

# OBITUARIES



ROBERT ARTHUR BURPEE

BUCKSPORT - Robert Arthur Burpee, 58, passed away on January 14th, 2016. He was born February 22nd, 1957 to Alice Jane Burpee (McCann) and Arthur Charles Burpee of Bucksport.

Although Robert was often a man of few words, those words were full of the knowledge he had amassed from his many years of worldly experience.

He was the proud father of two boys, Douglas and Daniel Burpee, the loving husband to his wife of 34 years, Amber Elaine Burpee, the blessed "Papa" to his two grandchildren, Orrin and Luther Burpee, and the loving friend to many people.

His range of skills was extensive and included but was not limited to gardening, cooking, photography, welding, plumbing, bird watching and electronics. He was considered a "jack of all trades" who could help you with just about anything you could think of. Every year he raised gardens to provide heaping amounts of fruits and vegetables for his friends & family, close and extended. Often he would preserve many of these for use years later or to share when someone's stock had run low. He was an outstanding chef who delighted in preparing meals that became favorites for those around him. His skill at cooking fish chowder and baked beans was renowned and a smash hit at many social gatherings. He had a deep connection with the Bucksport Paper Mill where he was employed, like his father before him, for 38

years. Under the nickname "Pepe" he treasured not only the stability and structure the job provided him but also the multitude of friendly faces he looked forward to working with every day. He loved traveling with his wife and children and couldn't wait to head to Florida every year where he enjoyed theme parks, outdoor venues, and sandy beaches. He touched so many lives over the course of 58 years and all of them for the better. He will be remembered for his great wisdom and strength, his witty sense of humor, and his heart-warming smile. We all wish we had more time with you and we will always hold your memory close to our hearts, forever and always.

Robert is survived by Amber Burpee, son Douglas Burpee and his wife Natasha Karkos, grandchildren Orrin & Luther Burpee, son Daniel Burpee and his wife Ashley Burpee, sister Katherine Bires and her husband Michael Bires, son Anna Burpee and her life partner Mike Reynolds, beloved sidekick Tigger, and many extended family and friends. He is predeceased by his father and mother Arthur and Jane Burpee.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, January 22nd starting at 4pm at the Verona Town Hall. All are welcome to join in the celebration of Robert's life. Arrangements are under the direction of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services Bucksport. (mitchelltweedie-young.com)



FRANCIS H. "LEE" LELAND

ALTON - Francis H. "Lee" Leland, 83, Chief Petty officer, USCG Retired, lost a courageous battle with heart disease January 17, 2016, peacefully at home surround by his family. He was born February 15, 1932, in Bangor, ME, The son of Shirley and Ella (Silk) Leland.

Francis "Lee" Leland served 20 years in the United States Military; four years in the Marines and 16 years in the Coast Guard. He retired from the Military in 1971 and then worked at Timberland Machines and American Concrete until he retired for good. After retirement, he devoted his time to his family. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, going out in his boat, the outdoors, and spent a lot of time working around the yard. He enjoyed quality time with his family and friends and the many family barbecue get-togethers. His many cats always held a special place in his heart and he treated them with nothing but love.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his loving wife of 49 years Shirley Mae Leland in 2004 and an infant son, Bruce Everett Leland in 1960. Francis is survived by a loving and caring sister, Nancy Salisbury and her husband Richard and their family of Trenton; daughter, Tammy (Leland) Kennedy and her husband John; five sons, Mark "Butch" Leland and his wife Debbie, William Leland, Robert Leland and his wife Milly, Thomas "Bud" Leland and his wife Stacey, and son Mathew Leland and his wife

Cathy; grandchildren, Jamie Kennedy and his wife Kim, Tammy (Leland ) Watters and her husband Chris, Mark Rogers, Derek Leland and girlfriend Debbie Xiong, Tianna (Leland) Whitmore and her husband Ryan, Lynda Johnston, Shawn Leland, Kristie (Leland) Spaulding and her husband Clinton, Dana Leland and girlfriend Emily Lonko, Whitney Leland and spouse Caitlin Scott-Leland, Brad Leland, Mikala Leland, Cooper Leland, and Tucker Leland; and many great grandchildren; a very special family friend of many years Ellie Bassett, a special friend Chrissy Thurston; a special companion of many years, Linda Miller, and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call 1-3pm Saturday, January 23, 2016, at Birmingham Funeral Home 438 Main St. Old Town, ME 04468, where a celebration of life service will begin at 3pm. Immediately following the service, there will be a reception at the Alton Methodist Church. Interment will be in the spring with military honors at the Alton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks any donations in Francis's name to be made to Hospice of Eastern Maine c/o EMHS Foundation P.O. Box 931 Bangor, ME 04402-9809

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## Death Notices

**ADAMS, Benjamin Dodge**, 81, Ellsworth; at Ellsworth, Jan. 15, 2016. Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth.

**BURPEE, Robert Arthur**, 58, Bucksport, Jan. 14, 2016. Service 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 at Verona Town Hall. Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home, 28 Elm St., Bucksport.

**CLARK, Mary L.**, 91, Appleton, Jan. 12, 2016. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**CONROY, Susan M.**, Portland; at Portland, Jan. 18, 2016. Service 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 at Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, 172 State St., Portland.

**COTTON, David A. Service 3 p.m.**, Saturday, Jan. 23, 2015 at Narraguagus Post #8, American Legion Hall, Cherryfield. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**DUFF, Gerald L.**, 88, Littleton and Bangor; at Bangor, Jan. 17, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 at Bowers Funeral Home, 10 Water St., Houlton.

**GODIN, Melvin**, 83, Fort Kent; at Fort Kent, Jan. 18, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 at St. Louis Catholic Church, Fort Kent. Daigle Funeral Home, Fort Kent.

**HERBERT, Carlene C.**, 75, Caribou and Presque Isle; at Van Buren, Jan. 19, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 2016 at Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.

**HUBBARD, Carl E.**, 58, Brooks, Jan. 11, 2016. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**HUNT, Justin Alexander**, 27, Swanville; at Swanville, Jan. 13, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 at Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**LELAND, Francis H. "Lee,"** 83, Alton; at Alton, Jan. 17, 2016. Service 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016 at Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main St., Old Town.

**MOSHER, Lucy E.**, 75, Auburn, Jan. 11, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**MOULTON, Evelyn Mildred**, 90, Sangerville; at Sangerville, Jan. 17, 2016. Crosby & Neal, Guilford.

**NEAL, Donald R.**, 79, Detroit; at Bangor, Jan 15, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, 2016 at Detroit Village Cemetery. Crosby & Neal, 117 Main St., Newport.

**O'BRIEN, Joseph D.**, 85, Bangor and Hampden, Jan. 17, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ohio St., Bangor. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

**PENNEY, Russell Arthur**, 89, Thomaston; at Thomaston, Jan. 9, 2016.

**POTTLE, Jill Cogan**, 85, TOWN?; at Rockport, Jan. 5, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at Second Congregational Church, Warren. Strong-Hancock Funeral Home, 612 Main St., Damariscotta.

**ROBERTS, Phyllis H.**, 95, Edgecomb, Jan. 12, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**SARITVANICH, Sukit**, 59, Bangor, Jan. 13, 2016. Service 12 noon Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at Kosta's Restaurant & Bar, 429 Wilson St., Brewer.

**ZIMMERMAN, John Homer**, 71, Bucksport; at Bangor, Jan. 17, 2016. Service 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016 at Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home, 28 Elm St., Bucksport.



JOSEPH D. O'BRIEN

BANGOR & HAMPDEN - Joseph D. O'Brien, 85, passed away peacefully at his home at Avalon Village on January 17, 2016, surrounded by his devoted family. He was born in Bangor on December 14, 1930, the youngest son of John M. O'Brien and Josephine (LaBelle) O'Brien.

Joseph, also known by many as "Danny", attended St. John's Grammar and John Baptist Preparatory High School in Bangor. After his Junior year at Baptist, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served four and 1/2 years on the USS Salem with two years during the Korean Conflict. Upon his discharge, he attended Higgins Classical Institute to complete his secondary education. He went on to study Electrical Engineering at the University of Maine at Orono and later studied Finance at Husson College. In 1955 he began a long career in the travel industry starting with Northeast Airlines in Miami, Florida and later ran the Bangor Travel Agency for many years. He retired as Vice President of Fleet Bank in Bangor in 1992.

In April of 1955 he married the love of his life, Delphine (Veilleux) O'Brien, and together they raised five children in Bangor. After their retirements, both Joe and Delphine enjoyed many years of volunteering for St. John's Church, many train and bus tours, as well as snow birding to Florida during the winter months. Joe always used to say during his retirement years, "I've shoveled my snow!"

He is survived by his wife of sixty years Delphine O'Brien. He leaves behind five children; Julia O'Brien of Laguna Beach, CA; Lisa and husband Woodie Bartley of Greenville Junction, ME; Gi-



na and husband Joe Sandoz of South Portland, ME; Teresa Owens of Fair Oaks, CA; and Dan and wife Lisa O'Brien of South Lyon, MI. He will be missed by his six grandchildren; Dr. Michaela Bartley of Portland, ME; Dr. Bethany Bartley of Boston, MA; Ian Owens of West Hollywood, CA; Jordan O'Brien and partner Lacy Zigrang of Bedford, TX; Nicholas O'Brien & Nolan O'Brien of South Lyon, MI; and one special great-grandchild, Bradley O'Brien of Bedford, TX. Joe was predeceased by four sisters and is survived by his older brother John O'Brien of San Bernardino, CA and younger sister Mary Gertrude and her husband Ron Marchant of Gardena, CA, two sister-in laws, Carolyn Veilleux and Theresa Veilleux both of Bangor as well as several nieces and nephews.

His family would like to thank the caregivers at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, Dr. Sarah Chamberlain and the staff at Hampden Family Medicine, Beacon Hospice staff, the Avalon Village staff and the caregivers from Loving Touch for all of their care and support during Joe's illness.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 AM Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ohio St., Bangor followed by a luncheon immediately afterward. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the American Lung Association of Maine, 122 State St., Augusta, ME 04330 or at lung.org or St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 207 York St., Bangor. Arrangements by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor. Messages and memories may be shared with his family at kileyandfoley.com.



DONALD R. NEAL

DETROIT - Donald Richard Neal, 79, died January 15, 2016 at a Bangor hospital.

He was born June 12, 1936 in St. Albans, the youngest son of Gilbert and Iva (Seekins) Neal.

He graduated from Hartland Academy, Class of 1954. Donald proudly served our country in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam era. He retired from Bentley College in Mass and also worked at Ames Department Store in Newport after moving to Detroit.

He was a longtime member and honorary member of the Detroit Fire Department. He also belonged to the American Legion and the Detroit Historical Society. He and his wife also enjoyed traveling.

Donald is survived by his wife of 15 years, Jean Neal of Detroit; sons Ritchie and Michael of Detroit; daughter Katrinajo Sullivan of Salisbury, MA; a brother, Paul and wife Barbara Neal of Rochester, NY; a sister, Beverly (Neal) Martin and husband Raymond of Hartland; a sister in law, Doris Neal of Detroit; step children Everett and wife Theresa McGinnis, Sally Brewer, and Kim McGinnis; grandchildren; great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his first wife Helene (Chamberlain) Neal, and three brothers, Wesley, Oren and Jack.

Graveside committal services will be held at 11 A.M. Saturday, May 21st, at Detroit Village Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 until 10:30 A.M. at Crosby & Neal, 117 Main Street, Newport. Those who wish may leave written condolences at www.CrosbyNeal.com



SUKIT SARITVANICH

BANGOR - Sukit Saritvanich, 59, died unexpectedly January 13, 2016. He was born March 17, 1956, in Bangkok, Thailand, the son of Pricha and Sunee Saritvanich.

Sukit graduated from Old Town High School, Class of 1976. Next he attended the University of Maine, earning a degree in mechanical engineering in 1980. Following graduation he went to work for the Union Carbide Corporation in Vermont. After a year he returned to Maine to be near his family. In 1985, to help his sister and her newborn daughter, he took over the Ohio Street Redemption Center and spent the next 30 years being his own boss.

He is survived by his two brothers, Jirawat and Supon Saritvanich, two sisters, Pathana Chindahporn and Pimonpan Saritvanich, two nieces Pring and Jennifer, and a nephew, Nordee. He is also survived by his dear friend Cindy Hewes and her family.

Sukit was a kind and generous man with his friends and family, always quick with a favor and a laugh. He believed in working hard and playing hard and did both every day of his life. He will be remembered as a ferocious spirit, in work, play, love, and friendship. He will be kept in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. Precious son, beloved brother, favorite uncle, and dear friend.

Friends are invited to remember and celebrate his life at Kosta's Restaurant & Bar at 429 Wilson Street in Brewer, from noon to 4pm, on Saturday, January 30th. Sukit was a great animal lover who loved to support his home country so those who wish to remember him in a special way may make gifts to the Soi Dog Foundation at

https://www.soidog.org/en/donate-today/.



CARLENE C. HERBERT

CARIBOU & PRESQUE ISLE - Carlene C. Herbert, 75, passed away January 19, 2016 at Van Buren. She was born in Hamlin, May 28, 1940, the daughter of the late Fred and Jeannette (Masse) Cyr.

Mrs. Herbert was employed as a waitress at the Riverside Restaurant in Presque Isle and owned and operated a family restaurant in Washburn for a number of years.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Teelynn (McNeal) Herbert of Caribou, one brother, Russ Cyr and wife Sylvia of Millinocket, three sisters, Verna Cyr and husband Don, Lillian Ouellette and husband Hermon all of Van Buren, and Rita Cyr of CT, her grandchildren, Cody, Searra and Cory Herbert, and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Herbert was predeceased by her former husband, John Herbert, two brothers, Maynard and Herby Cyr, a sister, Noella Ouellette and her longtime companion, Donald Walton.

Friends may call at the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, Caribou, Monday, January 25, 2016 from 11am until time of services which will be held at 1pm at the funeral home with the Very Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie officiating. Spring interment will be in the New Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery. www.mocklerfuneralhome.com



SUSAN M. CONROY

PORTLAND - Susan M. Conroy passed away unexpectedly at her home on January 18, 2016. She was born December 15, 1961 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

As the daughter of a Navy family, she lived in many places during her youth including San Diego, California and Kodiak Island, Alaska. Eventually, her family settled in Bangor, Maine. She attended John Baptist High School in Bangor and went on to receive her Culinary Arts degree.

Susan was a dedicated mother and wife and took great pride in her family. She loved antiques and up until recently was the sole business-owner of "This Old Thing?" in Westbrook. She was an incredible cook, and she loved to read as well as spend time by the ocean or in the mountains having "Girls' Trips" with her two daughters. She loved the holidays and made each one especially meaningful.

She leaves many people who love her including her beloved husband Francis J. Conroy of Portland; daughters and sons-in-law Alexandra Conroy Rodrigue and husband Michael of Portland and Cecelia Moody and husband Erik of Lewiston; parents, Thomas and Mary Mardas of Yarmouth; sister, Lisa Melville and husband David of Cumberland; brothers, Thomas Mardas and wife Susan of Saco, Nick Mardas and Doreen B. Mardas of Randolph; brother-in-law's, Thomas Conroy and wife Donna of South Portland and Kevin Conroy of South Portland; sister-in-law's, Regina Celeste and husband Michael and Catherine Conroy of Portland; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and Friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours at Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, 172 State Street, Portland, on Friday, January 22, 2016 from 4 -6:30PM with a Ceremony of Remembrance following at 6:30PM. To view Susan's memorial page or to share an online condolence, please visit www.ctcrawford.com.