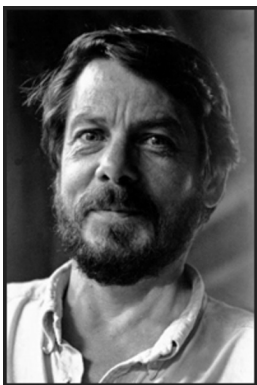


OBITUARIES



KENNETH ALAN MARTIN

HARPSWELL - Ken Martin -- Father and Grandfather, Teacher, Artist and Friend, died Saturday February 13th, 2016 after a two year struggle with ALS. He passed peacefully, his heart filled with love, encircled by family at his home in Harpswell.

Kenneth Alan Martin was born October 23rd 1946, the second son of R. John Martin and Dorothy Sieger. His mother often said that Ken had a natural talent for art and adventure early on. As a child, Ken made his own toys and costumes and explored the large estates -- as a conquering knight or an Indian guide -- where his father worked as a horticulturalist. After high school he attended the University of New Hampshire and earned a degree in Fine Arts, and began teaching at White Mountain Regional High School. In 1973, Ken and a college friend sailed off on a 25 foot sloop, the Al B. Tross, for a yearlong adventure from New Hampshire to the Bahamas. Neither knew how to sail and they learned as they went. Stories from this adventure rippled through Ken's life -- diving overboard for dinner, and bartering fish they caught for needed repairs. Ken kept and maintained the Al B. until the day he died.

In 1974 he returned to teaching art -- a profession that would become his life's work. He married fellow teacher Elizabeth Wright in 1975 and settled in Loudon, New Hampshire. The couple's daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, was born in 1979. After eleven years in NH, teaching, farming, and renovating a 200 year old house, the family headed northeast to Tenants Harbor, Maine in 1986. Ken continued to teach art, first at Rockland District High School and finally at Medomak Valley High School, where he is remembered for his extraordinary efforts on theater sets and for starting what would become a thriving photography department. He spent his summers on the AL B. or in his studio creating art. For several summers Ken taught darkroom photography at the Maine Media Workshops. For the past ten years he showed his work at Mars Hall Gallery in St. George.

In 1992 and 1996 Ken went to the Amazon Rainforest through a program called ACEER, a foundation supporting environmental education and research. On the first trip he attended an educators' workshop with support from the Audubon Society. Ken took thousands of

beautiful photographs featuring the animals, vegetation and people along the Napo River of the Peruvian Rainforest. He befriended a young indigenous artist and began to teach him block printing. When he returned to Maine he went to many community groups and schools, sharing his adventures and the art he had made and collected. The rainforest continued to inspire his art and his life thereafter.

Ken had many great loves in his life -- sailing the ocean and exploring islands, making art in various media, and being in the outdoors. He enjoyed running, biking, stargazing, canoeing and camping in the Southwest. Ken was a rock runner along the shores of the St George Peninsula. He never turned away from an opportunity for adventure in the beauty of nature.

In recent years Ken shared his life with Kathleen Ahearn. The couple lived in a cottage on a cove in Harpswell, where Ken made art and watched the tides and the shorebirds come and go until the end of his life. In his final months, he received expert loving care from Kathleen, Hospice of Southern Maine, CHANS, his daughter Sarah, and Sarah's mother Elizabeth. A special thanks to Amy Haible who supported all of us in many ways.

Ken is predeceased by his parents, Dorothy and R. John Martin. He is survived by his partner, Kathleen Ahearn of Harpswell Maine; his daughter, Sarah Martin Kay, of Rockland ME and husband Matthew; his former wife, Elizabeth Martin, who remained a close friend; his brother, Curtis Martin, and wife Sallie of Bernardsville NJ; two grandchildren, Jackson Martin Kay and Isla Elizabeth Kay, who adored their "Papa." Ken leaves two stepchildren, Jennifer Hodges of New York City, and Christopher Hodges and wife Tiffany of Thornton, NH, their sons Kyle and Drew Hodges, along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial art reception for Ken will be announced at a later date. Donations in Ken's memory may be made to the Sierra Club or the Maine Nature Conservancy.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.FuneralAlternatives.net.

Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives, 8 Pleasant St. Brunswick.

DEBORAH A. BRADFORD

DEDHAM - Deborah A. Bradford passed away on Feb. 7, 2016, at home with her family by her side. She was born in Castine on Oct. 10, 1956, the daughter of Elsie and Dwight Smith of Dedham.

Deborah leaves behind her husband Lindsey; sons Brett and Adam Connors of Brewer, and Scott Bradford and wife Jessica of Otis; grandchildren Alexis and Jax of Otis, and Gwendolyn of Old Town; brothers Dwight and Mike Smith of Dedham; sister Kathy Smith of Dedham; nieces Erica and Autumn and their families.

The family would like to thank the staff at CancerCare of Maine and New Hope Hospice for all their support. To Karen, Lisa, Casey and Debbie J.: Thank you!

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to New Hope Hospice, PO Box 70, Eddington, ME 04428. A celebration of Deborah's life will be announced in the spring. Messages and memories may be shared with her family at kileyandfoley.com.

Arrangements by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 69 State St., Brewer.

Death Notices

BRADFORD, Deborah A., Dedham; at Dedham, Feb. 7, 2016. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 69 State St., Brewer.

COOKSON, Rosalie, 94, Pittsfield; at Waterville, Feb. 15, 2016. Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, Pittsfield.

GIERHAN, James E., 61, Bangor, Feb. 14, 2016. Greenlawn Funeral Home, 300 State St., Bangor.

JONES, Dana Bunker, 45, Hancock, Feb. 13, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at their home in Hancock. Jordan-Fernald Funeral Homes, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth.

MARTIN, Kenneth Alan, Harpswell; at Harpswell, Feb. 13, 2016. Funeral Alternatives, 8 Pleasant St., Brunswick.

MCKENZIE, Harriet Olive, 91, Corinth; at Bangor, Feb. 15, 2016. Thompson Funeral Home, 17 Hudson Road, Corinth.

MITCHELL, Thelma G., 93, Island Falls; at Bangor, Feb. 13, 2016.

MURRAY, Joseph Patrick, 76, Bangor; at Bangor, Feb. 15, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

O'CLAIR, Joseph 'Norman,' 84, Ashland; at Caribou, Feb. 14, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Union Congregational Church, Sheridan Road, Ashland. Lajoie Funeral Home, Ashland.

POLLARD, Sallie J., 83, Bath, Feb. 13, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

RAFFORD, Melissa Ann, 50, Caribou; at Caribou, Feb. 14, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, from the chapel of the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.

STEVENSON, Margaret C., 88, Stockton Springs, Feb. 12, 2016. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

STRINGER, Dorothy W., 85, Orono, Feb. 13, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

TRAVIS, Melissa Lynn, 44, Hermon and Bangor, Feb. 13, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

WILLETTE, Joyce A., 84, Presque Isle, Feb. 14, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

YANOK, Roxlyn C., Sebec; at Sebec, Feb. 14, 2016.



DANA BUNKER JONES

HANCOCK - Dana Bunker Jones, 45, died on February 13th, 2016, after a long battle with cancer. She died peacefully, at home, in the company of her loving family.

Dana was born in Bangor on February 13th, 1971, to Douglas S. Bunker and Gail Morris Bunker, of Franklin and was a member of the local community her entire life. She was a fan of Caribbean cruises, family gatherings and giggling babies, and was said to have a talent for brightening the lives of all that knew her.

Dana is survived by her parents, Doug and Gail; her husband, Sean Jones; her children, Jeffrey Servetas, Jordan Servetas, and Tori Jones; her brother, Eric Bunker and his wife Deborah; and Dana's niece, Emma Bunker, as well as an exceptionally loving extended family, including her paternal grandmother, Twila "Mammie" Bunker; her aunts, Paula Collins, and Paula Morris; her cousins, Brock and Bailey Collins and Brock's wife, Bree and their Daughter Stella; and many, many others.

Per Dana's wishes, her family will be hosting a party and celebration of her life at their home in Hancock, beginning at 1pm on Saturday, March 5th, 2016. As well, she asked for donations in her honor to be made to the Blue Hill Hospital Foundation at 1-(207)-374-3411 or the American Diabetes Association at 1-(800)-342-2383.

Arrangements in care of Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St. Ellsworth. Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernalld.com

"Blooming under a cold moon, we are like fireworks... Rising, shining, and finally scattering and fading. So until that moment comes when we vanish like fireworks... Lets us sparkle brightly, Always..." -Tite Kubo



JOSEPH PATRICK MURRAY

BANGOR - Joseph Patrick Murray, 76, died after a period of poor health February 15, 2016 at the Maine Veterans' Home in Bangor. He was born October 8, 1939 in Manhattan, NY, the son of Joseph P. and Mildred (O'Hearon) Murray.

Joe moved with his family to Bangor when he was 15, and he attended Bangor High School. Thinking formal education was more than he wanted to pursue, Joe joined the U.S. Army on the Monday after his 18th birthday. When he returned from his time of serving his country Joe went to work using his automotive skills. He owned his own speed shop in Brewer. Joe was into "muscle cars" and racing. He was well respected and many sought his advice. Later in his career Joe went to Africa to train mechanics to work on trucks. Anything automotive was considered his hobby. Joe was a diehard MOPAR guy. He was extremely proud of his two sons, Chris and Peter; and his grandchildren just made him beam from ear to ear.

Joe was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his two sons, Chris Murray and wife Kelly, and their children, Kaitlyn, Zachary, Elizabeth and Emily, and Peter Murray and wife Kristen, and their daughters Madilyn and Jocelyn; sisters Jacqueline Grimes and husband Edgar of Spring Valley, NY, and Barbara Mercer and husband Joe of Lexington, KY; and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are welcome to call 5-7 p.m. Friday, February 19, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor. Services will be held later in the spring or summer, with interment at Mt. Pleasant Catholic Cemetery, Bangor. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.



JOSEPH "NORMAN" O'CLAIR

ASHLAND - Joseph "Norman" O'Clair, 84, died peacefully Sunday, February 14, 2016 at Maine Veterans Home, Caribou. He was born June 22, 1931 in Sheridan, a son of the late William and Emelda (Billier) O'Clair Sr.

He enlisted with the US Army during the Korean War, getting injured in combat on Heartbreak Ridge. He received his Honorable Discharge in 1953 and honorably received the Purple Heart in 2015, presented by US Rep. Bruce Poliquin and his staff.

Norman last worked with Pinkham Lumber as a circular saw filer for several years. Previously he worked for John Cobb, R. L. Fournier, Inc., and Mike & Clayton Turner, overseeing various operations in wood harvesting and farming. He was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #9699, Ashland. In his earlier years, Norman enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping in the North Woods. He was also an avid woodworker, creating many birdhouses and crafts he shared with family and friends. He never hesitated to help anyone along the way if they needed a helping hand.

Norman's family would like to express their gratitude to the doctors and nurses at the Maine Veterans Home and The Aroostook Medical Center for their dedicated care and support. Also, a special appreciation to Ashland Ambulance Service for their always-rapid response and care.

He is survived by: his wife of 61 years, Lydia (Flint) O'Clair of Ashland; five children, Barbara Gillis and her husband Wendell of Garfield Pkt., Arnold O'Clair and his wife Stacey, Steven O'Clair and his wife Tammy, Nora Clark and her husband Mark, and Andy O'Clair, Norman's "Little Buddy", all of Ashland; five siblings, Florence Kinney of Illinois, Hubert O'Clair of Virginia, Armand O'Clair and his wife Janet of Hermon, Nancy Conley of No. Carolina, and Catherine Howes and her husband Fred of Ashland; four grandchildren, Fay, Jeremy, Courtney, and Brandon; five great grandchildren, Deacon, Faith, Joey, Cayleigh and Averie; a special family friend, Kay O'Clair; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Norman is predeceased by an infant son, Joseph Norman O'Clair Jr., eight siblings, Frederick O'Clair, William O'Clair Jr., Melvin "Paul" O'Clair, Yvonne "Marie" Gillespie, Lawrence O'Clair, Geneva Mary O'Clair, Victor "Dickie" O'Clair, and Joan Jean Beaulier.

A funeral service will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at the Union Congregational Church, Sheridan Rd., Ashland. Relatives and friends may greet the family 10:00 am until the time of service at the church. Burial will be private and at the convenience of his family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Norman's name may be made to: Maine Veterans Home-Caribou, 163 Van Buren Rd., Caribou, ME 04736. Arrangements are a service of Lajoie Funeral Home, 114 Exchange St./PO Box 39, Ashland. To share condolences online, please visit www.LajoieFuneralHome.com



HARRIET O. MCKENZIE

CORINTH - Harriet Olive McKenzie, 91, died Feb. 15, 2016, at a Bangor health center. She was born Feb. 3, 1925, in Howland, the daughter of Ernest and Edna (Mills) Veino Amero.

She attended Corinth and Charleston schools, then moved to Howland and resided with her great uncle while being employed at Atlas Plywood Company for many years. Later she moved to CT and married Merle McKenzie. There her employment was with Bayless Diaper Service. After her husband's death, a move was made back to Corinth. The enjoyment of hunting deer and partridge was in her younger years. She loved animals, yard sales and flea markets. The collection of pig memorabilia was her favorite hobby. Her home was always warm and inviting.

She is survived by a son, Bruce McKenzie; and grandson, Jarrod of FL; a brother, Gerald Veino of Illinois; a half sister, Vivian Starbird and her husband, Ernest, of Carmel; several nieces and nephews, as well as close friends. She was predeceased by a brother, George Veino of Michigan; half sisters, Reta (Amero) Lougee and husband, Rodney, of Exeter, Joyce (Amero) Peppinger of Montana and [nosp]Shirley (Amero) Floyd of New Jersey; stepsisters, Thelma Mitchell of CA and Helen Coburn of MO; and sister-in-law, Mary Veino of IL. The family wishes to thank Eastside Center for Health and Rehab, as well as Beacon Hospice for their support and loving care of Harriet.

A memorial service will be held in the spring at a time to be announced. Donations in her memory may be made to the Bangor Humane Society, 693 Mt. Hope Ave., Bangor, ME 04401. Arrangements are in care of the Thompson Funeral Home, 17 Hudson Road, Corinth.



JAMES E. GIERHAN

BANGOR - James E. Gierhan, 61, died Feb. 14, 2016, at a local nursing home. He was born in Lincoln, Neb., June 8, 1954, the son of Marvin and Frances (Berry) Gierhan.

James attended Bangor schools. He loved anything on wheels and going fast from his first mini-bike, go-carts, cars and trucks to his Harleys. James had many friends in every town and was always the center of the party, generously taking care of all he met. He loved the Blues and Monday nights at the Time Out Pub in Rockland with his extended family. He was a member of the Maine Blues Society and the United Bikers of Maine. We would like to thank the Seracens and all his friends in the Biking community for their support.

He is survived by his mother of Bangor; one brother, Bill of Auburn; one sister, Mary of Wilton; stepdaughter, Carrie; stepgranddaughter, Emilie; nephews, Derek and Ian; and two great-nephews, Leo and Oliver. Many thanks to the Staff at Orono Commons and Beacon Hospice for their care and compassion.

Friends may call at Greenlawn Funeral Home, 300 State St., Bangor, 2-4 p.m. Saturday. Interment will be in the spring at Oak Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Beacon Hospice, 289 State St., Suite B, Bangor, ME 04401.



THELMA G. MITCHELL

ISLAND FALLS - Thelma G. Mitchell, 93, died February 13, 2016, in Bangor. She was born October 16, 1922, in Dyer Brook, the daughter of Freeman and Elsie (Chambers) Boutillier.

Thelma enjoyed her family and knitting.

She is survived by her loving husband of 75 years, Raymond Mitchell of Island Falls; a son, Eddie Mitchell of Island Falls; a daughter, Ilene MacArthur of Las Vegas, Nevada; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents; a son, Robert; and 15 siblings.

A graveside funeral service will be announced in the spring. For online condolences, please visit www.bowersfuneral.com.

Obituary Department

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Food Drive seeks food collection sites

The fifth annual Hancock County Food Drive will be held during the month of March to help stock food pantries across the county and raise awareness of food insecurity in our neighborhoods.

Organizers are reaching out to area businesses to become food collection sites, give a monetary

contribution or set up a point of sale method for customers to donate to the food drive. As an official Hancock County Food Drive partner businesses will receive formal recognition for financial contributions and commitment to alleviating hunger.

All of the food will be divided between food pantries and community meal sites all over Hancock County. Food collection sites are being set up in as

many towns as possible to make donating easy. If you or your business would like to participate call Emily Herwerden at 667-7171 or email Emily@healthyacadia.org.

Collection sites thus far are: Union Congregational Church in Hancock, MDI YMCA and Dead River Co.

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