

# OBITUARIES



JOAN V. BOYNTON  
"JO-ANNE"

EAST MILLINOCKET - On Tuesday, July 12, 2016, Joan V. Boynton, 82, died peacefully at the home of her daughter in Old Orchard Beach after a brief battle with ovarian cancer. She was born November 15, 1933 in Mattawamkeag, the daughter of Lloyd and Velma (Leathers) Speed.

Joan was a graduate of Mattawamkeag High School, class of 1952. Following graduation, she moved to Washington, D.C. and worked for the U.S. Government for 2 years. After returning to Mattawamkeag, she reunited with her high school sweetheart, Kebo Boynton. They were married January 1, 1956, after which time Joan worked in the banking industry for 2 years, and then settled into the home at 39 Pine Street, where she raised her family and made a comfortable home for her husband and children for the next 59 years. She worked with her special friend, Ellen O'Grady, teaching pre-school, where she was affectionately known to her students as "Mrs. O'Boynton".

Joan is predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Keith "Kebo" Boynton, her parents, a brother, Kenneth Speed, and a sister, Pauline Gillis. She is survived by two daughters, Kathy Boynton of Old Orchard Beach, and Mary Jo Fontaine and her husband Richard of Saco; three granddaughters, Katie Fontaine of Saco, Amy Springer and her husband Jason of Old Orchard Beach, and Kristin Gaudette and her husband Andrew of Biddeford; a brother, Dean Speed and his wife Carolyn of Florida; a sister, Mary Effie Guzman and her husband Joseph of Texas; a brother in law, Ronald Boynton and his wife Irene of East Millinocket; a sister in law, Bonnie Douglass and Ralph of Little Deer Isle; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Joan will be missed by her Tuesday morning breakfast group, Gloria Hendsbee, Alice Wallace, Ella McKenzie, and Carole Boynton.

At the request of the family, services will be private. Joan will be buried beside her husband, Kebo, at the East Millinocket Cemetery. Gifts in her memory may be sent to Hospice of Southern Maine, 11 Hunnewell Road, Scarborough, ME 04074, or to the American Cancer Society of Maine, One Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086. Arrangements are by Lamson Funeral Home, East Millinocket. Messages of condolence may be expressed at [www.lamsonfh.com](http://www.lamsonfh.com).

## Notorious Italian mafia boss Bernardo Provenzano dies

BY ANTONELLA CINELLI  
REUTERS

ROME — Italian mafia boss Bernardo Provenzano, one of the most notorious crime figures of his time, has died in a Milan hospital at the age of 83, prison authorities said on Wednesday.

Provenzano was the undisputed head of the Sicilian Cosa Nostra Mafia from 1993 until his arrest in 2006 ended 43 years on the run.

As a young hitman in Corleone, the hill town near Palermo made famous in the Godfather films, Provenzano made a name for himself with such ruthlessness that he became known as "the tractor" because of the way he mowed down clan enemies.

After his arrest he suffered serious health problems, including cancer and Parkinson's disease, and in 2014 was transferred from a Parma prison to the San Paolo Hospital in Milan where he was still held under maximum security.

Over more than four decades Provenzano became a legendary outlaw and fugitive for evading police. Investigators believe he was in

### TEMPLE M. IRELAND

CHESTER - Temple M. Ireland went to be with his Savior on July 12, 2016 at Togus Springs Hospice Unit with his wife and 5 very special friends by his side. He was born July 20, 1944 in Lincoln, the son of Hezekiah and Alice (Bryer) Ireland.

After the death of his father, his mom remarried giving him a very special man whom he loved and called Dad, Fred Dobson. Temple served in the U.S. Army from 1963 until 1966, stationed in Germany. On August 20, 1966 he married Edith Lancaster and settled in Chester. Upon graduation from College he began a career in Banking. He was a volunteer driver for Lynx Trans. A member of the American Legion and various civic organizations; and a long time member and officer of Bible Baptist Church in Lincoln where he will be greatly missed as Uncle Temple.

Temple was predeceased by his parents; brothers Carroll and Gene and 2 infant siblings. He is survived by his beloved wife Edie; his sister Doris Libby of Chester; brother Fred Dobson Jr and Donna of CT; sister Janet Radovic and Al, brother Jim Dobson, sister-in-law Eileen Ireland all of Lincoln; several beloved nieces, nephews and cousins as well as special friend, Otis (whom he considered a brother) and Crystal Shorey and other very special friends.

Viewing will be Friday from 7-9 p.m. at Clay Funeral Home in Lincoln and a memorial service will be held at 11 :00 a.m. Saturday at First Bible Baptist Church on Fleming St. in Lincoln. Interment with full military honors, will be in the South Chester Cemetery, Chester. Memorial gifts can be made to Bible Baptist Church Memorial Fund. Condolences may be expressed at [www.clayfuneralhome.com](http://www.clayfuneralhome.com).

### GEORGE ROBERT SINNETT

SOUTHWEST HARBOR - A memorial service celebrating the life of G. Robert "Bob" Sinnett, who died April 23, 2016, will be held Saturday, July 16, at 10:00am, at the Church of Our Father, 91 State Highway 3, Hulls Cove, with the Rev. Suzanne Cole officiating.

### RUSSELL RODGERSON

BANGOR - A Masonic service for Russell Rodgersen, who passed away May 31, 2016, will be held 1 p.m. July 17 at 43 Sandtrap Road, Pleasant Pond, Island Falls.

### In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of  
**DONALD L. EVERETT, SR.**  
April 6, 1950 - July 14, 2015  
Sadly missed by the love  
of his life, Pamela.

### Death Notices

**BLANCHARD, Albert M.**, 87, Penobscot, July 10, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**BOYNTON, Joan V.** "Jo-Anne," 82, East Millinocket; at Old Orchard Beach. Lamson Funeral Home.

**COUSINS, Kenneth V.**, III, Hermon, July 8, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2016 at the Hermon Baptist Church, 2496 Rte. 2, Hermon. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**CROSBY, Hilda G.**, 90, Cooper, July 8, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**FARNHAM, Thomas F.**, 81, July 12, 2016, Calais. Service 11 a.m. Friday, July 15, 2016 at Mays Funeral Home, 26 Church St., Calais. Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

**HALL, Dr. Bradford A.**, Ph.D., 83, Orono; at Bangor, July 11, 2016. Brookings-Smith.

**INGRAHAM, Dr. Allan, J.**, DVM, Hampden, July 9, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2016 at the Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Ave., Hampden.

**IRELAND, Temple M.**, Chester, July 12, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, July 16 at First Bible Baptist Church, Fleming St., Lincoln. Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Rd., Lincoln.

**JOYCE, Jeanne**, 78, Franklin, July 8, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

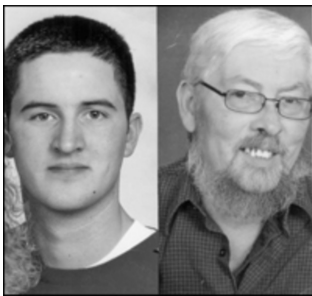
**PICARD, Betty A.**, 81, Bangor; at Bangor, July 13, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**RODGERSON, Russell**, Bangor, May 31, 2016. Service 1 p.m. July 17 at 43 Sandtrap Road, Pleasant Pond, Island Falls.

**SINNETT, George Robert**, Southwest Harbor, April 23, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16, 2016 at Church of our Father, 91 State Highway 3, Hulls Cove.

### In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of  
**JARROD R. HARVEY**  
Jul 14, 1978 - Mar 28, 2003  
**DON C. HARVEY JR.**  
Jul 15, 1954 - Apr 25, 2014



All our love, hugs and kisses  
on your birthdays.  
Nan & Bamp, Mom and Dad

In Loving Memory Of  
**JEANNE ELIZABETH  
CARSON**  
Jul 14, 1922 - Jan 22, 1994



She was loved and is dearly  
missed. Beloved mother and  
grandmother...

## Geneticist who decoded a mystery of cancer dies at 93

BY EMILY LANGER  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Alfred Knudson Jr., a medical researcher who helped decode a mystery of cancer — using genetics, mathematics and intuition to explain how and why certain forms of the disease attack — died July 10 at his home in Philadelphia. He was 93.

His death was announced by the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, where Knudson had served as president, scientific director and in other capacities since joining the institution in 1976. He had heart ailments and dementia, said his wife, Anna Meadows, a pediatric oncologist.

Knudson was among the most renowned researchers in his field, with honors including a 1998 Lasker Award, commonly known as the American Nobel, and a 2004 Kyoto Prize recognizing him for a discovery that "opened a new horizon in modern cancer genetics and played a pivotal role in the major developments" in cancer research.

Knudson first published that discovery, known as the "two-hit" theory, in a 1971 paper that became a classic of medical literature.

By that time, scientists had observed that certain types of cancer appeared to be hereditary. They could not fully explain, however, why particular people escaped the disease despite its prevalence in their families, and why other people developed cancer with no family history of it.

Seeking an explanation, Knudson studied dozens of cases of retinoblastoma, a rare form of cancer often suffered in childhood that affects the lining of the eye. He chose to study a pediatric cancer because young patients, who are unlikely to have undergone the genetic mutations that may affect an adult over the course of his or her life, present a relatively pure form of the disease.

There are two types of reti-

noblastoma — a hereditary form and a non-hereditary, also known as sporadic, form.

Knudson observed that in hereditary cases, patients became sick at an early age, with multiple tumors in both eyes. In non-hereditary cases, cancer developed when the child was older, and in a single eye.

Knudson subjected his data to statistical analysis, which indicated to him that retinoblastoma might result from the coincidence of two genetic events, or "hits," as they became known.

He theorized that in hereditary cases, the patient inherits from at least one parent a damaged gene. That gene alone is not enough to produce cancer. But when the patient absorbs a second hit, such as radiation or a defect in DNA replication, cancer may develop. In the non-hereditary form of the disease, a patient inherits healthy genes from both parents and must be stricken by two genetic hits.

The two-hit theory led Knudson to infer the existence of antioncogenes, later called tumor suppressor genes, which act as brakes to stop cells from turning cancerous.

Alfred George Knudson Jr. was born in Los Angeles on Aug. 9, 1922.

He received a bachelor of science degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1944 and a medical degree from Columbia University in 1947, then returned to Caltech to earn a PhD in biochemistry and genetics in 1956. He was a Navy and Army veteran.

Knudson spent part of his early career in Houston at the MD Anderson Cancer Center and the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, where he was dean. He was drawn to genetics, he told the Lasker Foundation, because it "was unique at that time among the biological sciences because it had a precision about it that wasn't customary in biology."

## Maine jazz legend Steve Grover dies

BY STEVE SHERLOCK  
SUN JOURNAL

Instructor Dick Demers of Lewiston has taught hundreds of drummers throughout his career of more than 50 years.

But when Steve Grover first walked into his studio, Demers knew immediately that the 9-year-old from Mechanic Falls was special.

"He started taking lessons from me in 1965," Demers said. "After his first lesson, I left the studio, went back in and talked to my wife and said, 'I just started a 9-year-old. The kid is so smart, he acts like he was a senior in high school.'"

"He was just a bright kid, and I knew he was going somewhere," Demers said.

It wasn't long before that bright kid — as a high school student — was sitting in with Brad Terry and other Maine jazz greats during Sunday afternoon jam sessions at the former Warehouse Restaurant in downtown Lewiston.

Grover, 60, one of the most influential jazz musicians from Maine, died of cancer July 7, in Augusta. Tributes have poured in from throughout the region, mourning Grover's death and celebrating his contributions to music.

Those contributions include winning the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz/BMI Jazz Composers Competition in 1994 for "Blackbird Suite," a set of songs based on the Wallace Stevens poem, "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird." In addition to being an accomplished musician and composer, Grover was an influential teacher who inspired thousands of musicians.

"I heard his former students who came to visit him at the hospital," said his brother, Ralph Grover. "It was just one after another, telling how much he [had] impacted their lives. One person said, 'You have been the single largest influence on my life.' That seemed to be a pretty common theme with his students."

"Steve was a gifted musician — drummer, pianist and composer," said Frank Mauceri, senior lecturer of music at Bowdoin College. "He was a very dedicated teacher. A large number of music professionals in the region had Steve as a teacher at one time or another. Also the Maine jazz camp, he was instrumental in running that for a number of years. He led UMA's jazz band that would tour high schools in the area and introduce students to jazz."

"He could be the funniest person in the world," Terry

said. "He started out as a drummer and ended up as a major league composer and piano player. I had enormous respect for him and I feel really honored to have recorded a CD with him."

Grover was born in Lewiston on Feb. 26, 1956, and graduated from Edward Little High School in 1974. His love of The Beatles, especially Ringo Starr, influenced his decision to become a drummer, according to his brother, Ralph.

In an interview earlier this year with Charlie Gaylord of WBLM, Grover talked about his attraction to jazz at a young age.

"Through osmosis from working with [Demers] and my own curiosity, I became interested in jazz," Grover said. "In those days, the '60s and '70s, I think there was more of a relationship with popular music and jazz than there is now."

"When I heard the real thing like Miles Davis and John Coltrane, I felt I was already primed for it," he said. "It didn't seemed that unfamiliar to me. By the time I was a teenager, I was pretty deeply into it."

It was during his teenage years that he met Terry, who would become a lifelong jazz colleague and friend. During his jam sessions at the Warehouse in the early '70s, Terry would invite kids to sit in and play with the leading jazz players in the region. He remembers Grover politely asking if he could sit in on drums.

"He then patiently waited for an invitation," Terry said. "He'd be waiting all week to play his two tunes. It was only about three years later that I received a national endowment grant to do tunes in school. I tapped him to be my drumming mate. It was the start of a remarkable friendship."

When he won the Thelonious Monk award, "Blackbird Suite" received a special performance at Lincoln Center in New York, Demers said. Sitting at Grover's table for the performance were dignitaries like Vice President Al Gore and musician Herbie Hancock.

As talented a musician as Grover was, his role as a teacher gave him great joy. He enjoyed working with all levels of talent. As long as the student was committed, Grover would "be there all night," Terry said.

"He had an indelible impact on the development of young musicians for decades in Maine," Mauceri said. "It was clear that he was someone who had really given his life to music."

## Two die in Litchfield crash

BY DAWN GAGNON  
BDN STAFF

LITCHFIELD — Two elderly women were killed Tuesday when the car they were in collided with a tractor-trailer at the intersection of Route 126 and Hal-lowell Road, a Kennebec County Sheriff's Office official said Tuesday.

Anita Wade, 82, of West Gardiner, was a rear-seat passenger in a sedan driven by 92-year-old Grace Marston, also of West Gardiner. Wade was pronounced dead at the scene, Sheriff Maj. Ryan Reardon said in a news release.

Marston was transported to Central Maine Medical Center by LifeFlight with life-threatening injuries that included head trauma, he said. Marston later died at the hospital, WGME reports.

A 14-year-old female passenger, who also was sitting in the rear seat, was injured and taken to CMMC in Lewiston for treatment, Reardon said. Her injuries were not life-threatening.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, owned by Steve A. McGee Construction of Gardiner, was Robert Morang, 67, of Chelsea. He was not injured, but was taken to Maine General Medical Center, where a blood sample was taken, Reardon said.

"There was no indication that drugs or alcohol were factors in the crash. The blood sample was part of the

normal investigation," the sheriff said.

He said the Maine State Police Commercial Vehicle Unit was called to the scene to evaluate the tractor and trailer. The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office worked closely with the Maine State Police to reconstruct and forensically map the scene of the collision.

The crash happened shortly after 11 a.m., when Marston's car and the tractor-trailer crashed. The sedan, which was hit broadside, was partially lodged under the front end of the tractor-trailer, Reardon said.

He said the intersection at which the crash happened is a four-way with through traffic traveling east and west. The tractor-trailer was traveling west toward Tacoma Lakes. The sedan was traveling north across the intersection.

The road was closed until shortly after 4 p.m., he said. Emergency medical and fire personnel from Litchfield, Gardiner and Monmouth assisted at the crash scene.

"This was a tragic and complex crash scene," Reardon said. "I am grateful to all of the agencies that responded and took such great care of those involved."

"It was very difficult to handle numerous family members arriving to check on loved ones," he said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those involved."