## **OBITUARIES**



RICHARD ARLEN 'DICK' MITCHELL

ORONO and BANGOR -Richard Arlen "Dick" Mitchell, He spent many hours workat the Dirigo Pines Retire-

ment Community in Orono, passed away on Sunday, February 21, 2016, with his family by his side. Richard, was born on August 16, 1929, in Bar Harbor, the son of Edna Walls Megquier and

Lawrence Mitchell. Richard, better known to others by Dick, attended schools in Bar Harbor, graduating in 1947 from Bar Harbor High School before attending Washington State Normal School, now known as University of Maine at Machias, for three years majoring in Elementary Education. Richard completed his Bachelor's Degree and obtained his Masters Degree in Administration at the University of Maine at Orono. Dick began his teaching career in Bangor before being drafted into the Army. Richard served two years and was stationed in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Upon returning to Maine, Dick, with his wife, Frances, settled in the Bangor area. Richard taught sixth grade at the Vine Street School, was a teacher/principal at the Larkin Street School and then became Principal of Vine Street School, where he remained until his retirement in 1984. Richard spent twenty years working for the University of Maine system supervising student teachers in elementary education in schools in the Bangor and surrounding areas during his retirement. Richard was a lifetime member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Bangor. He served in many capacities and on many committees. Dick with his wife, Frances, especially enjoyed serving as Eucharistic Visitors for the church visiting members that were homebound or in nursing homes. He so loved singing

the hymns each Sunday in

church. Richard was a mem-

Retired Teachers Association

and enjoyed attending the

monthly meetings. Dick has

attended every single one of

his high school reunions

since 1947. That would make

69 of them and he so loved

to sing the Bar Harbor

School Song each year. This

past reunion he and his sis-

ter, Jackie, attended together in August and celebrated his birthday as well and that will

always be a special memory.

Family and friends were

Dick's love and joy. He was always working and taking

care of his camps at Sugar-

loaf, USA and especially at

Branch Lake moving rocks. 86, a resident ing alongside his son, David, building rock walls or planting flowers and shrubs. Working outside was his passion and was always proud of his accomplishments. Dick had the ability to connect with anyone, young or old, sharing his love of life and many experiences. He and Frances enjoyed attending so many University of Maine Hockey and Basketball games, where he would see and talk with friends.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Frances (Lawson) Mitchell of Orono; his daughter, Jody Benson and her husband, Jeff, of Auburn; son, David Mitchell and his wife, Marcia, of Bangor; sister, Jacqueline Hanf of Laconia, NH; and grandsons, Josh Benson and wife, Hannah, of North Wales, PA, Josh Clement of Bangor and Jordan Clement of Bradford. He leaves behind sisters-inlaw, brothers-in-law, many special nieces, nephews, and caring friends who were all dear to his heart. His wife's sister, Alice, holds an extra special place and was loved so dearly by Dick. Dick was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Elaine Washburn; and grandson, Jamie Benson. The family of Dick Mitchell wishes to express their gratitude to the staff at Dirigo Pines who were such good friends to him and cared for him these last several months.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, February 28, 2016, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 French Street, Bangor, with the Rev. Canon Marguerite A.H. Steadman, rector, officiating. Interment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Bangor. A reception immediately following will be held at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center Street, Bangor .The family would like to extend a special invitation to all to come ber of the Penobscot County and share memories and have refreshments while "Dick" honoring Richard Mitchell. Those who wish to remember Dick in a special way may make gifts in his memory to St. John's Episcopal Church, 234 French St.. Bangor, ME 04401 as Dick so loved the music, and/or Special Olympics Maine, 125 John Roberts Rd., Suite #5, South Portland, ME 04605, in which he and Fran supported and enjoyed attending the competitions of the Special Olympic Athletes. Condolences to the family may be expressed www.BrookingsSmith.com.



**DEBRA A. (WEBSTER) JOHNDRO** 

KNOX - Debra A. (Webster) Johndro, 56, passed unexpectedly on February 20, 2016. She was born in Searsport, the daughter of Ralph and Faye (Clark) Webster.

She attended Searsport schools, and had resided in Knox for the past 34 years. She enjoyed harness racing, spending time at camp and watching local sports. She umpired high school baseball as well as Little League for 24 years. She worked most recently at Waldo County Hospital as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Debbie was predeceased by her father and mother. She leaves her husband of 33 years, Kevin Johndro of Knox; a son, Patrick and his wife, Cady Johndro, of Knox, as well as her son Justin Johndro, who is serving with the U.S. Navy in Seattle, WA. She has two beautiful grandchildren, Lucas and Elsie Johndro, whom she loved very much. She also loved and will be missed by

her five Mini Schnauzers, Taz, Lizzie, Onyx, Holly and Grady-Mea. She leaves a sister, Winnie and her husband, David Chaney, or Searsport; brother, Ralph and his wife, Robin Webster, of Patton, as well as brother, Andrew and his wife, Twyler Webster, of Frankfort; and many nieces and nephews. She will be sadly missed by her many friends.

There will be no calling hours. A celebration of Debbie's Life will be held at First Congregational Vestry, Church Street, Searsport, on Saturday, March 5, at 4 p.m. The family wishes to thank all those who have passed along condolences and words of strength. We also wish to thank the Brooks ambulance services for their valiant effort to save her. Arrangements are under the care of Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast. Memories and condolences may be shared at

**Death Notices** 

**BURNS, Leatrice E. (Cunningham),** 91, Union, Feb. 22, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Hall's of Waldoboro, 949 Main St., Waldoboro.

CASILLO, Dorothy Ann Case, Conyers, Ga., and Unit, Feb. 15, 2016. Service 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at First United Methodist Church, 921 North Main St. NW, Convers, Ga.

CLEMENTS, Lloyd, 80, Winterport, Feb. 19, 2016. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

DIFREDERICO, Carl L., 73, Millinocket, Feb. 21, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at Christ the Divine Mercy Parish, St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, 19 Colby St., Millinocket. Lamson Funeral Home, Millinocket.

DOUGHTY, Mabel Estelle Knowles, 93, Chebeague Island, Feb. 16, 2016. Service 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2016, at the Chebeague Island United Methodist Church.

DUNTON, Jerome J. Jr., 82, Portland, Feb. 18, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**HASHEY, Maxine,** 81, Bangor, Feb. 21, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Mary's Church, 768 Ohio St., Bangor.

HOLMES, Yolande Berry, 79, Hermon; at Hermon, Feb. 20, 2016. Service 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at First Congregational Church of Norridgewock, 32 River Road, Norridgewock. Smart & Edwards Funeral Home.

**JOHNDRO, Debra A. (Webster),** 56, Knox, Feb. 20, 2016. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast. JONES, Marion F., 94, Belmont; at Belfast, Feb. 21,

2016. Long Funeral Home, 9 Mountain St., Camden. LOEHE, Richard W., 89, Camden; at Rockport, Feb. 19, 2016. Service 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Long

Funeral Home, 9 Mountain St., Camden. LYONS, William 'Bill' Patrick, 83, Yarmouth, Feb. 21, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, 172 State St. Portland.

MARTIN, Wayne J., 51, Hamlin; at Caribou, Feb. 17, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at St. Joseph Church, Hamlin. Lajoie Funeral Home.

MELANSON, Victor, 63, Danforth, Feb. 20, 2016.

MITCHELL, Richard Arlen "Dick," 86, Orono and Bangor; at Orono, Feb. 21, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 French St., Bangor. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

MONK, Vaughn A., 74, Topsfield, Feb. 21, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Hunnewell Acres Cemetery, Topsfield. Mays Funeral Home, Calais and

NELSON, Ronald, 55, E. Amherst, NY and Winterport, Feb. 19, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 2016 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 435 S. Main St., Winterport. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**POTTER, Elaine Brown**, 88., Bangor and Conover, N.C.; at Hickory, N.C., Feb. 18, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Wednesday. Feb. 24, 2016 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

SCOTT, Harold M. Jr., 97, Brunswick, Feb. 20, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

SMALL, Phyllis Constance, 89, Brunswick and Milo; at Bruswick, Feb. 23, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Lary Funeral Home, Milo.

SMITH, Carmel, Greenville and West Gardiner; at Augusta, Feb. 19, 2016. Service 3 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the kingdom hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 8 Cross Hill Rd., Augusta. Crosby & Neal.

WOODWARD, Claire R., 86, York; at Kittery, Feb. 18, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.



WILLIAM 'BILL' PATRICK LYONS

YARMOUTH -"Bill" Patrick Lyons didn't die doing what he loved ... that would have been somewhere on the back nine at Bangor Muni with Kelly, George and Phil ... but he did die doing that thing that everyone loved about him being a stubborn Irishman. He reluctantly, but peacefully, departed this world on February 21, 2016, around midnight. He was 83.

Born on February 27, 1932, in Dublin, Ireland, the son of James Joseph and Margaret Rose (Garland) Lyons, he immigrated to the United States in 1960, leaving behind his mother and eight surviving brothers and sisters. He smoked. He drank. He swore. He was Catholic. Naturally, he fell for an American Baptist who did none of the afore mentioned things. They would go on to have three children and set-

tle in the Bangor area. His profession was typography. His occupation bore many names: printer, compositor, typesetter, journeyman and his expertise was as fluid as the quick-changing technology. He was a skilled linotype operator (the contraption Thomas Edison, it's said, referred to as the Eighth Wonder of the World). He ended his career in his wee eponymous typography shop on South Main Street in Brewer after retiring from the Bangor Dai-Iv News.

His passion was golf and he was good. Very good. He encouraged many to take up the game and his talents as

William a player were bested only by his talent as a mentor.

There wasn't a word he couldn't spell nor a musical instrument he couldn't figure out. He was tough as nails, had an infectious laugh, and if there was an award for whistling, it would be called 'The Billy.' There wasn't a soul on the planet that would call him an enemy even though he would not hesitate to tell someone to "[expletive] off" if they rubbed him the wrong way. He was generous to a fault with his time, possessions and knowledge. As one of his nieces so succinctly put it, "We were all mad for

William was predeceased by his cherished wife, Charlotte Ruth (Dow) in 2002; and his eldest son, James Joseph in 2006. He is survived by his son, William Patrick Lyons Jr. and his wife, Jennifer, of Camas, WA; and their children, Sarah, Kathleen, Margaret and James; and his daughter, Margaret R. Lyons and her partner, Troy Keiper, of

Portland, ME. A brief service will be held at Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, 172 State Street, Portland, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, with a gathering to follow at The Snug at 223 Congress Street, Portland. With regards to flowers, Bill would have said, "It's a matter of insignificance to me, your honor, what you do." To view Bill's memorial page, or to share an online condolence, please visit

www.ctcrawford.com



**CARL L. DIFREDERICO** 

MILLINOCKET - Carl L. DiFrederico, 73, passed away Sunday, February 21, 2016, with his family by his side. He was born on April 8, 1942, the son of Augustino and Arlene (Hunter) DiFrederico.

Carl was raised in Millinocket and graduated from Stearns High School in 1960. He was also a graduate of Husson College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business. He went on to earn a Master's degree in education from the University of Maine, and enjoyed a 40year career in education at Schenck (1966-1969) and Stearns (1969-2006) High Schools.

During his time at Stearns, Carl was a dedicated teacher and a beloved coach. He was the head of the business department, where he started teaching shorthand and typing; and, at the time of his retirement, taught computer applications. Carl coached Varsity Baseball from 1970-1997, and was an assistant Varsity Football coach from 1972-1997, where he helped lead his teams to numerous state championships: baseball, Class B Maine State Champions, 1975, and football, Class B Maine State Champions, 1987, Class C Maine State Champions 1991, 1992, 1995. He was also the Boys Freshman Basketball coach and Girls Softball coach from 1981-1983. For several years, Carl was a yearbook photographer and yearbook business manager, and he also sat on the Accreditation Committee and the District Improvement Team. Ever the sports enthusiast, he had the pleasure of coaching his nephews and watching his daughter Darcy play basketball throughout her high school and college careers. Even after his retirement, Carl never ran into a former student who he didn't greet with a smile and engage in conversation. He was loved by his many students and the staff he worked with dur-

ing his long career. Carl's best friend was his son, Louie, of whom he was so very proud. He and Louie enjoyed many adventures together, and his family has laughingly enjoyed re-telling the many comical stories

about all of the predicaments they got into and out of. Carl dearly loved his family camp at Ambajejus Lake. He was never happier than when he was entertaining his family and friends there. You would always find him manning the grill or orchestrating a traditional Italian meal. His culinary expertise will be sorely missed. Carl taught all of his beloved grandchildren how to fish on Ambajejus. He enjoyed taking them on boat rides to Passamagamet to look for game. He loved to build a big campfire and sit outside telling stories with everyone who dropped by.

Carl is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Barbara (Currie) DiFrederico of Millinocket; two children, his son Louis and wife Katie of Millinocket; his daughter Darcy Blythman and husband Robert of Plantation, Florida; his four grandchildren, Jack DiFrederico, Molly, Eva, and Lilah Blythman; his only sister, JoAnn Mac-Dougall and husband Wayne of Rumford, Maine; an aunt, Antoinette DiFrederico; two sisters-in-law, Gladys Morrison and husband Davis; Lenie Goodwin and husband James, and many loved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Carl will also be dearly missed by a special friend, Paul McDonald, and many other close friends and colleagues.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 9-10:30am, on Saturday, February 27th, at the Lamson Funeral Home, 11 Tamarack Street, Millinocket. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated immediately following the calling hours at 11am at Christ the Divine Mercy Parish, St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, 19 Colby Street, Millinocket, with the Reverend Bruce Siket, pastor, presider. Spring interment will be at the Millinocket Cemetery. Gift in memory of Carl may be sent to the James DiFrederico Scholarship Fund, 194 Cottage Road, Millinocket, Maine, 04462, or to the Katahdin Area Support Group, P.O. Box 374, Millinocket, Maine, 04462. Messages of condolence may be expressed at www.lamsonfh.com.



**WAYNE J. MARTIN** 

HAMLIN - Wayne J. Martin, 51, died peacefully Wednesday, February 17, 2016 in Caribou with his loving family at his side, following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born July 30, 1964 in Van Buren, a son of the late Rudolph and Jeannine (Madore) Martin.

Wayne was a self-employed carpenter and contractor for over 25 years. In addition to assisting Valley residents with their home improvements, he also volunteered his abilities with St. Joseph Church, Hamlin, Knights of Columbus, Van Buren and Father David Cote's Bible Camp. He was a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree Assembly, Van Buren, an active parishioner of St. Joseph Church, Hamlin, and a member of Van Buren Pinerunners ATV Club. Wayne was an avid NASCAR fan, he also enjoyed riding four-wheeler with his wife and children as well as working around the house with his John Deere tractor. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and proudly instilled his values in his children.

He is survived by: his wife of 31 years, Denise (Parent) Martin of Hamlin; two children, Anthony "Tony" Martin and his wife Tosha of Van Buren and Amber Martin of Clearwater, FL; three grandchildren, Blake, Zachary and Isaac; three brothers, Clayton Martin of Van Buren, Rudy Martin and his wife Nancy of Caswell and Elden Martin of Bridgton; three sisters, Sandra Martin of Van Buren, Diane Caron and her husband Richard of Grand Falls, NB, Canada and Denise Cormier of Van Buren; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Wayne is predeceased by a brother, Dale Martin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 27, 2016, at St. Joseph Church, Hamlin. Relatives and friends may greet the family Friday 6-8:00 PM and Saturday morning 9:00 AM until 10:45 AM at St. Joseph's Church, Hamlin. Spring interment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Hamlin. In lieu of flowers, donations in Wayne's name may be made to: Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Parish Needs, 284 Main St., Van Buren, ME 04785, Edgar J. Paradis Cancer Fund, c/o NMMC, 194 East Main Street, Fort Kent, ME 04743, or Sanctuary Bible Camp - C/ O Father Dave Cote, 100 Franck Rd., Caswell, ME 04750. To share condolences online, please visit

www.LajoieFuneralHome.com