

# OBITUARIES



**MARIAN JEAN PARENT**

**BANGOR AND MACWAHOC** - Marian J. Parent passed away February 8, 2016, surrounded by loving family and friends at a local Bangor hospital. She was born in Passaic, New Jersey, the daughter of William and Margaret (Diener) Ingram. She grew up in Clifton, New Jersey and attended Clifton High School.

Marian enjoyed writing and when she was a senior in high school she was hired to write for the local newspaper, The Clifton Leader. She did interviews with various stars on and off Broadway in New York City.

Her family moved to Maine after she and her mother worked the summer at Lake Molunkus Sporting Camps. Her parents purchased Brookdale Farm in Macwahoc which was a Bed and Breakfast.

Marian continued writing and wrote the lyrics for a recording on The Starcrest label out of Hollywood, California. She was a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public for over 40 years. Her interests were singing at St. James Catholic Church in Kingman, dancing, traveling, crossword puzzles, reading novels, and writing. Anyone who knew Marian could count on receiving a hand-picked card just for them on special occasions.

She married Edgar Parent and enjoyed living on a farm in Macwahoc. That union brought three sons into the world. After many years, when their marriage ended, Marian moved to Bangor. She supported herself by being a Caregiver and a Nanny until 1981 when she was hired at Northeast COMBAT as a Consumer Caseworker. That led to a 27 year career as one of the best consumer advocates in Maine and she moved up through the ranks to Assistant Director of Northeast COMBAT, running the office and the many volunteers and clients who walked through the doors. During her career at COMBAT many will remember her as helping them with their consumer issues and her lengthy career writing the weekly "Consumer Forum" column for the Bangor Daily News.

In 1991 she and her best friend, Marcia Bond, went on their first cruise to the Caribbean and from that moment on Marian was bitten by the cruise bug. In 1993, while on a cruise, she met an officer on board named Sukanda and they traveled to many countries and islands, such as Gibraltar, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey and in the US - Hawaii and Alaska.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her fiancé Harry "Sandy" Balmforth Jr., Winterport, ME.

She is survived by three sons, Edgar and wife Vera of Peru, Ronald and wife Wendy of Mariaville, and James and wife Blanche of Macwahoc. She was blessed with seven grandchildren and their families - Sean, Heather, Trevor, Travis, Brandy, Jaime and Jason and further blessed with eight great grandchildren. She also leaves behind her dear friends, Marcia Bond Gurney, Ellie King, Joanne Zimmerman, D.J. Sawyer, Arlene Morin and the many residents and staff at Phillips-Strickland House.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Those who wish to remember Marian in a special way may make gifts in her memory to Phillips-Strickland House, 21 Boyd Street, Bangor, ME 04401.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).

## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of  
**ROBERT L. PATTERSON**  
July 27, 1955 - Feb. 11, 2015  
We love you and miss you.  
We think about you every day.  
We miss your humor,  
your good nature and  
your kindness.  
Love from Kathy,  
family and friends



**WENDELL F. PIERCE**

**BLAINE** - Wendell F. Pierce, 88, passed away peacefully at his home in Blaine on February 8, 2016. He was born in Blaine, the son of C. Hume and Madeline Pierce.

Wendell was probably best well known as the owner and developer of the Big Rock Ski Area and the Mars Hill Wind Farm. An innovative entrepreneur, he ran with a vision and provided a lifetime of recreation for the enjoyment of area families. Early in his career Wendell tried his hand at farming and later went to work for Sears and Roebuck in Presque Isle where he worked 25 years. His time at Sears led to many lasting friendships. As a land developer, Wendell was an honorary member of the International Appalachian Trail Club. Wendell was proud of his civic contributions and participated in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and was a 65 year member of the Masons and a Shriner.

Gramp/Dad was much loved by his family and the richness of experience he brought to all of our lives will be missed.

Predeceased by wife of 65 years B. Marie, son Gary, both parents Madeline and Hume Pierce, two brothers Sylvanus and Franklin. He leaves three daughters, Sue Dearborn and her husband Dwayne of Virginia, Joy Towle and her husband Earle of Fryeburg, Maine, and Gayle Pierce of Anchorage, Alaska. He was blessed with twelve grandchildren Janice Jewett, Kevin Kearney, Jonathan Pierce, Travis Kearney, Nicholas Patterson, Erin Pierce, Anne Caballero, Daniel Patterson, Marina Brakeman, Joshua Hersom, Jeremy Hersom, and Megan Patterson. He was fortunate to have met his eleven great grandchildren and one great great grandson.

Friends may call 6pm to 8pm, Friday, February 12, 2016 at Duncan Funeral Home, 8 Main St., Mars Hill where a Masonic service will be held at 7pm. Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 13, 2016 at the funeral home with Pastor Lawrence Beals, officiating. Spring interment will be held at Kings Grove Cemetery, Mars Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Wendell's memory to Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.duncan-graves.com](http://www.duncan-graves.com).

## EVELYN MADELINE TRACY VINER

**FORT MILL, SC** - On Feb. 8, 2016, the precious soul of Evelyn Madeline Tracy Viner of Fort Mill, South Carolina, (formerly of Bangor), left this world for her heavenly home where she could meet her Savior face to face. She had a heart after God and was willing to go wherever He sent her. Evelyn never met a stranger and always had a smile or a word of encouragement. Even through all her physical pain she would soldier on sharing her love of the Lord.

Her presence will be forever missed by many, but not more than her husband of 57 years, Arnold; and her six children and their spouses, Jimmy and Laura Viner (Charlotte, NC), Edward and Vanessa Viner (Orono, ME), Tim and Sally Viner (Falmouth, ME), Jeff and Tracy Cotton (Clarksville, PA), Jeffrey and Linda Viner (Charlotte, NC), and Thomas and Jennifer Viner-Newby (Fort Mill, SC). She is also survived by three sisters, Virginia Jolander (Carmel, ME), Marion Campbell (Houlton, ME) and her "partner in crime," Martha Lovely (Dayville, CT). She was predeceased by her parents, Gordon and Lottie Tracy of Corinth, ME.

A formal service is not scheduled, but donations to the ALS foundation in her name would be greatly appreciated.

## Death Notices

**CARLISLE, Rose Lee (Doucet)**, 85, Ellsworth; at Ellsworth, Feb. 9, 2016. Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home, Ellsworth.

**CHABE, Stephen Leo**, 64, Greenbush, Feb. 3, 2016. Service 1-3 p.m. Feb. 20 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**COFFEY, Elsie C.**, Hermon; at Bangor, Feb. 8, 2016. Service 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center St., Bangor.

**D'AGOSTINO, Etta Marie**, Millinocket, Feb. 9, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Friday at St. John's Catholic Church. Greenlawn Funeral Home.

**DORR, Albion M. Jr.**, 88, Bangor, Feb. 6, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**FOWLES, Betty B.**, 87, Dover-Foxcroft, Feb. 9, 2016. Service 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft.

**GUILDFORD, Judith Lovern Williams (Andrews)**, Ellsworth, Feb. 6, 2016. Service noon Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, Farmingdale. Staples Funeral Home in Gardiner.

**HARMON, Jeanette**, 94, Cherryfield; at Sanford, Feb. 9, 2016. Jordan-Fernald Funeral Homes.

**PARENT, Marian Jean**, Bangor and Macwahoc; at Bangor, Feb. 8, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**PELLETIER, Joseph Nelson**, 87, Bradley, Feb. 10, 2016. Birmingham Funeral Home, Old Town.

**PETERS JR., James B.**, 83, Eddington; at Bangor, Feb. 10, 2016. Service 12 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016 at 1242 Love Lake Rd., Crawford. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**PIERCE, Wendell F.**, 88, Blaine; at Blaine, Feb. 8, 2016. Service 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 2016 at Duncan Funeral Home, 8 Main St., Mars Hill.

**RITZI, Charles Francis**, Readfield; at Readfield, Feb. 8, 2016. Roberts Funeral Home, 62 Bowdoin St., Winthrop.

**VINER, Evelyn Madeline Tracy**, Fort Mill, S.C., Feb. 8, 2016.



## JUDITH LOVERN WILLIAMS (ANDREWS) GUILDFORD

**ELLSWORTH** - Judith Lovern Williams (Andrews) Guildford passed away on February 6, 2016, in Augusta, Maine, from Alzheimer's Disease. She was born on November 16, 1933, in Brockton, Massachusetts, to Beatrice (Congdon) and Oswald Williams. After her parents decided they were better friends than spouses, Judy gained a dad, Gordon Andrews, and a wonderful stepmom, Janet. She always said she felt so blessed to have 2 such wonderful dads! She married Warren (Gill) Gale Guildford on June 25, 1954, and they settled in Foxboro, Massachusetts, where they had 8 children. In 1968 they moved the whole family to Ellsworth, Maine, where they raised their family and spent the rest of their lives together.

Judy's whole life revolved around her family. Her favorite jobs, besides that, were floral designer for M. A. Clark's Florists and manager of the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Ellsworth.

Judy was predeceased by all her parents; a baby brother; her beloved husband of 53 years; her brother, Laverne (Bud) Andrews; her sister, Marilyn Ferreira; her sister, CarolJean Phillips; and her great-granddaughter, Naveah.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Kerry and Kim Guildford, Stephanie Cote, Guy Guildford and Vivian Bartlett, Joel Guildford, Leigh and Kerry Guildford, Adam Guildford and Jessie, Todd Guildford and Dawn Spohrer, Meredith and JeanMarie Mathieu, and the grandson they raised as a son, Todd Guildford, Jr. She is also survived by her brother and his wife, John and Margaret Andrews; brother and sister-in-law, Nicholas and Lucille Anagnos as well as her daughters -in-law, Betty Curtis, Debra Guildford, Joan Higgins and Dinah Guildford; and son-in-law Albert Cote. She will also be missed by 24 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 13, at 12 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints in Farmingdale, Maine. Burial will be in the spring at the Maine Veterans' Cemetery in Augusta, Maine. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Ellsworth, Maine, or the Alzheimers' Care Center, Dresden Ave., Gardiner, Maine. Arrangements are being handled by Staples Funeral Home in Gardiner, Maine.



## ETTA MARIE D'AGOSTINO

**BANGOR** - Etta Marie D'Agostino went to be with her savior on February 9, 2016, while surrounded by her children. She was born in Bangor, Me on 4/29/28, and lived there until she married the love of her life, Dominic D'Agostino, Sr. Etta and Dominic married on July 3, 1948, and made their home in Millinocket where they raised their six children. Etta became a full time high school student later in life, graduating from Stearns High School in 1974. She went on to graduate from Husson College with her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Etta was extremely proud of this achievement which was an example of her love of education and learning.

While living in Millinocket, Etta was a member of many civic organizations such as the Daughters of Isabella and the VFW women's auxiliary. She was an avid reader and loved to play beano. In her later years, Etta moved to Hudson where she was active in the local grange and other community groups. Most recently, she resided in Bangor.

Etta and her late husband were fortunate to be able to travel to visit their children and many grandchildren all over the country. One highlight of their retirement years was their trip to Italy to the Vatican where they were able to attend Mass done by the Pope.

Etta was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Dominic D'Agostino, Sr., her four brothers and four sisters. She is survived by all her children and their spouses, Dominic D'Agostino, Jr., Rosemary Pooler, Marietta D'Agostino, Douglas D'Agostino and his wife, Cristina, Gloria Green and her husband, Ronnie, Daniel D'Agostino and his wife, Kathy, ten grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Greenlawn Funeral Home, 5:00 to 7:00 pm Thursday. A memorial mass will be held 1:00 pm Friday at St. John's Catholic Church. Friends may make donations to St. John's Bangor in her memory.



**STEPHEN LEO CHABE**

**GREENBUSH** - Stephen Leo Chabe, 64, passed away February 3, 2016, at an area hospital while surrounded by people that he loved. He was born in Old Town, July 8, 1951, the son of Leo Joseph Chabe and Marie (LaBree) O'Keefe.

Steve grew up in Milford, ME, where one of his fondest memories of childhood was spending time with his late uncle Francis LaBree, who would take him flying in his personal aircraft. Steve attended Milford and Old Town schools and worked for many years at Champion in Greenbush, and later worked as a maintenance planner at PERC in Orrington.

Steve was artistically gifted and enjoyed many forms of art, but he was especially known for his beautiful paintings. He enjoyed giving his artwork to people that he loved so they could get as much enjoyment from them as he did making them. His other lifelong passion was in music. Steve played many instruments, but his real love was for the guitar. He was a self-taught guitarist from a very young age, and continued to play until the very end. He enjoyed playing in multiple bands throughout his life. He also loved rebuilding guitars, teaching others to play them, and enjoyed spending time with friends and family making music in his garage. Other hobbies include fishing, cooking, spending time at Pushaw Lake with his family, boating and being near the ocean. Steve was truly a jack of all trades, and was able to repair or craft anything he set his mind to, including building his beautiful home in Greenbush in 1985.

In 2001, Steve travelled to China, where he met his loving wife of 14 years, Lina Shen. He enjoyed sharing stories of his experience there, as well as showing photographs and art pieces that he picked up while he was there.

Steve was predeceased by his father, Leo Chabe of Minot; stepfather, Linwood O'Keefe of Milford; brothers, Mark Chabe of New Gloucester, ME, and David Chabe of Fayette, ME; niece, Amber O'Keefe; and his close friend, Roger Garceau.

Survivors include his wife, Lina Shen and stepdaughter, Lin Li, of Greenbush; his children from his previous marriage to Christine (Comstock) Sapiel: Matthew S. Chabe and wife, Elizabeth, of Bangor, and Erin S. Chabe and husband, Anthony, of Bradley; three granddaughters, Adeline, James and Griffin; his mother, Marie O'Keefe of Milford; sisters, Brenda Tucker and husband, Paul, of Milford, Paula Solo-by and husband, Bill, of Voorhees, NJ, Beth O'Keefe and partner, Merle, of Greenfield and Lisa McDonald and husband, Patrick, of Lecanto, FL; and brothers, Chris O'Keefe and wife, Patty, of Falmouth, MA, Brent O'Keefe and wife, Terry, of Milford and Todd O'Keefe of Milford. Steve is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews whom he loved fondly.

Family and friends are encouraged to join us in celebrating Steve's life at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor, on February 20, 1-3 p.m.



**CHARLES FRANCIS RITZI**

**READFIELD** - Charles Francis "Chuck" Ritzi passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family at his Readfield home Monday, February 8th.

He was born Charles Francis O'Connor, Jr. in Worcester, Massachusetts on February 10, 1932. Following the death of his father in 1939, he was adopted by his mother's second husband, Earl Ambrose Ritzi.

From the time he was a very young boy, Chuck loved to fish!

He graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a degree in Wildlife Management. Following his graduation, he and Janet (White) were married. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the United States Army assigned as tank unit commander with the First Infantry Division. Janet joined him there at Harvey Barracks, Kitzingen Army Airfield, Germany, where they spent their first year of married life.

Following his military service, Chuck completed his Master of Science degree in Zoology and Fisheries Science at the University of Maine in Orono. While in graduate school he joined the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as one of the original group of regional biologists; the career of a lifetime for a "guy who loved to fish." In 1974 he was named the first Environmental Coordinator for the Department authoring much of Maine's Great Pond Act.

Chuck retired from state service in 1980 and entered the private sector; first as an environmental scientist for Kleinschmidt & Dutting Engineering and in 1983 established his own environmental consultant firm, Charles Ritzi Associates. During this time he served on Governor Angus King's Maine Atlantic Salmon Task Force.

Upon retirement in 1998, Chuck and Janet traveled in their motorhome for more than fifteen years from Maine, through the Maritimes to Newfoundland, across Canada up the ALCAN Highway to Alaska, east and west across the United States always searching for new and challenging fishing areas. In recent years, they resided in Florida and Maine near sons, Kevin and Steve, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Chuck returned to Readfield in 2013 where he and Janet made their home near son Kevin.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Janet, sons Steven of Tampa, Florida and Kevin of Readfield, Maine, brother, Earl of Barre, MA, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his father, Charles Francis O'Connor, Sr., adoptive father Earl Ambrose Ritzi, mother, Edith and two infant sons.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Alzheimer's Day Care Center, 154 Dresden Avenue Gardiner, ME 04345

Arrangements are in the care of Roberts Funeral Home, 62 Bowdoin St., Winthrop, where condolences, memories and photos may be shared with the family on the obituary page of the website at [www.khrfuneralhomes.com](http://www.khrfuneralhomes.com).

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