

OBITUARIES



GERTRUDE "TRUDY" MACDONALD

HAMPDEN - Gertrude "Trudy" MacDonald died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016, after a month's long illness. She was born in Berlin, NH on January 4, 1929. She worked as a secretary first for the business manager and later as secretary to the superintendent at the Bangor Mental Health Institute (BMHI).

In 1953, she moved from Berlin to Portland with two former classmates. A year later, she completed her stenography course at the Northeastern Business College. Also in 1954, she met Clyde MacDonald of Old Orchard Beach, her future husband. Their happy marriage lasted 59 years, until her death.

Trudy cared little about money and gave generously to a number of liberal and humanistic causes. Two of her favorite charities were the Humane Society of the United States and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

She was appalled by violence in any of its forms and gave up viewing films in theaters and on television. She regarded so-called "hunters" as being hypocritical for refusing to call themselves what they are, "killers" of innocent animals. In her mind, "hunting" is and was a perversion.

Her husband knew from the first that she was unique and special. He recalls the day she had been at the window sill with a container that she carried out of doors. When asked, she replied there had been an ant at the sill and that she had safely placed it on the lawn.

Trudy also detested the National Institute of Mental Health and its Maine chapter for championing "deinstitutionalization." They, with misguided liberal politicians, and anti-government conservatives allied with the pharmaceutical industry, falsely claimed that state mental institutions merely were "warehousing" trapped mental patients and that the patients would appreciate being "free." But patients at BMHI were well cared for and enjoyed free movies, music and dances, the library, instruction in various arts and crafts, field trips, and other opportunities.

Trudy knew the names of the patients and when they were forced out, she would read in the newspapers of those who committed suicide, were arrested and jailed, or who died younger than expected. She knew the young woman who froze the death on a Bangor street. Her saddest days were realizing that many former patients were, for months, pounding on the locked doors at BMHI begging to be

let in. The public did not know what was happening to former patients because the compliant Maine Legislature and the federal government had enacted confidentiality laws that prevented references to patients.

Despite her mild nature, Trudy could be forceful on occasions. When Governor James Longley, at the peak of his popularity, tried to close BMHI, she and her husband helped organize an Eastern Maine organization that arranged large turnouts at the Legislature which eventually failed to support Longley's bill.

Even before that, she had walked the picket lines in support of allowing State of Maine employees to become unionized and Governor Curtis finally gave in.

Most of her husband's career was working for Senator George Mitchell who was Trudy's idol, both as a human being and as one who has done more to benefit Maine and its people than any leader in its history. Trudy was a cover-to-cover reader of her beloved Bangor Daily News and a daily reader of the Boston Globe, as well as the Sunday edition of The New York Times and Maine Sunday Telegram. Whenever Senator Mitchell's name appeared, she would clip the item and add it to her large Mitchell collection.

Trudy was a skeptic and did not practice religion, but she was a true humanitarian, as attested to by her many contributions to charities, individuals, and to liberal Democrat politicians.

Trudy is survived by her sister, Margaret Berry of Durham, New Hampshire; her favorite niece, Sharon Berry and her husband Steve, now of Pennsylvania, whose visits at the Maine Veteran's Home shortly before her death revived her spirits and was greatly appreciated. She also wanted to be remembered to Nadine Hoyt of Hampden and Margaret Samways of Bangor. Margaret was her and her husband's best friend who was most attentive during the illness as well as throughout their lives in Hampden. Trudy and her husband are most grateful for the unbelievably able and caring attentions she received from EMMC and Veteran's Home personnel.

Trudy was cremated and there will be no service publicly to commemorate and honor the memory of this most wonderful, sweet, and generous woman. Messages and memories may be shared with the family at kileyandfoley.com. Arrangements by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

Death Notices

BANVILLE, Rolande Dubois, 81, Cape Coral, Fla., Feb. 17, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Monday, March 7, at St. Andrew Catholic Church, Cape Coral, Fla. Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Service, Cape Coral, Fla.

BROOKES, Ruth Harding, Brunswick; at Brunswick, Feb. 19, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Congregational Church of Bristol, 1261 Bristol Rd., Bristol Mills. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

GILLIS, Alan C., 79, Orrington, Feb. 23, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

GODREY, Sally Louisa (Bowen), Holly Springs, N.C., 86, Feb. 11, 2016.

HENDRICKS, Philip A., Pittsfield; at St. Albans, Feb. 23, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, 191 Hartland Ave., Pittsfield.

HUFF, Robin N., 52, Blue Hill, Feb. 21, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

ILLIG, Charles W., 79, Blue Hill; at Ellsworth, Feb. 22, 2016. Jordan-Fernald, 49 Main St., Blue Hill.

MACDONALD, Gertrude 'Trudy', Hampden, Feb. 18, 2016. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

MACGREGOR, Roy Adair, 89, Bangor, Feb. 22, 2016. Service 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at Penobscot County Conservation Association, 570 North Main St., Brewer.

MACKINNON, Nedra (Nash), 79, Bangor; at Bangor, Feb. 23, 2016. Service 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

NADEAU, Mary Ann, Bangor, Feb. 21, 2016. Service noon Thursday, Feb. 25, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York St., Bangor. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

PHELAN, Paul H., 95, Westbrook; at Westbrook, Feb. 21, 2016. Service 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Blais & Hay Funeral Home, 35 Church St., Westbrook.

RACKLIFF, Carol, 48, Spruce Head, Feb. 20, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.



NEDRA (NASH) MACKINNON

BANGOR - Nedra (Nash) MacKinnon, 79, passed away at her home, February 23, 2016. She was born May 13, 1936, in Bangor, to Laura E. (Maguire) Nash and George D. Nash, the youngest of four children.

Nedra was predeceased by her oldest brother, George D. Nash Jr.; and her sisters, Jessie J. (Nash) Puckett and Edith E. (Nash) Moore. She and her late husband, Paul, were not blessed with any children of their own. Her nine nieces and nephew meant the world to her; children of their own could not have been any more cherished, as well as the great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Nedra attended schools in Bangor. After graduating from Farmington State Teachers College, now known as University of Maine at Farmington, Nedra taught grade four in Augusta, Waterville and Orono. In the mid-sixties, she drove to Alabama to visit her sister, Edith. Staying longer than expected, she called Orono to let them know they would need to replace her with someone in her position. On the way back to Maine she stopped in Danvers, MA, to visit a dear friend and her husband. They introduced her to their friend, Paul MacKinnon. They dated for two years and married on October of 1968. After marrying Paul MacKinnon, the love of her life, they moved to Lynn, MA, where they lived for eight years. When her father died, they moved back to Bangor to be nearby as her mother's health was failing. They so enjoyed their wonderful friends and neighbors in the Bangor area. It always bothered her that the powers that be saw fit to tear down the old city hall and railroad station. Nedra retired after over 24 years of working for what is now Bangor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and the Bangor General Assistance Office. She just loved both positions and all the great people she met.

A memorial service will be held 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor, with the Rev. Grace Bartlett officiating. Those who wish to remember Nedra in a special way may make gifts in her memory to the Bangor Humane Society, 693 Mount Hope Avenue, Bangor, ME 04401. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.



RUTH HARDING BROOKES

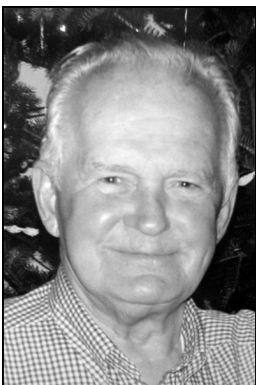
BRUNSWICK - Ruth Harding Brookes died in Brunswick on February 19, 2016. She was born Ruth Harding, the daughter of Gerry and Jennie Clifford Harding, in Prospect Ferry, ME, on March 14, 1915.

She attended public school in Stockton Springs, ME, and graduated as valedictorian of her class at the University of Maine, Orono, in 1935. Ruth obtained an MA degree in biology from Boston University in 1936 and taught science in the Bristol, CT, high school from 1936-38. In 1938 she married the Rev. Kenneth Brookes, a Congregational and then UCC minister. They lived in Stony Creek, CT, Westfield, MA, Westborough, MA, and Augusta, ME., where Kenneth served a succession of churches. Ruth was a guidance counselor in public schools in Westborough and Augusta, finishing her career at Cony High School in 1975. She obtained a Masters degree in counseling in 1956.

Ruth and Kenneth built their house on Pemaquid Point in 1967 and moved there permanently in 1973. They were both active in the work of the Carpenter's Boat Shop in Pemaquid, and Ruth volunteered for many years at Miles Memorial Hospital. In 2014 she moved to Sunnybrook Village in Brunswick, ME.

She is survived by her four children: Gay Brookes, New York City; Gerry Brookes and his wife Anne, Brunswick, ME; Kenneth Brookes and his wife Ellen, Southwest Harbor, ME, and Katherine Lund, and her husband Ray, Saco, ME; seven grandchildren: Kimberly, Kristen, Jennifer, Stephen, Geoffrey, Peter, and Jason, and 12 great grandchildren. She also leaves two nieces and a nephew and a number of their children and grandchildren.

A memorial service and reception will be held March 12 at 11 a.m. at the Congregational Church of Bristol, 1261 Bristol Rd, Bristol Mills 04539. Memorial donations may be made to Carpenter's Boat Shop, 440 Old Country Rd., Pemaquid, ME 04558, or to the Congregational Church of Bristol, where Ruth was an active member.



ROY ADAIR MACGREGOR

BANGOR - Roy Adair MacGregor passed away on February 22, 2016, at the age of 89. Roy lived a full and gregarious life, instilling humor and pleasure in all that he knew. He was the son of James Adair MacGregor and Beryl Finnemore MacGregor, born in Belmont, Massachusetts, on April 20, 1926. He was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Jacquelyn Henry; and brother, Robert MacGregor.

Roy is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary Weston MacGregor of Bangor; and four daughters, Terry MacGregor and life partner, Bill Smith, of Dresden, Deborah Maines and husband, Douglas, of Falmouth, Lynn Ann MacGregor of Topsham and Jodi MacGregor and life partner, Theresa Amirault, of Brewer. He is also survived by his sister, Marjorie Coughlin of Oakland; brother-in-law, Ralph Weston and wife, Dolores, of Skowhegan; and brother-in-law, Richard Brophy and wife, Sylvia, of Livermore. He was loved and admired by his five grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He served in the Navy in the Pacific Fleet during World War II on the USS Oberon, and returned for a second tour of duty during the Korean conflict. Upon his honorable discharge he returned to Maine, working for the railroad for eleven years and starting a plumbing and heating business which he ran until retirement.

Not only was Roy a master plumber, he was also a master practical joker, always with a twinkle in his eye! You may know of the time, after allowing his two young daughters to watch a scary movie late at night, that he hid under one of their beds and moved the

spring and mattress around as they were trying to go to sleep. Hysterical. Or during the big annual Christmas eve gatherings, when he wired a metal chair and unsuspecting guests would get a shocking surprise. Classic. Or after instructing his future son-in-law to dismantle an old furnace with a sledgehammer, sneaking up to the first floor and dropping a string of firecrackers down into the basement as a surprise. Pure adrenaline. And then there was the time that he secretly hid an electric doorbell inside the neighbor's chimney which Roy's children would set off at random times, much to the neighbor's dismay. Absolute genius. Or how about soldering a quarter to the porch floor and wiring it to a car battery so that each unsuspecting person who tried to pick it up got a surprise? Not everyone found this amusing, but Roy sure did! Snowball fights against all of the neighborhood kids during his lunch hour at home! Amazing his grandchildren by making a dime disappear into his arm and reappear in his ear? And for every joke you saved to tell him, he always had three more in return. If you ever spent time with Roy and didn't walk away with a huge grin, then you weren't paying attention!!!

Roy's is a life to be celebrated, and we hope you will join us on Sunday, April 24, from 1-4 p.m. at the Penobscot County Conservation Association, 570 North Main Street, Brewer. Please join us and bring your favorite Roy story to share with friends and family and enjoy the memories that this gentle man created for us all.

Love, Roy Adair MacGregor's Family



PAUL H. PHELAN

WESTBROOK - Paul H. Phelan, 95, passed away at his home on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016. He grew up in Calais, one of six children of Leo and Clara Phelan.

He earned degrees in music and journalism from the University of Maine in Orono. His long teaching career started in the Washington County towns of Princeton, Columbia Falls and Woodland. He also taught in Yarmouth and Biddeford. Bands under his direction were chosen to represent Maine in Washington DC several times. In 1975 he was named "Music teacher of the Year." Paul coached the Calais Chiefs basketball club and played for the Calais Orphans. His baseball teams at Princeton and Columbia Falls won numerous league championships. In 1990 and again in 2000 he was honored by Woodland's "Paul Phelan Day." The recipient of many accolades, in 2000 he received the Bishop Proulx Award for public and church service within the Portland Diocese. In 2008 he was also chosen "volunteer of the year" by the Maine Association of Retirees for his years of service as an entertainer at vets homes and rehabilitation centers.

Paul has written over 400

musical works and twenty-eight dictionaries of humor and satire. Paul was a WWII veteran serving in Italy, Last fall he participated in the Honor Flight Maine to Washington, D.C., and was chosen to place a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Throughout his life he always lived his faith. Paul was widely known for his kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness and shared is humor, laughter and puns.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Frances; daughter, Linda Elizabeth Landry; and brothers Harold, Bert and Edward. He is survived by sisters, Jean Cavanaugh of Manchester, NH, and Lois Downing of Houlton; many nieces and nephews; daughter, Theresa Walch and husband, Dennis, of Westbrook; grandchildren, Jennifer Bouvier and husband, Joseph, of Swampscott, MA, Brian Walch and his wife, Jeanine, of Middletown, NJ, Elizabeth Walch of Brunswick and Rachel Schaible and husband, Rob, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; great-grandchildren, Leah, Michaela, Allison, Jenna and Miles.

Visiting hours will be 12:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Blais & Hay Funeral Home, 35 Church St., Westbrook. A short service will follow.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
GEORGE LEWIS SHAW
Jul 05, 1929 - Feb 24, 1991



God took you home 25 years ago. Not a day goes by that we don't think of you and miss you. Love you forever. Your wife, Beverly, and children, Jacki, Viki, Kathy, Connie, Mike, and Scott.

In Loving Memory Of
JOSHUA JAMES STEVENS 'JOSHTOISE'

Dec. 20, 1993 - Feb. 25, 2009



It just seems like yesterday you were here laughing, smiling, telling us all what to do. We love and miss you so very much. Love, Joey, Mom, Eric, Alycia and Brady XXOO

In Loving Memory Of
JOSHUA JAMES STEVENS
Dec. 20, 1993 - Feb. 25, 2009

It's been seven years since you left us. I miss you more each day. Love, Dad

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