

OBITUARIES



LEROY J. FLEMING

MEDWAY - Leroy J. Fleming, 78, husband of Carol (Daigle) Fleming, died April 15, 2016. He was born November 2, 1937, in Woodville, the son of Leroy T. and Louise (Bowker) Fleming.

Leroy was a veteran of the US Army. He worked at Great Northern in East Millinocket. He enjoyed bird hunting and fishing and was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and UMaine women's basketball.

In addition to his wife, Carol, he is survived by three children, Lee Ann Fleming Rowell and her husband, Dennis, of Canaan, Mark A. Fleming, of Holden and Bruce Fleming, of Medway; a brother, George Fleming; four grandchildren, Ricky Fleming and his wife, Oriana, Sasha Fleming, Amber Rowell and Corey Rowell. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by four siblings, Lynn Fleming, Carlton Fleming, Stanley Fleming and Myra Hurd.

Private services will be held with William Chesley officiating. Condolences may be expressed at www.clayfuneralhome.com.

DANIEL BERT PUTNAM

CARY PLANTATION - Daniel "Danny" Putnam passed peacefully at home on April 11, 2016, after bravely battling brain cancer. He never lost his sense of humor or zest for life.

Born in Houlton, Maine, he was the son of Glen and Catherine Putnam of Cary Plantation

He is survived by his mother; sister, Debbie Harber of Ruidoso, New Mexico; and nephews, Jonathan Duff of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Eric Duff and wife Ashley of Fort Worth, Texas.

Danny graduated from Hodgdon High School and earned an associate degree in Business Management from Husson University in Bangor. He was a Certified Nurses Assistant in Colorado and Maine as well as a licensed stock broker through Syracuse University, New York.

Dan enjoyed nature and enjoyed life to the fullest, whether it be jeeping through the woods, looking for creatures, entertaining, or eating out. There was never a dull moment around Danny!

He chose to start his journey from home which would not have been possible without the care of his sister and his loving friends, Renee Smith and Jake Feeney. We are especially grateful to the Visiting Nurses of Aroostook and their Hospice Support.

Thank you, Wayne, for being Dan's best friend to the very end.

Per Dan's request, a Celebration of Life will be held at his home by his sister and his close friends on 4-20-16 beginning at 6 p.m.

Donations may be made to any Cancer Research Organization of your choice that others may live with hope.

www.directcremationofmaine.com



ROBERT W. HANSON

HOULTON - Robert W. Hanson, 68, passed away April 15, 2016 at a local hospital from complications due to respiratory failure. He was born June 24, 1947 in Houlton, the son of Robert C. and Florence (Boulier) Hanson.

Bob graduated from Houlton High School, Class of '65 and NMVTI in '67. He was life member and past exalted ruler of the Houlton Lodge of Elks and a member of the Houlton Community Golf Course. Bob was employed by Petroleum Products, McGuillcuddy Oil, founder of Home Comfort Co., and manager of Maine Potato Growers. He then joined his father (Bob the painter) and together they started Hanson & Hanson, Inc. doing small construction and painting jobs. Bob coached Little League and was an avid outdoorsman enjoying camp with all his friends and family. He had his PHD (Potato House Degree) in the game of Bridge that he enjoyed with his Dad, best friends Bob, Frank, Donald and Russell. Bob will be remembered for his joke telling and will be missed by many.

Bob is survived by his wife of 50 years, Nedra (Savage) Hanson of Houlton; two children, Jody Wellington and her husband Robert of New Limerick, Wade Hanson and his wife Carol of Houlton; four grandchildren, Ryan Wellington of New Limerick, Emily Hanson of Bangor, Erin Wellington of Wooster, OH, Allix Hanson of Houlton; two brothers, Steve Hanson of Valley Spring, CA, and David Hanson and his wife Tania of Las Vegas, NV; his niece, Heidi Michaels; his nephew, Luke Hanson; many cousins, aunts and uncles. He was predeceased by his parents.

Friends may call Wednesday, April 20, 2016 6:00 to 8:00PM at the Dunn Funeral Home. Funeral service with an Elks Memorial will be held 1:00PM Thursday, April 21, 2016 with Rev. Wayne Robertson officiating. Gifts may be made in Bob's memory by turning off your kid's electronics and taking them fishing or payable to the Cary Library and Juvenile Diabetes Assoc. c/o Dunn Funeral Home 11 Park Street Houlton, 04730. Online condolences and guest book: dunnfuneral.com

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
ALBERT H. BISHOP
Jun 09, 1931 - Apr 18, 2013



A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child. Lovingly remembered by family, friends and Anah Temple 2nd Section

Death Notices

CHASE, Donna E., 69, Willimantic and Bangor; at Bangor, April 16, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft.

FLEMING, Leroy J., 78, Medway, April 15, 2016. Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Rd., Lincoln.

HANSON, Robert W., 68, Houlton; at Houlton, April 15, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2016. Dunn Funeral Home, 11 Park St., Houlton.

LAFLAMME, John F., 83, East Machias; at Machias, April 16, 2016. Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

PUTNAM, Daniel Bert, Cary Plantation, April 11, 2016. Service 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

STEVENS, Carolyn M., 77, Dexter; at Dexter, April 16, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Corinthian Cemetery in Corinth. Crosby & Neal, Dexter.



CAROLYN M. STEVENS

DEXTER - Carolyn M. Stevens, 77, died April 16, 2016, at the home of her grandson and his wife, Kevin and Angela Stevens and their son, Brandon, who cared for her up until the time of her death. She was born in Bristol, CT, November 22, 1938, the daughter of Delmont and Lillian (Tuttle) Richards.

Carolyn's faith was very important to her and she loved reading her Bible. She also enjoyed painting, cooking, gardening, flea markets and yard sales.

She was predeceased by her husband, Johnney Stevens Sr. in 2013.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Phyllis Lambert and her husband, Richard of Saco, Marlene Spinney and boyfriend, Mike Celistino of Charleston, and Crystal Stevens of Bangor; a son, John Stevens Jr., and his wife, April of Dexter; special sister-in-law, Christy Rines of Newport; several brothers; sisters; grandchildren; and great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held 1 PM Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the Corinthian Cemetery in Corinth. Arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Dexter. For an online guest register, go to www.CrosbyNeal.com.



DONNA E. CHASE

WILLIMANTIC & BANGOR - Donna E. Chase, 69, passed away April 16, 2016, at her home in Bangor. She was born June 7, 1946, in Island Falls, the daughter of Alton W. and Lucy Marie (Goodall) Plourde. Donna was CNA and had worked in the home health field and as a waitress for many years.

She is survived by a brother, Dennis Plourde of Winterport; two brothers-in-law, Wayne O. Chase Sr. and his wife, Ena, of Guilford, and Warren D. Rinks, Jr. of Bangor; and a nephew, Shane Rinks. She was predeceased by her husband of 38 years, Calvin D. Chase, in 2008. She will be remembered by many special friends.

Friends and family are invited to call from 12:00 noon until time of service at 1:00 pm Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft, with Steve Dauphinee officiating. Burial will be in the family lot in Greenwood Cemetery, Atkinson. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 1 Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086-1240. Condolences may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.

Vint Lawrence, CIA officer, dies at 76

BY HARRISON SMITH
THE WASHINGTON POST

Vint Lawrence, a CIA paramilitary officer who helped organize a secret war in the jungles of Laos before becoming a critically acclaimed artist and caricaturist, illustrating wild-eyed literary giants and wide-eyed politicians for such publications as the New Republic and The Washington Post, died April 9 at a hospital in New Haven, Connecticut. He was 76.

Lawrence began making highly detailed line drawings of presidents, writers and international events around 1970, freelancing for Washington Monthly and The Post, particularly the newspaper's Book World section. He was later a contributing editor at the New Republic.

Through Lawrence's pen, faces and objects often underwent fantastical transformations: Sen. Everett Dirksen acquired a head in the shape of his home state of Illinois; the West Bank became the car of Jordan's King Hussein.

For a 1984 profile of White House spokesman Larry Speakes, Lawrence imagined Speakes dressed as a court jester, seated at the foot of a drawbridge hanging from President Ronald Reagan's ears. Hungry sea critters gazed open-mouthed from a moat below, their sides emblazoned with the names of news outlets including The Post and the New York Times.

No transformation was more dazzling than that of Lawrence himself, who had just graduated from Princeton University with a bachelor's degree in art history when he was drafted into the Army and recruited by the CIA in 1960. He found himself in Laos two years later, in the midst of a bloody civil war between the country's Communist party and ruling monarchy.

The rugged, landlocked nation had become a crucial battlefield of the Vietnam War because of the Ho Chi Minh trail, a winding North Vietnamese supply route that carried troops and munitions through eastern Laos and south to Vietnam.

Lawrence was tasked with coordinating between American forces and a guerrilla army led by Vang Pao, a charismatic Hmong general whom CIA Director William Colby later called "the biggest hero of the Vietnam War."

For three years, Lawrence spent nearly every hour of the day with Vang Pao, planning raids on North Vietnamese soldiers and developing a 39,000-person army at a secret base in the valley of Long Cheng.

He returned to the United States in 1964, 11 years before Vang Pao and his forces were defeated by the Communists, to work as an aide for Colby — then a high-ranking deputy at the CIA — and later for Paul Nitze, deputy secretary of defense.

James Vinton Lawrence was born in New York City on June 25, 1939, and grew up in Englewood, New Jersey. His father was an investment counselor who served in the Office of Strategic Services, a World War II-era precursor to the CIA.

Lawrence graduated in 1956 from the private Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and in 1960 from Princeton.

Lawrence set aside illustration for painting at the end of his career but said he found great joy in the caricatures that brought him fame. Among his favorite subjects was Texas businessman H. Ross Perot, whose large-eared face peered out from the pages of the New Republic a half-dozen times during Perot's failed 1992 presidential campaign.

Hector Cafferata, Medal of Honor recipient, dies at 86

BY MATT SCHUDEL
THE WASHINGTON POST

Hector Cafferata, who received the Medal of Honor after waging a lone battle — in ankle-deep snow and in his stocking feet — against enemy forces during the Korean War's storied Chosin Reservoir battle, died April 12 at a hospice Venice, Florida. He was 86.

He had complications from an infection, said a daughter, Deborah Cafferata-ReFalo.

Mr. Cafferata, a burly 6-foot-2 semipro football player, joined the Marine Corps Reserve in 1948. Activated for the Korean War in 1950, he was a private assigned to the 1st Marine Division. His unit was charged with protecting an escape route for other Marines in a mountainous region near the Chosin Reservoir in modern-day North Korea.

Because the snow-covered ground was frozen solid, Mr. Cafferata and the other Marines in his small forward unit were unable to dig foxholes. They cut branches from trees for shelter, then climbed into their sleeping bags.

About 1:30 a.m. on Nov. 28, 1950, Mr. Cafferata was jolted awake by the sounds of an attack by Chinese forces. Other members of his small squad were either killed or seriously wounded in the early stages of the battle, forcing Mr. Cafferata to gather weapons from his fallen comrades. He was accompanied by a fellow marine, Kenneth Benson, who was temporarily blinded when a grenade exploded near his face, shattering his glasses.

"I told Benson, 'Hang on to my foot. We're going to crawl,'" Mr. Cafferata said in a 2001 interview with Florida's Charlotte Sun newspaper. "We crawled up to a wash, where rainwater cut a shallow trench into the side of the hill. I told him, 'This is where we're going to stay.'"

"While his comrade reloaded his rifle for him, Cafferata lobbed hand grenades toward enemy troops," according to a 2005 account in the Marine Corps Times. "He soon retrieved his rifle and quickly fired all eight shots, dropping eight enemy soldiers."

With Benson reloading the rifles, Mr. Cafferata waged battle for more than five hours as a virtual one-man fighting force. He shot his M1 rifle so much, he later recalled, "that thing turned to charcoal. I had to put snow on it to cool it off."

Under constant assault from rifle fire, grenades and

mortars, he grabbed live grenades and threw them back toward the Chinese forces. He swatted others away with his folding shovel, or entrenching tool.

One exploding grenade severed part of a finger and left shrapnel embedded in Mr. Cafferata's right arm. Still, he fought on, shooting off enemy soldiers as close as 15 feet away.

As daybreak came, Mr. Cafferata was seriously wounded by a sniper and was rescued by other marines. After he was evacuated to a first-aid tent, medics saw that his feet were blue from frostbite. He had fought for hours without wearing boots or a coat.

His Medal of Honor citation described Mr. Cafferata as "stouthearted and indomitable" and officially credited him with killing 15 Chinese soldiers, "wounding many more, and forcing the others to withdraw."

According to Peter Collier's 2003 book "Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty," Mr. Cafferata's commanding officers later "counted approximately one hundred Chinese dead around the ditch where he had fought that night but had decided not to put the figure into their report because they thought that no one would believe it."

After spending 18 months in military hospitals recovering from his wounds, Mr. Cafferata was presented the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest decoration for wartime valor, by President Harry S. Truman at a White House ceremony in November 1952.

Hector Albert Cafferata Jr. was born Nov. 4, 1929, in New York City and later moved with his family to Boonton, New Jersey. His father ran a paper mill.

Mr. Cafferata returned to New Jersey after the war and sold hunting and fishing equipment and worked for the state fish and wildlife service. He owned and ran a bar in Alpha, New Jersey, before moving to Venice, Florida, in the late 1990s. An elementary school in Cape Coral, Florida, was named in his honor in 2006.

Mr. Cafferata occasionally attended events for Medal of Honor recipients but generally kept quiet about his wartime experiences.

"I did my duty," he told the Sarasota Herald Tribune in 2014. "I protected my fellow Marines. They protected me. And I'm prouder of that than the fact that the government decided to give me the Medal of Honor."

Vandals break headstones in S. Portland cemetery

BY COURTNEY HIGHFIELD
CBS 13

SOUTH PORTLAND — Michael Tucci visits his parents at Forest City Cemetery seven days per week, twice per day. On Saturday morning when he and his brother got there, they noticed something was wrong.

"We came at [7 a.m.] sharp, [and] we noticed all the damage: four stones were toppled and all kinds of other stuff broken," said Tucci.

At least four headstones were broken in half and left lying on the ground.

Tucci said he was one of the

lucky ones because the vandals only damaged the lights on his parents' memorial.

"We're fortunate they didn't damage much over here, all the major damage is [elsewhere]," said Tucci.

Tucci said even though it could be worse he's still angry. He said that this cemetery is supposed to be a safe haven.

"We're upset. We spent a lot of money on here to make it look nice," he said. "There's no respect. We spent thousands of dollars."

If anyone has any information call the South Portland police.

Police believe Windham death is drug related

CBS 13

WINDHAM — Drugs may have played a role in the death of an employee at a Dunkin' Donuts in Windham early Saturday morning, according to police.

Erica M. Foster, 35, of Windham was found unresponsive in the bathroom at the coffee shop at 736 Roosevelt Trail by a co-worker around 1:39 a.m. Saturday.

Cumberland County Sheriff's Office deputies, who were across the street when the call came in, responded to the

scene and used an AED and performed CPR until responders from the Windham Fire/Rescue Department arrived.

Attempts to resuscitate Foster were not successful and she was pronounced dead at the scene.

Initial investigation shows no sign of foul play, and police believe the death is drug related. But the state medical examiner's office still is investigating the cause of death.

The Windham Police Department also responded to the incident.

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