.

DWYER, Virgil L., 92, Oakfield, Jan. 8, 2016. Bowers Funeral Home.

DYER, Stephen Drew, 35, Fort Fairfield; at Fort Fairfield, Jan. 9, 2016. Service 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 at the Celebration Center, 170 Houlton Rd., Fort Fairfield. Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main St., Fort Fairfield.

EMERSON, Robert "Bob" O., 73, Lakeside, Ore.; at Lakeside, Ore., Jan. 7, 2016.

FROST, Jeffrey Sixsmith, 72, Caribou; at Fort Kent, Jan. 7, 2016. Service 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at the Gray Memorial United Methodist Church. Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.

HARE, Elwood Vincent, 58, Hodgdon, Jan. 8, 2016. Bowers Funeral Home.

JERNIGAN, Maxine M. "Mammie," Winterport; at Winterport, Jan. 7, 2016. Service 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at Ellingwood's Corner Church, Winterport. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

MCCROSSIN, Barbara May (Robidoux), 74, Woodland; at Woodland, Jan. 8, 2016. Service 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 at Parish of the Precious Blood Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Caribou. Lancaster-Morgan Funeral Home.

PHILBROOK-ALTVATER, Cedric, 21, Perry and Island Falls; at Island Falls, Jan. 8, 2016. Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 at the elderly meal site in Perry. Bowers Funeral Home.

SALZBERG, Bogart, 40, Portland, Jan. 6, 2016.

STOKES, Mary Dean, 81, Hudson; at Bangor, Jan. 8, 2016. Service 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

THIBODEAU, Joanne Marie, 70, Bangor, Jan. 6, 2016. Service 1 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York St., Bangor. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

WILMOT, Cecile, 94, Ellsworth, Jan. 8, 2016. Memorial Alternatives, 205 Center St., Bangor.



WILBUR EDGAR BAIRD III "WILLY"

BANGOR - Wilbur E. Baird III, 34, died unexpectedly January 5, 2016. He was born June 28, 1981, in Bangor the son of Wilbur Edgar and Deborah Lynn (Pratt) Baird, Jr.

Willy graduated from Bangor High School, Class of 2000. Willy enjoyed sports earning varsity letters in football and baseball. In 2002 he joined the United States Marine Corps attaining the rank of Corporal while serving an overseas tour in Okinawa and earning many decorations including the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal. After his discharge from the Marines, Willy worked in the construction industry, most recently for N.S. Giles. Willy was a proud uncle of 3 beautiful nieces, Brookelyn, Serenity, and Arianna; and his one and only nephew, Kaiden. Willy was

known for his contagious smile and gentle heart. He will always be remembered for his love of family, friends, sports, and the fact that he "loved tacos way too much."

Willy was predeceased by his uncle, Blaine Pratt; and cousin, Tarsha Hall. He is survived by his father, Wilbur E. Baird, Jr of Belfast; his mother, Debbie Baird and her partner Neil Lord of Bangor; his sisters, Kasey Schmersal and husband Justin of Bangor, Krystal Wyman and husband David of Bangor; his nieces and nephew; grandparents Doug and Sandra Pratt of Bangor, and Evelyn and Wilbur Baird Sr. of Belfast; and many other aunts, uncles, and cousins. Willy enjoyed a special relationship with his grandfather Pratt, known as Pa, "I look up to him so much. I wish I could be half the man he is" -Willy. Willy will be fondly missed by his family and his large group of friends, particularly Rob Basteay, Travis Brooker, Jeffers Ashley, and Paul Edwards, who provided extra support during his hardest times.

Relatives and friends are welcome to call 3-6pm Friday, January 15, 2016 Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St, Bangor followed by a celebration of life, beginning at 6:30pm at the Elks Lodge, 108 Odlin Rd, Bangor. Interment will be 2pm Tuesday, January 19, 21016 at the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 163 Mt. Vernon Rd., Augusta. Those who wish to remember Willy in a special way may make gifts in his memory to The Travis Mills Foundation at TravisMills.org, or the New England Center and Home for Veterans at nechv.thankyou4caring.org. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

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BOGART SALZBERG

PORTLAND - Bogart Salzberg died on January 6, 2016 of brain cancer. He was 40 years old.

Born in Nashua, New Hampshire, he lived most of his life in Maine. He graduated from College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor in 1996 and attended the SALT Institute of Documentary Studies.

Throughout his life, Bogart was fiercely proud, unafraid of a challenge, and brilliantly skilled with both words and hands. He loved and was deeply loved by his family and friends, who will always remember his dry sense of humor and smiling eyes.

At work he was a journalist, a woodworker, a coder, and a guide. At home he was a builder, a reader, and a playful and tender father.

A significant part of Bogart's life for a few years was his work as a newspaper reporter, first at the Lincoln County Weekly in Damariscotta in the late 90s, where he won multiple photography awards, and then at the Eagle Tribune daily newspaper in North Andover, Massachusetts. Always a good writer, Bogart honed this skill as a general assignment reporter, displaying an ability for language that later drew people in to the highly compelling and personal prose of his blog, My Brain Cancer Diary.

In an exchange with a former colleague in the comments section of his blog, Bogart described his former newspaper efforts of bearing witness to events of "local interest and little consequence" as a way of writing "fables that might someday define a lost time." Writing a blog about his cancer, he wrote, was a similar attempt to document the world he lived in.

"I suppose that's what I'm trying to do now, tell a story of our time and place," Bogart said. "Without the rigor of real journalism, it is, perhaps, only a story of my time and place. I accept that. Somewhere along the way I slipped out from under the thumb of the 'God's-eye

view.' What little I see of this world, herein, may poorly render the Truth we share, but it remains, I hope, true to how I lived it."

Bogart always felt drawn to the seas. He spent much of the final years of his life exploring the Maine coast by sea kayak, on his own and with family and friends. After being diagnosed with gliosarcoma in 2011, Bogart embarked on an expedition from Portland to Bar Harbor by sail board and kayak. He documented the epic journey (including some exhilarating mishaps and epiphanies) in a series of articles for Working Waterfront newspaper. Bogart became a Registered Maine Sea Kayaking Guide in 2013 when his medical condition improved and began working as a guide for two Casco Bay outfitters, Portland Paddle and Maine Island Kayak Company. He shared his passion for paddling and his deep knowledge of the Maine coast with many hundreds of people. He was a cherished member of the local sea kayaking community, and his paddling friends will always be inspired by memories of Bogart gliding across the waters of Casco Bay in his orange Tempest sea kayak.

He was a ferocious fan of the Patriots, Red Sox, and Bruins, and an authority on Maine's coast, its landscape, and its fine craft beers.

He will also be remembered by the aikido community for his legendary focus, and by the people he studied French with when, even after the diagnosis, he wanted to connect to his French-Canadian roots.

He is survived by his son Sam Mossberg; by his parents and step-parents, Steve and Annemarie Salzberg and Celeste and Bob Longacre; by sisters Sasha and Crystal; by his brothers, Ben and Chris, brothers in law Evan Carroll and Dan Foley, Sister in Law Marlaina Salzberg, nieces Madalyn, Olivia, and Audrey, nephews Jesse and Sonny, and many other relatives.

ELWOOD VINCENT HARE

HODGDON - Elwood Vincent Hare, 58 years young, of Hodgdon, passed away January 8, 2016 after a courageous battle with several complications.

Elwood was a true County boy and he was not afraid to jump in and fix anything from a tractor to a barn wall. Elwood enjoyed his most recent job and work family at MSAD 29.

Elwood leaves his sisters, Sandra and Dolores; a brother, Rod; significant other Patty Hines; daughters, Carrie Hickling and Elizabeth Wells; grandsons, Nathan and Michael; and a special son in law and his wife, Peter and Brandi Schools.

He was predeceased by his brother, Arthur Weldon and his parents, Vincent Elwood and Leota Iris Hare.

Per Elwood's request, he will have a private graveside service in the spring in Monticello. In his memory you may donate to Aroostook Cancer Care to help Aroostook County families, care of Bowers Funeral Home, PO Box 579, Houlton Maine 04730. Please enjoy each day to the fullest, cherish your family and do not take anything for granted.

STEPHEN DREW DYER

FORT FAIRFIELD - Stephen Drew Dyer, 35, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, January 9, 2016 in Fort Fairfield.

Friends may call Tuesday January 12, 2016 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main Street, Fort Fairfield. The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday January 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Celebration Center, 170 Houlton Road, Fort Fairfield with the Rev. Mark Babin officiating. A time of continued fellowship with refreshments will be held after the service in the church reception area. Spring interment will take place at the Riverside Cemetery, Fort Fairfield.

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Chicago soul and blues singer Otis Clay dies at 73

REUTERS

Chicago soul, blues and gospel singer Otis Clay, whose career spanned decades and a range of musical influences, died on Friday after suffering a heart attack, according to an online statement posted by his management company, Heart & Soul. He was 73.

No other details about his death were available.

Clay was born in Waxhaw, Mississippi, where he began singing gospel music, and arrived on the Chicago music scene in the mid-1950s, according to a biography and interview with Clay on his website.

His first national rhythm and blues hit, "That's How It is (When You're in Love)," came in 1967, with the fol-

lowing year seeing another single, "She's About a Mover," hitting the charts. In the mid-1970s, Clay launched his own Echo Records.

His album "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" earned him a Grammy nomination for Best Traditional R&B Performance in 2008. In 2013, he was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in Memphis.

A community advocate as well as a performer, Clay was a board member of People For New Direction, a local nonprofit with a mission to address socioeconomic issues on the city's West Side. He also served as chairman of the board for Tobacco Road Inc., which helped build a cultural center in Chicago.

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