

OBITUARIES



SENATOR RICHARD C. KNEELAND

EASTON - Senator Richard C. Kneeland, 82, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Thursday, April 28, 2016, at Maine Medical Center, Portland. He was born May 16, 1933, in Easton, the son of Afton and Dorothy (Johnson) Kneeland.

Operator of Kneeland Farms for 45 years, Richard served the agricultural community as director and vice president of Maine Potato Growers, president of Aroostook Farm Bureau, director of Maine Farm Bureau, chairman of Maine Potato Commission and president of Maine Potato Board. The Kneeland family was named Farm Family of the year in 1997.

Richard served on the Easton Board of Selectmen for 20 years. He was elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1992 from District 144 comprised of Blaine, Easton, Fort Fairfield and Mars Hill, where he served on the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and Economic Development Committee. Elected State Senator in 2000 from District 2, he represented Caribou, Easton, Fort Fairfield, Limestone and Presque Isle. As Senator, he was on the Taxation Committee and Chairman of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

The National Republican Legislative Association honored him with the 1999 Legislator of the Year Award for his remarkable legislative leadership.

A member of Calvary Baptist Church in Westfield, he was deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, L. Jean (Keirstead) Kneeland of Easton, son Keith (Alice) Kneeland of Easton; daughters Cheryl (Scott) Koenke of Greer, SC, and Barbara (Douglas) Blackstone of Easton; seven grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; sister Avis (Llewellyn) White of Easton; sister-in-law Carol Keirstead, Greer, SC; several nieces and nephews and many cousins.

In addition to his parents, Richard is predeceased by a sister, Mary Daigneault, and a great granddaughter, Sadie.

Family and friends may call 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at Duncan-Graves Funeral Home, 30 Church Street, Presque Isle where funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Wednesday May 4, 2016 with Pastor Larry Palmer officiating. Interment will be later in the spring at Estes Cemetery, Easton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's memory to Child Evangelism Fellowship, Northern Chapter, PO Box 28, Mars Hill, ME 04758 or to Easton High School Scholarship Program, RE: Richard Kneeland, PO Box 66, Easton, ME 04740. Online condolences may be expressed at www.duncan-graves.com.

Death Notices

ARSENEAU, Doris E., 91, Calais, April 29, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2016 at Mays Funeral Home, 26 Church St., Calais.

CHRISTENSEN, Shirley D., 64, West Enfield; at Bangor, Dec. 29, 2015. Service 1 p.m. Friday May 6, 2016 at West Enfield Cemetery. Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Rd., Lincoln.

DEARBORN, Vance Edward, 88, Orono, April 29, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at the Orono United Methodist Church, 36 Oak St., Orono. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

DYER, Ernest A., 87, Millinocket; at Millinocket, April 30, 2016. Service 12 noon Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Millinocket Cemetery. Lamson Funeral Home.

FOLEY, Mary Anne, 95, Scarborough; at Scarborough, April 27, 2016. Service 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at Hobbs Funeral Home, 671 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough.

KNEELAND, Senator Richard C., 82, Easton; at Portland, April 28, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at Duncan-Graves Funeral Home, 30 Church St., Presque Isle.

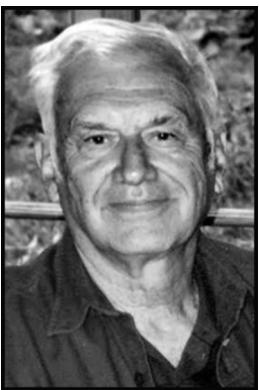
LACOOTE, Marjorie R., 76, Indian Township; at Bangor, April 29, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at St. Ann R.C. Church, Peter Dana Point. Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

LEAVITT, Carla, Newburgh, April 19, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Monday, May 2, at the Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Ave., Hampden.

PAVENTO, Samuel "Sam" David, 62, Glenburn, April 27, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2016 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Mary's Church.

SMITH, William J. "Bill," 90, Corinth, Feb. 27, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Corinthian Cemetery, Corinth. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

WARDWELL, Tonya Elaine, 71, Perham; at Mars Hill, April 30, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at Washburn Pentecostal Church. Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.



VANCE EDWARD DEARBORN

ORONO - Vance Edward Dearborn, 88, passed away on April 29, 2016. Vance was born July 7, 1927 in Farmington, Maine, the only child of Dr. Errol and Doris (Wadman) Dearborn.

Vance's greatest joy in life was being with his wife of 66 years, Evelyn (Ella Ellsworth) Dearborn. Wherever they were together, that was home. On their journey, they traveled to every county in the United States (except seven) and 43 countries around the world. They created an extensive Birders' Life List, coin collection, and an even greater list of friends along the way.

Vance and Evelyn's life together began at the University of Maine, following Vance's brief time in the Navy during World War II. Vance graduated in 1949 with a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Maine, College of Technology. He was selected to join the Tau Beta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies and continued as a life-long member. Prior to graduation, he became Town Manger of Ashland, making him the youngest person in the nation to hold such a position. On June 19th, 1949, shortly after graduation from the University of Maine, Vance and Evelyn were married in East Wilton, Maine.

Following five years in Ashland, Vance became Town Manager of Bridgton and later Dexter, Maine. Wherever Vance was, he was always active in the community, serving on multiple boards and committees. In 1962, Vance and Evelyn attended graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1964, Vance began "playing" at the University of Maine in the Department of Resource Economics in the College of Agriculture. During this time, he received his MS in Public Management from the University of Maine. One of his most rewarding and beneficial contributions to Extension was helping to create the Displaced Homemaker's Program, which became a model for many other states. Vance retired from Cooperative Extension in 1989. During his years at Dexter, Pittsburgh, and later the University of Maine, he audited annual reports for many small towns throughout the state, creating life-long friends everywhere he went.

With Vance's extensive accounting skills and his willingness to volunteer, he spent many years "manning the books" at the Maine Christian Association (MCA), the Canoe City Swim Club, Phi Kappa Phi, the Orono United Methodist Church, the University of Maine Credit Union, the Abanaki Girl Scout Council, the Orono Chapter of the American Field Service (AFS) and sold more Orono High School bumper stickers than imaginable as a member of the Orono Booster's Club.

Vance and Evelyn raised four children and opened their home to countless others from around the world. Vance will be greatly missed by his loving family: Dr. Shirley Dearborn and husband, Dr. Randall Jones Jr.; Errol Dearborn and wife, Lauren Stewart; Susan Dearborn and husband, Paul Rouleau; and Dr. Lynne Dearborn and husband, Dr. John Stallmeyer; Grandchildren - Kristin, Isaac, Maxwell and Sunil Dearborn, Erik Colón, Monica Wilson and Karishma Karan; 3 step-grandchildren - Chris Rouleau, Kate Downey, and Elizabeth Anderson, and 5 great-grandchildren - Alexander and Julia Wilson, Maryn and Michael Downey and Jacob Anderson; and Vance's Norwegian Family - Karen Alsgaard, Tore, Silja and Magnus Jorgensen.

Special thanks to Lianne Henderson, Lorraine Wentworth and the staff at Dirigo Pines for their care and support.

A time of visitation and gathering will be held 4-6pm, Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at the Orono Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 72 Main St. Orono. A memorial service will be held 10am Wednesday, May 4, at the Orono United Methodist Church, 36 Oak Street, Orono, with Pastor Steve Smith, of the Orono and Alton churches, officiating. Burial services, with military honors, will be held 4pm, May 4 at the Fairview Cemetery in Farmington. Those who wish to remember Vance in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Orono United Methodist Church, 36 Oak Street, Orono, ME 04473 or the University of Maine Foundation - Vance and Evelyn Dearborn Scholarship Fund, 2 Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04459-5792. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.



ERNEST A. DYER

MILLINOCKET - Ernest A. Dyer, 87, passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Katahdin Healthcare in Millinocket, with his stepson Billy by his side.

He was born May 8, 1928 in Millinocket, a son of Lottie and Leon Dyer. Ernie worked at the Great Northern Paper Company for 42 years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and always had stories to tell about his adventures.

Ernie is survived by his son, Carl Dyer; stepson, William Daniell and his wife Carol; grandchildren, Betty Lou, Louis, Sharon, Kelly, Danielle, Susan, Cheryl, Marcy, Billy, Becky, Scott, Angela, Julie, Brad, Brian, Susan, Michael, and many great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his parents, Ernest was predeceased by his wife, Myrtle Newell; children, Susan, Janice, Ernest Jr.; step children, Betty and Thomas; grandchildren, Bobbie, Debbie, Maryann, and Tommy, and brothers, Gerald, Kenneth, and Harold.

Graveside services will be held 12 noon on Saturday, May 7 at the Millinocket Cemetery with Francis Megno officiating. Gifts in memory of Ernest may be sent to the Katahdin Area Support Group, P.O. Box 374, Millinocket, ME 04462. Arrangements are by Lamson Funeral Home, Millinocket. Messages of condolence may be expressed at www.lamsonfh.com.



TONYA ELAINE WARDWELL

PERHAM - Tonya Elaine Wardwell 71, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Mars Hill. Tonya was the eldest sibling of five children born to Calvin and Faye (Bowels) Wardwell of Perham.

Tonya was a loving daughter and sweet older sister, teaching her siblings to read, write, recite poetry, and ride a bicycle. She had a beautiful soprano voice and was often called on to sing by friends and family.

She is survived by her mother, Faye Wardwell of Perham; her two sisters and brothers in law, Linda and Robert James of Pioneer, California, Ruth and David Brown of Palm Bay, Florida; her two brothers and sisters in law, Samuel and Paula Wardwell of Edgewood, New Mexico, and Scott and Angela Wardwell of Presque Isle; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Washburn Pentecostal Church from 10:00am Wednesday May 4, 2016 until time of services which will be held at 11:00am with Rev. Bruce Blakney, officiating. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, Perham. Arrangements by the Mockler Funeral Home 24 Reservoir Street Caribou. www.mocklerfuneralhome.com

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
BONNIE FOSTER
May 2, 1944 - April 27, 1997



Happy Birthday!
Loved and sadly missed by
Louise, Joseph, Charlie,
family and friends

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
JOSEPH LEAVITT
1919-2006



It has been ten long years since you departed, but you are still very much in my heart. I miss your blue eyes, your lovely smile and your gentle ways. You were a great husband, father and grandfather. I will love and miss you forever.
Anita

Dad and Grampy,
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. We have memories no one can steal. Sadly missed and loved by your children, Jeannie and Rick, and their spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren

In Loving Memory Of
VALERIE HARTSTONE
May 2, 1942 - May 10, 2001



Happy Birthday!
Love, husband, Sheldon;
children, Allison, Andy and Heather; and grandchildren, Erin, Tommy, Jake, Emma, Taylor and Amyanne

Maine man dies in tree-cutting accident

CBS 13

PERU — Stephen Fuller, 63, died in a tree-cutting accident Saturday morning at his home on Greenwoods Road, authorities said.

Fuller was cutting a tree on his property when the tree fell on top of him. He was wearing appropriate safety equipment when the accident occurred, authorities said. He was found on the property by a family member.

Garland woman dies in crash on Parkman Road

BY JUDY HARRISON
BDN STAFF

GARLAND — A local woman died Saturday in a single-car crash on a gravel road, according to Maine State Police.

Tinna Hebert, 48, of Garland died at the scene, Sgt. Carleton Small said Sunday. Hebert was driving a 1998

green Ford Explorer east on Parkman Road about 6 p.m. when she veered into a ditch, he said. The car rolled over and Hebert, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected.

People who lived in the area heard the crash and called police," Small said.

The accident remains under investigation.

Man charged with OUI after acquittal for same charge

CBS 13

AUGUSTA — Two days after being acquitted of charges of operating under the influence, an Augusta man was back in police custody on the same charge Saturday morning.

Police tried to pull over Jose Jesus Tapia-Smith, 21, of Augusta at around 1:15

a.m. Saturday, but Tapia-Smith allegedly attempted to escape before eventually stopping on Old Belgrade Road.

He was arrested for allegedly operating under the influence, eluding an officer and driving with a suspended license.

He was being held at the Kennebec County Jail on \$7,500 cash bail.

Police probe Sunday stabbing

CBS 13

LEWISTON — A man was stabbed in Lewiston on Sunday afternoon, and police say they have a suspect.

The stabbing happened around 2:30 p.m. on Pierce Street. The victim, who was taken to the hospital, had not been interviewed by police as of late Sunday afternoon.

Committal Services

WILLIAM J. "BILL" SMITH
CORINTH - A committal service with military honors for William "Bill" Smith, 90, who died February 27, 2016, will be held 11:00am Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Corinthian Cemetery, Corinth, with the Rev. Grace Bartlett, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Brewer, officiating. A service of Brookings-Smith, Bangor.