

# OBITUARIES



**RANDY V. ERVING**

ST. ALBANS - Randy Vernal Erving, 53, passed unexpectedly April 8, 2016, at his home. He was born August 20, 1962, in Hartland, a son of Theodore and Beverly (Sinclair) Erving.

Randy enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, working with his brother Robert, and taking his dog Riley for rides. He could fix anything and could always be counted on to lend a hand when needed. Randy was employed at Remy's Department Store in Dexter for many years. He was a modest man with a big heart and warm smile. He will be remembered fondly and missed deeply by all who knew him.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his paternal grandmother, Frances Libby; daughter, Heidi and husband, Joshua Harts-grove, daughter, Amanda and husband, William Kenney; grandchildren, Cayden and Avie Claude, Dylan Harts-grove, Camryn and Liam Kenney; sister, Robin and husband, Jeffery Reynolds; sister, Donna and husband, Robert Stewart; brother, Robert and wife, Mandi Erving; brother, Gerald and wife, Stacy Erving; several nieces and nephews.

A graveside committal service for Randy and his father, Ted, who predeceased him on January 29, 2016, will be held jointly at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in the Maloon Cemetery, St. Albans.

Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal, Newport. Those who wish may leave written condolences at [www.CrosbyNeal.com](http://www.CrosbyNeal.com)

**ANN F. PEDE**

BANGOR - Ann F. Pe-de, 79, passed away after a long illness Friday, April 8, 2016. She was born April 7, 1937, in Malden, MA, the daughter of Ferdinand and Frances Byrd (Cook) Pe-de.

Ann graduated from Lexington High School, class of 1955, and went right to work at Raytheon, a commercial electronics company. She spent her entire career working in Waltham, MA. Ann traveled to lots of places around the world and she played a lot of golf. Ann will always be remembered as being very feisty, yet very generous.

In addition to her parents, Ann was predeceased by a brother, Edward. She is survived by first cousins Sandi Mann and husband Art, of Patten, Carol Howard and husband Alan of Dennis, MA, Ron Cook and wife Rose, of North Attleboro, MA, Lauren Sullivan of Freeport, and Lynda Cook of Topsham; and many 2nd and 3rd cousins.

A graveside service will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 28, 2016 at the West-view Cemetery, in Lexington, MA. Those who wish to remember Ann in a special way may make gifts in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 383 US Route 1, Suite 2C, Scarborough, ME, 04074. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.Memorial-Alternatives.com](http://www.Memorial-Alternatives.com)

**In Memoriam**

In Loving Memory Of  
**JAMES R. SWAN**  
Sep 04, 1930 - Apr 14, 2012



You may be gone from our sight, but you are never gone from our hearts. You are loved and missed everyday, Your loving family



**JOHN P. ANDERSON**

NEW SWEDEN - John P. Anderson, 51, passed away unexpectedly April 11, 2016, at his New Sweden residence. He was born in Caribou May 28, 1964, the son of Delbert and Helen (Johnson) Anderson.

John was employed as a heavy equipment operator for Trombley Industries for many years.

Surviving, in addition to his parents of New Sweden, are three brothers, James Anderson of Lebanon, PA., Craig Anderson of New Sweden and Gustaf Anderson and wife, Heather, of Caribou; two sisters, Sarah Anderson and husband, John Haney, of Caribou and Cheryl Hawkes of East Machias; nieces, Kirsten Haney, Nevaeh Anderson, Nicki, Jamie, Sheana, Kelly, April and Jenny; nephews, Nicholas Anderson, Dennis, Levi, Adam, Mike, Chris and Joe; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his sister, Sherry Anderson.

Friends may visit with the family 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, Caribou, where funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Robert Smith officiating. Interment will be later in the spring at the New Sweden Cemetery. Following the service all are invited to a time of continued fellowship and refreshments at the Connor School. [www.mocklerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mocklerfuneralhome.com)

**JUDITH LEE ACHORN JELLISON**

CLIFTON - Judith Lee Achorn Jellison, 78, passed away in Bangor on April 2, 2016.

The daughter of Clarice (Smith) and Edgar Gooch, she was raised in Bangor, graduated from Bangor High, and then moved on to Husson College, where she obtained an associates degree in business administration. During her career she held a wide variety of positions finally retiring from the R. Leon Williams Lumber Company in Clifton. Judy was first and foremost a mom, dedicated to her family; she was likewise fond of dancing, the ocean, camping with family and friends, and the social gatherings of loved ones. She was an avid crossword enthusiast and crafter, having spent some time working the craft fairs with her daughter.

Judy was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Janet Fleming; her beloved husband of 35 years, Ralph; and her son-in-law, Lindy Leavitt. She is survived by her sister, Jeanne Everett; her daughter, Dawn Marie Leavitt of Smithfield; sons, Bret Achorn and his wife, Ginny, of Amherst, Ray Achorn of Eddington, Jeffery Achorn of Clifton, and Todd Achorn and his partner, Joe Turner, of Smithfield; her stepsons, Ralph Jellison Jr. and wife, Kathleen, John Jellison and his wife, Cissy, and Troy Jellison and his wife, Amy; along with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial ceremony will be held 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Clifton United Baptist Church, 742 Airline Road, immediately followed by a celebration of Judy's life at her home, complimented by punch, pints and pie. Her interment is planned for late spring

**In Memoriam**

In Loving Memory Of  
**WARD LEWIS SHAW**  
April 14, 1916 - May 5, 2006



Happy 100th birthday from your son, Richard. Your music lives on.

## Death Notices

**ANDERSON, John P.**, 41, New Sweden; at New Sweden, April 11, 2016. Service 4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.

**BELANGER, Sylvia May**, 81, Glenburn; at Glenburn, April 11, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**BUSTARD, Judy A.** 63, Eddington; at Bangor, April 11, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Brewer Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 55 South Main St., Brewer.

**ERVING, Randy V.**, 53, St. Albans; at St. Albans, April 8, 2016.

**GIUSTO, Ronald Augustino**, 74, Belmont, March 21, 2016. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**HIGGINS, Valerie Ann**, Bangor; at Bangor, April 11, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2016 at St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York St., Bangor. Greenlawn Funeral Home.

**HUGHES, Virginia "Ginny" Faye**, 79, Pittsfield; at Skowhegan, April 11, 2016. Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, Pittsfield.

**JELLISON, Judith Lee Achorn**, 78, Clifton; at Bangor, April 2, 2016. Service 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Clifton United Baptist Church, 742 Airline Road.

**LANE, Alice M.**, 94, Island Falls; at Houlton, April 11, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2016, at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Island Falls. Dunn Funeral Home, 11 Park St., Houlton.

**PEDE, Ann F.**, 79, Bangor, April 8, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2016 at the Westview Cemetery, in Lexington, MA. Memorial Alternatives.

**WALKER, Frances L.**, 96, Ellsworth; at Ellsworth, April 13, 2016. Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth.



**SYLVIA MAY BELANGER**

GLENBURN - Sylvia May Belanger, 81, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2016, in her home surrounded by family. She was born on September 1st, 1934, in Edinburg, Maine, the daughter of Ruth and Roy Anderson.

Sylvia was a talented artist known for her beautiful paintings that were proudly displayed and sold at several locations in the Bangor area. Sylvia worked in the shoe industry for several decades has a hand sewer. She moved on to Ross Manor where she worked as a dietician aid.

Sylvia was a devoted wife to her predeceased husband of 52 years, Albert C. Belanger Sr., and a loving mother to her two children: Albert Belanger Jr. and Financé Cindy Horten and Christine Wren and her husband Bobby Wren.

Sylvia committed her life to her family and friends and was a caring mother and grandmother. Sylvia enjoyed looking for the latest bargain at the local yard sales in the area and enjoyed the ocean and frequented the coast during the summer seasons. When she wasn't lounging in her sun chair on her front porch, she also loved her art sessions at the Bangor senior center and also loved going to the local music jams. Sylvia loved showing her creativity in her clothing style, usually sporting her fluorescent green sneakers, and purple hat. Some of the greatest memories for the family were created by Sylvia during the holiday seasons where she would prepare a feast for the whole family to enjoy. Words can't describe how much she will be missed by all her family and friends.

Sylvia is survived by her sister Louise Ferguson; her brother Gerald Anderson; son, Albert C. Belanger Jr.; daughter, Christine Wren of Levant; seven grandchildren: Richard, Colby, Denice and Angela Brown, Sean Belanger, Todd Berlucchi, Nicole Pineo; great-grandchildren: Sean Jr., Alexis, Alex, Kourtney, Autum, Arianna, Anastasia, Calista, Natasha, Alyssa, Brittany, Maci, Taylor, Madeline, Mason, Gavin, and many friends.

A Service of Remembrance will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 20th, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor. The family invites relatives and friends to share conversation and refreshments at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center St., Bangor following the service. Gifts in Sylvia's memory may be made to Maineiacs Charities, 103 Marren Street, Suite 518, Bangor, ME 04401. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).



**VALERIE ANN HIGGINS**

BANGOR - After a period of declining health Valerie Higgins passed away peacefully April 11, 2016 surrounded by her large and loving family.

Valerie was born in Bangor August 17, 1931, daughter of Carl and Isobel McAllister Anderson. Valerie grew up in Bangor, attended St. Johns Grammar School and graduated from John Baptist class of 1949. Her early career was with the New England Telephone Co. as a switchboard operator which she later continued at the Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Valerie loved art, dance, yoga, reading the classics and her daily crossword puzzles. Valerie was an accomplished pianist and generously gave her time playing at the Maine Veterans Home and other area nursing facilities. She was also a volunteer in the gift shop at St. Joseph Hospital.

She was an exceptionally gifted homemaker with a flair for interior design creating a beautiful space and providing an abundance of homemade foods for her large and growing family.

Valerie was predeceased by her husband Richard Higgins, her son Stephen Higgins and her infant daughter Elizabeth. She is survived by children Valerie Higgins of Dunedin, FL, Richard Higgins of Bangor, David and Joanne Higgins of Hampden, Mark Higgins of Reno, NV, Carol and Chris Coyle of Camden, William and Maria Higgins of Brewer, Timothy and Marcia Higgins of Bangor, Jennifer and Tim Herbold of Bangor, Catherine and Chris Proctor of Rowlett, TX, Allison and Kurt Cardello of Bangor, Anne Higgins of Las Vegas, NV, Susan Higgins Walker of Newcastle, Kimberly Byers of Laurel, MD, and her brother, Carl Anderson of Dedham. There are in addition 25 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Friends and Relatives are invited to call at the Green Lawn Funeral Home at 300 State St. in Bangor Friday from 4 to 6pm. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York St. in Bangor on Saturday, April 16th at 11am.

**In Memoriam...**

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**ALICE M. LANE**

ISLAND FALLS - Alice M. Lane, 94, passed away Monday, April 11, 2016, at Gardiner Health Care Facility in Houlton. She was born on October 21, 1921, in Island Falls, the daughter of Charles and Esther (Springer) Ryan.

Alice grew up in Island Falls, graduating from Island Falls High School in 1939. She married Willis "Bill" Lane in October 1941. They were happily married for 62 years until Bill's passing in 2002. They will be fondly remembered holding hands and walking "around the block" every morning and evening. They had three sons Willis, Jr., Malcolm and Martin. Alice was a lifelong member of the St. Agnes Catholic Church and local Sodality. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother, and greatly enjoyed her 14 grandchildren. She was an avid reader, loved bird watching and was a passionate Red Sox fan. She was a fantastic cook and made the best homemade bread you can imagine. She knit countless wool socks and crocheted dozens of afghans. Alice will be remembered for her intelligence, strength, humor and compassion.

Alice is survived by her daughter-in-law, Sandra Lane of Island Falls; a daughter-in-law, Perlene Lane of Oakfield; her brother, Richard Ryan and his wife, Theresa "Bunny" of Island Falls; her sister, Patricia Boutilier of Houlton; 13 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, her three sons, four of her brothers, James, Clement "Tim", Edward and Michael; and one grandson, Malcolm Lane, Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00AM Saturday, May 7, 2016, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Island Falls with Rev. David Raymond celebrant. Interment will be in the St. Agnes Cemetery in Island Falls.

Gifts may be made in Alice's memory payable to the Katahdin Public Library c/o Dunn Funeral Home, 11 Park Street, Houlton, 04730.

Online condolences and guest book: [dunnfuneral.com](http://dunnfuneral.com)



**JUDY A. BUSTARD**

EDDINGTON - Judy A. Bustard, 63, died April 11, 2016, at a Bangor hospital. She was born August 12, 1952, in Fort Fairfield, daughter of Harry F. and Mary S. (Murphy) Bustard.

Judy was a graduate of Fort Fairfield High School, class of 1970, and the University of Maine, B.S. degree with honors, in 1974. She obtained a Master's degree in Computer Science from Lesley University, Cambridge, MA, and a certificate of Advanced Studies. She was a well-known and respected teacher in the Milford Elementary school for 33 years, where she taught general courses and was a Computer Science coordinator. Judy was past president of the Teachers Association Union 90 and served as Contract Negotiator for the teachers. She will be remembered as a colorful character when it came to coaching and refereeing basketball, and her players loved her. As a member of the Teacher Core Program Judy also became a deputy sheriff to supervise middle school dancers.

Surviving are one brother, Fred Bustard of Scarborough; a niece, Karen Crandall and her husband, Clair, of Gray; two nephews, Dan Bustard of Scarborough and Joe Bustard and his wife, Lynda, of Simpsonville, SC; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and a very special friend, Barbara Plisga.

A memorial service to celebrate Judy's life will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the Brewer Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 55 South Main Street, Brewer. The family invites relatives and friends to share conversation and refreshments in the reception rooms immediately following the service Thursday. Those who wish to remember Judy in a special way may make gifts in her memory to the Fort Fairfield High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 201, Fort Fairfield, ME 04742. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).

## Vladimir Kagan, furniture designer, dies at 88

BY EMILY LANGER  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Vladimir Kagan, who brought a sensual aesthetic to modern furniture design with kidney-shaped couches, among other innovative seating concepts, that were credited with rounding off the hard edges of contemporary style, died April 7 at his home in Palm Beach, Florida. He was 88.

A cabinetmaker's son, Kagan came to the United States at 11 after fleeing Nazi Germany with his family. He trained at his father's New York workshop and by the 1940s was producing his own designs. One of his first orders was a set of tables and chairs for a delegate lounge at the fledgling United Nations.

In the decades that followed, he became one of the most sought-after designers of his era, his works housed in the homes of Hollywood celebrities and enshrined in the collections of the Brooklyn Museum, the Cooper Hewitt design museum in New York and other institutions.

Kagan advocated "elegance with tranquility" and did not forsake comfort for stylishness. Many of his designs featured soft curves and overstuffed upholstery.

"Unlike Bauhaus furniture, Kagan's is so comfortable his clients sit in the living room even when there's no company," journalist Sarah Booth Conroy, who often wrote about home design, once noted in The Washington Post.

His work, Conroy observed, would not have been out of place "in a setting for

Greta Garbo, an Afghan hound curled at her feet."

Among Kagan's most noted designs, dating to the 1970s, was the Omnibus sofa, a multilevel sectional seating arrangement that he described as an "interior landscape."

"It expresses what I believe happens in the home, which is that you have more than one focus," he once told the Toronto Star. "You have a window here, you have a fireplace over here, have a television over there — you want to be able to be mobile in the sitting arrangements, so with this kind of free-flowing center seat you can take advantage of all directions."

A hallmark of his work was the curved line. One of his most recognizable chairs was a chaise that looked remarkably like a tongue. Another piece, with its back and arms formed by two sculpted strands of leather, was named the fettuccine chair. Another item, designed in Palm Beach, was called the hurricane chair.

He retired in the late 1980s but was enticed back to work when his designs enjoyed a resurgence of popularity. In 2005, a Serpentine sofa he created in 1952 fetched \$192,000 at a Christie's auction, according to the research of Antiques Roadshow.

Vladimir Illi Kagan was born in Worms on the Rhine, Germany, on Aug. 29, 1927. His father, from modern-day Belarus, had served in the Russian army in World War I and was taken prisoner in Germany, where he taught wood-working while in captivity and established a home after the armistice.