

OBITUARIES



FINVOLA DRURY

BROOKSVILLE - Finvola Drury, poet, teacher and peace activist, died on Saturday, January 17th, 2015, of natural causes in Blue Hill, Maine. She was 88 years old.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1926, Ms. Drury was the daughter of Francis William (Dick) Drury and Marie McNeil. She attended Notre Dame Academy and Mary Manse College. Her first teaching was done as a lecturer at the Toledo Museum of Art. In 1948 she married philosopher and teacher George Drury in Chicago. There her daughter and son were born and she was first published in "Poetry, a Magazine of Verse."

Ms. Drury earned a B.A. from Empire State College and an M.A from the University of Buffalo, where she studied with Robert Creeley and Marcus Klein. She taught Creative Writing at the University College of the University of Chicago, at the Rochester Institute of Technology, and at Writers & Books (Rochester, New York) where she also served for fifteen years on the Board of Directors. During the sixties, she chaired Wayne State University's Miles Modern Poetry Committee, organizing a remarkable array of readings and events in Detroit. Her poems and prose have appeared in a wide variety of publications, and she is the author of two books of poetry, "Burning the Snow," and "Elegy on the Death of Joric Ross." Her poems are included in a number of anthologies, among them "The Next Parish Over: A Collection of Irish-American Writing," and "I Have My Own Song for It: Modern Poems of Ohio." Ms. Drury recently received a copy of the proofs for "From The Writing House: A Finvola Drury Reader" (edited by Sohnya Sayres). In his foreword, poet Jim LaVilla-Havelin writes that encountering Fin Drury's work can make a reader or hearer feel "awake and whole and connected." Poet Anne C. Coon identifies in Finvola Drury's writings "a life-long commitment to reflection, to justice, and to the power of the word."

Ms. Drury taught workshops on autobiographical writing, and she helped many of her students complete and publish their memoirs. Groups founded by former workshop participants continue to meet together to this day. She was invited to read her works at many venues, including The Newberry Library in Chicago. Fin-

vola Drury wrote extensively about her life with her Jewish neighbors in Detroit, and she was frequently asked to share those writings in readings for synagogue-based groups in several cities. Her "The Radio Seder" was broadcast live on WFMT-Chicago as part of the station's Passover programming. Called Fin by her many friends and students, she interacted generously with people. The poet Langston Hughes once asked her to stay in an audience because she was such a good laugh. Her caregivers and friends said that while they were caring for her, she was still teaching them.

A tireless worker for peace and for civil rights, Finvola Drury in 1968 entered a congressional primary as a peace candidate. She provided active support for the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, helping to feed the veterans who came to Detroit for the first Winter Soldier hearings. She also gave poetry readings to call attention to veterans' issues. Her father worked on the railroad and that informed her sense of the rights of laborers. At the age of eighty-five, and still in the first stages of recovering from a stroke, she joined her neighbors in a public demonstration.

Ms. Drury cited a significant experience that helped her to think of herself as a writer. She writes: "In 8th grade a nun, Sister Delphine, read aloud an essay of mine, 'Storm over Lake Erie.' She pointed out my use of metaphor and rhythms, establishing for me an irreversible connection between myself and language."

Finvola Drury's letters, papers and manuscripts are housed in the special Collections Department of the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Ms. Drury's daughter, Finvola, AIDS scientist and health worker, died in 1991. George F. Drury, her husband of sixty-two years, died in 2010. She is survived by her brother David, of Waterville, Ohio, his wife Aggie; many nieces and nephews; her son George, and her daughter-in-law, Kathy Cowan, both of Chicago.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Jordan-Fernald, 49 Main St. Blue Hill. Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernald.com

diac Rehab Center to EMMC. David enjoyed traveling and camping, plus gardening, painting, and stamp collecting.

He is survived by his four loving daughters; Susan Lord of Brunswick, Maine; Linda Callahan of Attleboro, Massachusetts; Janet Sales of Chula Vista, California; and Janice Cahoon-Sullivan of San Diego, California. He is also survived by his three sisters, Jean Smith and June Varney of Florida, Annette Donovan of New Hampshire, and one brother, Ernest Cahoon of Florida. He has seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are welcome to call 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor, where a funeral service will be held 10 a.m., Thursday, January 22, with the Rev. Grace Bartlett, officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Bangor. The family invites relatives and friends to share conversation and refreshments at Seasons Grill, 427 Main St., Bangor, following the interment. Those who wish to remember David in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, C/O Anah Shrine Center, 586 Main St., Bangor, ME 04401. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

Death Notices

AITKEN, Lois Irene Nowell, Jan. 17, 2015, Monroe. Service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the Belfast United Methodist Church 23 Mill Lane in Belfast. Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home.

BUNKER, Richard A. "Dickie", 69, Ellsworth, Jan. 13, 2015. Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home.

BUZZELL, Ruth Ann, 90, Jan. 17, 2015, Dover-Foxcroft. Service at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at Guilford United Methodist Church. Crosby & Neal, Guilford

CAHOON JR., David James, Jan. 14, 2015, Brunswick. Service at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor. Brookings-Smith Funeral Home, Bangor.

CHEBEGIA, Lindsey Bender, 65, Jan. 7, 2015, Lincoln. Service at 10 a.m. Friday at Clay Funeral Home, Lincoln.

CLARK, June E., 91, Jan. 17, 2015, Orono. Service at 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 23, 2015 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St. Bangor. Brookings-Smith Funeral Home, Bangor.

COOMBS, Irene R., 83, Jan. 17, 2015, Dexter. Crosby & Neal, Dexter.

CORSEY, Bette Lou, 75, Jan. 15, 2015, Gouldsboro. Service at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St. Ellsworth. Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home, Ellsworth.

COUTURIER, John P., 43, Jan. 18, 2015, Madawaska. Service on Friday, Jan. 23, 2015 at the St. David Church. Lajoie Funeral Home, Madawaska.

DAME, Bjorg (Michelsen) Midttveit, 89, Jan. 17, 2015, Plaistow, NH. Service at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday at Brookside Chapel & Funeral Home, 116 Main St., Plaistow, NH.

DOWNS, Diana Dean (Davis), 80, Jan. 17, 2015, Lincoln. Service at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday Jan 20, 2015 at Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Road Lincoln.

DRURY FINVOLA, 88, Jan. 17th, 2015, Blue Hill. Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home, Blue Hill.

ELSEMORE, Janette Lucille, 87, Jan. 16, 2015, Bangor. Service at 2 p.m. at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor. Brookings-Smith Funeral Home, Bangor.

GREEN SR., Samuel J., 82, Jan. 17, 2015. Service at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015 at Christ Church of Faith, 2274 Bennoch Road, Old Town. Birmingham Funeral Home, Old Town.

HAFFORD, Nolan K., 56, Jan. 16, 2015, Caribou. Service at 2 p.m. at Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, Caribou. Mockler Funeral Home.

HAND, Phyllis, 106, Bangor; at Wilmington, N.C., Jan. 15, 2015.

HEWES, Pollyanne, 73, Jan. 17, 2015, Bangor. Service at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 23, 2015 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St. Bangor. Brookings-Smith Funeral Home, Bangor.

KIMBALL, Elaine Marie, 48, Jan. 17, 2015, Old Town. Service at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday at Birmingham Funeral Home 438 Main St., Old Town. Birmingham Funeral Home, Old Town.

KIMBALL, William P., 74, Jan. 17, 2015, Medway. Service at 4 p.m. Friday, January 23 at Calvary Temple Assembly of God, 2 Orchard St., East Millinocket. Lamson Funeral Home, East Millinocket.

MUNROE, Arlene M., 88, Jan 16, 2015, Bangor.

PULSIFER, Frances A., 60, Jan. 15, 2015, Cornish; in Scarborough. Service 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Parsonsfield (Kezar Falls). Watson, Neal & York Funeral Home, Cornish.

ROLERSON JR., Leslie Lamont, 84, Jan. 11, 2015, Islesboro. Service at 12 p.m. on Sunday, January 25, at the Islesboro Sporting Club. Riposta Funeral Home, Belfast.

SAWYER, Albert L. "Pomp", 71, Jan. 18, 2015, Easton. Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home.

STEIGER, Janice E., 72, Jan. 17, 2015, Orrington.

WEEKS, Sharon, 62, Jan. 16, 2015, St. Albans. Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015 at Grace-Linn United Methodist Church, 8 Seekins Street, Hartland. Crosby & Neal, Newport.

WOLVERTON, Agnes "Inez", 87, Bangor, Jan. 16, 2015. Service 1pm Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the Bangor Church of the Nazarene, 1465 Union Street, Bangor. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor.

WOODMAN, Paul Dennis, 85, Jan. 18, 2015, Eastport. Service 12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015 Cornerstone Baptist Church, Eastport. McClure Family Funeral Services, Machias and Lubec.

WORTH, Margaret Page, Jan. 15, 2015, Belfast. Service at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 19, 2015 at The First Church in Belfast, United Church of Christ, Church Street, Belfast, ME. Riposta Funeral Home, Belfast.



LINDSEY BENDER CHEBEGIA

LINCOLN - Lindsey Bender Chebegia, 65, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Lincoln, Maine on January 7, 2015. She was born in Cook County, Illinois. Lindsey is survived by her former husband and friend, Jeffrey Chebegia, daughters Sara Haas (David) and Whitney Chebegia, grandson Michael Dolieslager, sister Candace Norum (Thomas), brother William Bender (Kathleen), nieces Lindsey and Anna Norum, Kristine and Kimberly Bender, Jennifer Bender, nephews Robert Norum and William Bender (Amy), brother-in-law Chester Chebegia (Phyllis) and nephews-in-law Christopher Chebegia (Felipe) and Scott Chebegia (Kimberly). She was preceded in death by her parents

Dr. Robert and Carolyn Bender of Elkhart, Indiana, and brother Michael Bender.

Lindsey was employed many years in the health industry, occupying a number of administrative and staffing positions in various medical offices, clinics and organizations. She and her family ultimately settled in the Santa Ynez Valley in California, where she lived her dream in a beautiful rural setting, raising a loving family, a prize winning herd of goats, horses, sheep, chickens and homing pigeons, and serving as the local 4-H dairy goat leader. She loved animals, nature and the country way of life.

Lindsey later moved to Lincoln, Maine, where she lived the last ten years of her life at her home in the woods on the shores of Campolasse lake. She could always be seen and easily recognized in the community with her constant and trusted companion, Reilly, her giant Irish Setter/Golden Retriever service dog, always at her side.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday at Clay Funeral Home Lincoln, with the Rev. Michael Robinson officiating. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.clayfuneralhome.com



LOIS IRENE NOWELL AITKEN

MONROE - Lois Irene Nowell Aitken passed away after a brief illness on January 17, 2015. She was born in Hermon, Maine on November 28, 1930, the only child of G. Alton and Bessie Booker Nowell. After moving many times, the family settled in Monroe in 1941, where she lived ever since. After graduating from Monroe High School in 1948, she studied at Beal Business School in Bangor. In 1951 Lois married and raised her children on the family farm. Lois worked various jobs through the years, and began her career with the United States Postal Service in 1966, first as a clerk, then appointed Postmaster in Monroe in 1972. She retired in 1990, and started a second career as Town Clerk of Monroe, from 1194 until her retirement 20 years later in June, 2014.

In her retirement Lois enjoyed spending time with her family, reading and traveling- in the fall of 2013, she completed her goal of traveling to all 50 States. In addition, she had adventures visiting Caribbean Islands, sailing through the Panama Canal, visited Mexico and Ireland. Lois was always ready for a trip or adventure. When she was 78, Lois won the Moose lottery and traveled to Northern Maine to hunt. Although a moose eluded her, the memories of that year's hunt were some of her fondest.

Lois also spent many hours volunteering; first, for several years at EMMC making daily well check calls. In 2002 she joined the Waldo County General Hospital Aid in Belfast. Lois was usually processing and delivering mail or working in the Gift Shop. She was the Aid Treasure and then Gift Shop treasurer up until her illness. Lois enjoyed many hours with her fellow aid members working on various events, especially enjoying the Annual Yard Sale set up and the Annual Silver Tea.

As the matriarch of a large

family, Lois found joy in cooking for and spoiling her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Tuesday night suppers were filled with laughter and love. No one could cook like Mom! And no one could knit socks like GG. She enjoyed reading, shopping, going out to dinner with the ladies and the snow, which many disagreed with her on!

She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by those that survive her; Her children, Richard and Janet Aitken of Monroe, Stephen and Kelly Aitken of Palermo, Holly and Tim Emerson of Monroe, her "other" daughter Anna Bennett of NYC. Her grandchildren; Erick and Shawna Aitken, Brad and Whitney Aitken, Lee-Anne and Adam Vogel, all of Monroe, Amy Aitken of Winterport, Paige Emerson and Kyle Chase of Belfast, Libby Emerson and Dylan Denman of Liberty, and Alex Clark of Palermo. Her great-grandchildren; Jacob and Adam Aitken, Dylan Aitken, Connor, Carly and Carter Aitken, Sydney and Kalvin Vogel, Jaycee Aitkne and Lucas Aitken-Murphy., many nieces and nephews, her brother-in-law Phil Bayley and sister-in-law Gertrude Thompson, and her special cousin Louise Cotta and her family. Also surviving her are her great friends; Barb, Steve, Pat and Jacki. She will also be greatly missed by her "partners in crime" Sally, Geary, and Wilma.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 10 am at the Belfast United Methodist Church 23 Mill Lane in Belfast. There will be a reception immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the WCGH Hospital Aid Attn: Sandy Gordon PO Box 287 Belfast, ME 04915. Arrangements are under the care of Young Funeral Home and Cremation Services Searsport. (mitchelltweedie-young.com)



ARLENE MARIE MUNROE

HERMON AND PRESQUE ISLE - Arlene Marie (Cannon) Munroe, 88, passed into heaven on Friday, January 16, 2015 while a resident at Ross Manor in Bangor after a period of declining health. The daughter of L. Chester and Dora Cannon, Arlene was born on January 2, 1927 in Presque Isle, ME. She grew up in a loving environment on the Case Farm on the Caribou Road, gaining a love and respect for family. She raised five children, and then after they were grown and to the amazement and awe of her family, she flew on her first plane ride ever to Toronto to marry her high school sweetheart, Maynard Munroe, and together they raised Glen Munroe. Always the hostess, she will be remembered by many as a caring, loving person, who enjoyed her family and made her home open and comfortable to all who entered. Later in her life, she obtained her GED and then became a Certified Nurses Aid, making her family very proud.

Arlene is survived by her children, Ansil A. Adams, II (Andy) and Joellen of Bloomington, Illinois, Janis Currier of Hermon, Sandra Gagnon and Tom of Presque Isle, Margaret Ricker and Clyde Finger of Oxford, Connecticut, D. Catherine Grennell and Ernest of Hampden, Mark and Judi Munroe of Greenville, Wisconsin, Bonnie Sammons and Mitchell of Belgrade, Marcia McCul-

lough of Hudson, Florida, and Glen Munroe of Switzerland, a brother Larry Cannon and Sharon of Carmel, and a sister Esther (Cannon) Beck of Augusta, along with 13 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her dear friend, Viola Currie of Presque Isle.

Arlene was predeceased by her father and mother, husband Maynard Munroe, brothers Joseph and Marshall Cannon, brother-in-law Theodore Beck, sons-in law Gordon Ricker and Tyrone Currier, and first husband, Calvin G. Adams.

At Arlene's request, graveside services will be held in the spring with details to be announced at a later date. Donations in memory of Arlene may be made to the Aroostook House of Comfort (Aroostook Hospice Foundation) in care of Rick Duncan, P.O. Box 766, Presque Isle, ME 04769-0766, a much-needed service for families in Aroostook County.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the EMMC doctors, nurses and staff on the cardiac floor along with Dr. Van Kirk and the palliative care team. Your care and patience during these difficult months will always be remembered. To all the doctors, nurses and staff at Ross Manor, you made this transition in the last season of our Mom's life one that was filled with comfort, compassion and understanding not only for our precious Mother but also for our family during this very difficult time. To Dr. Nancy O'Neill, under your care, our Mom felt blessed and at peace knowing she was getting the very best care from a trusted old friend and was thankful that circumstances brought patient and doctor back together for her final years on earth.