

OBITUARIES



RONNEE BETH (DESMOND) JOHNSTON

GLENBURN - Ronnee Beth (Desmond) Johnston, 62, passed away peacefully July 27, 2016, at home in Glenburn, after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was born November 15, 1953, in Island Falls, the daughter of Jerry R. and Mabel (Lenentine) Desmond Sr.

Ronnee grew up in Mapleton and graduated from Presque Isle High School in 1972. She earned a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from the University of Maine, Presque Isle and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Maine, Orono. Upon high school graduation Ronnee toured Europe with the All-USA Chorus. After two years in Teacher Corps, she taught elementary school in Millinocket, Medway and East Millinocket. She became an assistant principal in Medway and later, principal of Opal Myrick Elementary School in East Millinocket. She retired in 2009 with more than 31 years in education. She dedicated her life to doing what is best for children and supporting the work educators do. Ronnee enjoyed spending time with her family. She was an adoring "Nana" to her four special grandchildren. One of her final wishes was to take them all to Disney World which she got to do this summer.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Danny

Johnston; two children, Erin York and her husband, Vaughn, and Seth Johnston and his wife, Alisha; four lovely grandchildren, Olivia, Lane, Madelyn and Drew; her mother, Mabel Desmond; her mother-in-law, Evelyn Johnston; her sister, Jennifer York; her brothers, Jerry Desmond Jr. and Jed Desmond and wife, Cheryl; and many very special friends. She was predeceased by her father, Jerry R. Desmond Sr.; and her father-in-law, Clyde C. Johnston.

The family would like to thank all the wonderful people who work at Cancer Care of Maine, Hospice of Eastern Maine, and especially Dr. Garrett for many years of heartfelt care.

Family and friends may visit noon-1 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, at Bowers Funeral Home, Island Falls, where funeral services will be held 1 p.m. with Pastor Ben Greene officiating. Please come with your favorite memory to help celebrate Ronnee's life. Interment will be at the Oakfield Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at United Baptist Church, Island Falls. Those who wish may donate in Ronnee's name to Cancer Care of Maine, c/o EMHS Foundation, P.O. Box 931, Bangor, ME 04401 or Hospice of Eastern Maine, 885 Union Street, Suite 220, Bangor, ME 04401. For an online memory book and to leave condolences, please visit www.bowersfuneral.com.

Death Notices

BARBAROW, Joseph F. Jr., 67, Bucksport; at Bucksport, July 25, 2016. Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Bucksport.

BERNARDINI, Anthony 'Tony,' 63, Gray, July 27, 2016. Service noon Saturday, July 30, at Wilson Funeral Home, 24 Shaker Road, Gray.

CAMMACK, Michael A., 60, Bangor, July 24, 2016. Service 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center St., Bangor.

CROWLEY, Ruth P., 86, Jonesport; at Jonesport, July 25, 2016. Service 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at Greenwood Cemetery, Jonesport. Bragdon-Kelley Funeral, Machias.

JOHNSTON, Ronnee Beth (Desmond), 62, Glenburn; at Glenburn, July 27, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at Bowers Funeral Home, Island Falls.

PLUMMER, Carleton L., 91, Bangor; at Bangor, July 23, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Thursday, July 28, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

ROBBINS, Wallace Clifton, 89, Brewer; at Bangor, July 21, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

SCOTT, Donald N., 82, New Limerick, July 25, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at Military Street Baptist Church. Dunn Funeral Home, 11 Park St., Houlton.

STAIRS, Joan M., 85, Caribou; at Bangor, July 25, 2016. Mockler Funeral Home, Caribou.

SWALLOW, Lewis Ellery 'Mike,' 91, Oakfield; at Houlton, July 26, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Houlton United Methodist Church. Bowers Funeral Home, Houlton.

VAUGHN, Catherine Stewart, 88, Blue Hill, July 22, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

WEBBER, Dwight S., 73, Blue Hill; at Blue Hill, June 23, 2016. Service 1:30 p.m. Friday, July 29, at First Baptist Church, Pleasant Street, Blue Hill. Jordan-Fernald.

YOUNG, Wendell A., 70, Orono; at Orono, July 26, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at the Orono Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 72 Main St., Orono.



LEWIS ELLERY 'MIKE' SWALLOW

OAKFIELD - Lewis Ellery "Mike" "Hammie" Swallow, 91, died July 26, 2016, at Madigan Estates health care facility in Houlton. He was born Feb. 21, 1925, in Oakfield, the second son of Harry and Thursie (Parker) Swallow.

Mike attended Oakfield schools, graduating in 1942 from Oakfield Community High School, where he played basketball and baseball, participated in speaking contests and one-act plays, and excelled in agriculture studies. He served in the U.S. Navy 1943-1946, achieving the rank of Radarman Second Class. He was stationed in the South Pacific including Guam, Guadalcanal, Okinawa and the Philippines during World War II aboard a PT tender and the USS Boston. He was a member of American Legion Post 52 in Oakfield. Following the war, Mike worked at C.H. Perry Jeweler in Houlton and was also was employed by Dunn Furniture, Ward Cabin Company, the Houlton Drive-In and Vose Peabody Real Estate. He was an insurance representative with National Life of Vermont for more than 50 years writing policies throughout Aroostook County and winning numerous awards, including memberships in the Million Dollar Round Table and the President's Club. Mike married Ruth V. Morrison on Feb. 28, 1946. They made their home in Houlton and for a short time, in Satellite Beach, FL. Together they raised three sons giving them a secure, loving home. Ruth passed away in 1973, and Mike lived in Veazie for a number of years before returning to Houlton and later to Oakfield. He married Mary E. Miller on Dec. 30, 1995.

Mike was a longtime member of the Houlton United Methodist Church serving on many of its boards and committees, and was active in the church's Men's Group. He also was a member, through the years and often in leadership positions, of the Jaycees, Houlton Rotary, Parent Teacher Association, local Republican Committee, March of Dimes drive, O.C.H.S. Alumni Association, and Oakfield Historical Society. He served on the Houlton School Committee and the Oakfield Board of Selectmen. One of Mike's greatest joys was the Swallow woods camp at Cut Pond, where he spent many a night swapping stories with family and friends; he loved fishing, especially fly-fishing and was a



DONALD N. SCOTT

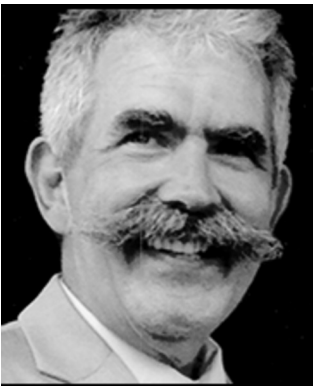
NEW LIMERICK - Donald Nelson Scott, 82, passed away peacefully Monday, July 25, 2016, at Maine Medical Center. He was born June 5, 1934, at his family home in East Hodgdon, the only child of William H. and Lillian E. (Hunter) Scott.

Don grew up in Houlton and attended Houlton schools, graduating in 1952 from Houlton High School, and for a time attended Ricker College. He grew up being very active in the Military Street Baptist Church, having served on all church boards, including five terms as chairman of Board of Deacons and Mission Board Chairman. His heart was always in Missions. Don was also much involved in American Baptist Churches, including State president of Maine and eight years on the National General Board as District Director for six New England states. He felt privileged to be one of thirteen men on the board and one of eight on the National Executive Board meeting across the country as needed in various states. Other boards he had served on were Salvation Army Advisory Board, Baptist Park Executive Board, General Board, Executive Board, China Lake Board and Houlton Humane Shelter. Don loved

meeting people and as a result had many friends. He and his wife, Vera, taught Sunday School classes and were leaders for BYF groups for a lot of years having had many trips such as camping and visiting in ABC Colleges. Don led a scout troop for ten years sponsored by Military Street Baptist Church and loved it.

Don is survived by his wife of 53 years, Vera (Johnston) Scott of New Limerick; his son, William "Bill" N. Scott and his wife, Laura, of Carmel; two grandchildren, Meagan Elizabeth Scott of Bangor and Justin Nelson Scott of Carmel. The middle name of Nelson is taken from Admiral Horatio Nelson and one boy in every family in every generation had Nelson as a middle name.

Friends may call 12:30 p.m. Sunday, July 31, 2016, at the Military Street Baptist Church until the time of the service 2 p.m. with the Rev. Randall Burns officiating. Interment will be in the New Limerick Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Don's memory payable to the Houlton Humane Shelter, c/o Dunn Funeral Home, 11 Park Street, Houlton, ME 04730. Online condolences and guest book: www.dunnfuneral.com.



ANTHONY 'TONY' BERNARDINI

GRAY - Anthony "Tony" Bernardini, 63, passed away July 27, 2016. He was born August 26, 1952, in St. Stephen New Brunswick, the son of Charles and Patricia (McShane) Bernardini.

Tony was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He graduated from Calais High School then served his country in the Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, Loree (McKinnon) Bernardini; his children, Casey, Lucca and Maddox Bernardini of Gray, Louie and wife, Kellie, and their daughter, Clarie, of Merrimack, NH; brother, Louis; sister, Barbara Bernardini of Calais; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sister, Patricia Hartford (Bernardini).

Tony owned and operated AAA Plumbing & Heating in Gray as a Master Plumber. He was a skilled gamesman that especially enjoyed hunting white tail deer, fishing for brook trout, and ice fishing Maine's lakes. He was an avid golfer that enjoyed competing with himself as much as he enjoyed competing with friends.

Those who knew Tony worked for Tony.

A memorial gathering will be held Saturday July 30, at Wilson Funeral Home, 24 Shaker Road, from noon to 2:30 p.m. followed immediately Remembrance Service. Tony's wish was to establish a college fund for his grandchildren. Please make memorial donation to: Key Bank, 25 Portland Road, Gray, ME 04039. Please make checks payable to: Key Bank c/o Bernardini.

JOSEPH F. BARBAROW JR.

BUCKSPORT - Joseph F. Barbarow Jr., 67, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 25, 2016, in Bucksport. Born in Newport, RI, on February 26, 1949, he was the son of the late Joseph F. Sr. and Frances (Browner) Barbarow.

Joseph served in the Army during the Vietnam War. Upon his return to the states, he continued his service as a drill sergeant in the Army Reserves and worked alongside his father running Barbarow Painting. He joined the Newport Fire Department in 1976 as a firefighter, where he proudly served the citizens of Aquidneck Island for 28 years before his retirement in 2003. Joseph loved to work with his hands whether it was wood working, building models or gardening. At the heart of it all, he was a family man who adored and treasured his grandchildren and his faithful canine companion, Jake.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Elizabeth (Burns) Barbarow of Bucksport; his daughter, Kathleen (Barbarow) Marks and her husband, Sean, of Bucksport; his son, Joseph F. Barbarow III and his wife, Jillene, of North Kingstown, RI; his beloved grandchildren, Delaney Marks, Sierra Marks, Riley Marks, all of Bucksport, and Heather Barbarow of North Kingstown, RI; his two sisters, Kathleen Sanchez and her husband, Hugo, of Manchester, CT, and Elizabeth Terra and her husband, William, of Camp Verde, AZ; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, whose lives he touched in so many ways. He was predeceased by his parents.

Services will be held at a later date in Newport, RI. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Bucksport.

www.mitchelltweedie-young.com

JOAN M. STAIRS

CARIBOU - Joan M. Stairs, 85, wife of the late Walter Stairs, passed away July 25, 2016, in Bangor. A complete obituary and funeral arrangements will be announced in a future edition of the Bangor Daily News by the Mockler Funeral Home, Caribou.



MICHAEL A. CAMMACK

BANGOR - Michael Alan Cammack, 60, died July 24, 2016, at a local health care facility. He was born August 19, 1955, in Bangor, the son of Albert and Margaret (Berry) Cammack.

Michael graduated from Bangor High School, Class of 1975, and became a mental health worker at BMHI. His true passion was being a musician and touring the State of Maine with the band "Hourglass."

Michael loved fishing and boating with his son and grandson, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his grandson. Mike was a good person, who always saw the good in everyone else. He was the kind of person that would give you the shirt off his back.

In addition to his parents, Mike was predeceased by siblings, Paula Crawford, Donald Cammack, Ralph Cammack and Donna Sanders. He is survived by his son, Eric Cammack; grandson, Eric Cammack Jr.; siblings, Marlene Ellingwood, Juanita Lowder, Gary Cammack Sr. and Sara Bartley; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial gathering to celebrate Michael's life will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, August 5, 2016, at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center St., Bangor. Those who wish to remember Mike may make donations in support of his family, c/o Eric Cammack, P. O. Box 343, Brewer, ME, 04412. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.



WENDELL A. YOUNG

ORONO - Wendell A. Young, 70, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2016, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 9, 1945, in Bangor, the son of Dale A. and Flora Mae (Homestead) Young.

Wendell worked for 45 years for the Orono Public Works Department with the Town of Orono. He lived for deer hunting in the fall. Throughout his life he had many teams of pulling horses and traveled throughout New England to different competitions.

He is survived by his daughters, Tammy Young and companion, Jim Thompson, of Orono and Lori Smith and husband, Barry, of Orono; a sister, Marilyn Cowan of Orono; his best friend, Kenny Beyerlian; and many other friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Diane, in 1995. The family would like to thank Hospice of Eastern Maine for all their care and compassion throughout his illness.

Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Friday, July 29, at the Orono Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 72 Main Street, Orono, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30, with Pastor Steven Smith, of the United Methodist Church, Orono, officiating. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery, Orono. The family invites relatives and friends to share conversation and refreshments at Wendell's home, 4 Union Street, Orono, following the interment. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

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