

# OBITUARIES



JOAN MARION BECKFORD

BREWER - Joan Marion (McKim) Beckford (85) died on October 7, 2015, at her residence at Woodlands Memory Loss Facility of Brewer, Maine. She died of declining health due to dementia after a long life of wonderful health. During her final days she was surrounded by songs, stories, classical music and loving care shared by her children, her grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as her many Woodland's caregivers. Memories of Joan brought tears and laughter and many visits by other residents as well as staff to her room. Quotes below are taken from a book length record Joan wrote of her life.

"I was born at home on Dresden Street, in Boston, MA, on January 21, 1930", to Martha (Wood) McKim and Daniel McKim, new immigrants to the US from Renton, Scotland. Joan grew up in Jamacia Plain with her four siblings, William, Elizabeth, Isobel, and Daniel McKim. She attended school, loved walking to the public library and swimming at public beaches, skating on Jamacia Pond, attending church, and visiting with relatives, particularly her aunts, Joan and Marion Wood. "I was named for these two aunts." Joan graduated from high school at the top of her class at age 16, and began her first job at Prudential Insurance Company, soon becoming the secretary to the office manager. "I loved to study and read." Evenings she continued her drive for knowledge, taking classes at Boston University. In 1948 she boarded a train for Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky, where she thrived in her studies, her friendships, and singing and performing with the school choir.

Singing in the choir at Bolyston St. Congregational Church, she met her future husband Lewis H. Beckford, the organist and music director. They were married Oct. 8, 1949, and moved to York, Maine where Lewis began his ministry in the Methodist Church. "Marriage to Lew was a great "ride"-he always encouraged me when I embarked on new ventures." Joan met many new friends in York and developed her love of lobsters and being near the ocean.

In 1950 they moved to Gorham where daughters Martha Anne and Nancy Elizabeth and son David Lewis were born. Joan volunteered with a Campfire Girls group and made dear friends at church and in the community.

The family moved to Bangor in 1955 where Lewis served the Grace Methodist Church. Joan taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and took care of their growing family. Her daughter, Rachel Joan, and son, Peter Daniel, were born while the family lived in Bangor. During those years Lewis urged Joan to take cello lessons and in later years she joined community orchestras. Joan and Lew bought a camp on Beech Hill Pond "partly to have a home of our own, that would be there, no matter where we were living." This became the summer home for the family. She really loved the sun, the water, blueberry picking, the simpler existence of no electricity and reading many books to the children and herself. She taught her children to play cribbage which became a lifelong favorite for them all.

A skilled seamstress, Joan made much of the clothing the children wore. She planned healthy meals and insisted that everyone come to the dinner table together. Cinnamon yeast rolls and gingersnap cookies are favorite Grammie recipes she

passed on to her children and grandchildren, as well as the now traditional holiday cookie decorating parties she hosted for her children's friends.

When Lewis became a district superintendent in the Methodist Church, Joan packed the family up once move and moved to a different home in Bangor. In 1967 the family moved to Bath, ME, and in 1972 to So. Portland to serve other church pastorates. In Bath, Joan became a volunteer for the new Head Start program being held in one of the churches as well as serving as a Literacy Volunteer. When in So. Portland she returned to college attending USM and graduating in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. She taught young children at the Westbrook College Children's Center and then taught ten years in the Kindergarten class on Peaks Island, going over to the school on the ferry each morning. "Teaching was a highlight. I loved working with children." After retirement she said, "I volunteered with the Volunteer Lawyer's Project and Pine Tree Legal-my best volunteer experience-I was there 5 years." While in So. Portland she joined the Unitarian Universalist Church, pretty significant for the Methodist minister's wife!

"I've had lots of interesting experiences that stretched me and enabled me to broaden my horizons." Joan enjoyed traveling to England and Scotland to explore family history with Lewis, participating in Elder Hostel programs, exploring France and Holland with her daughter Nancy, volunteering for a year in St. George, Utah, at a hospice home, spending a year on the island of Nevis volunteering in schools with children, reading in Head Start programs to children, volunteering in Nancy's school classroom, reading on the radio for the visually impaired, and being a hospice volunteer. She took Senior College courses at the University of Maine at Bangor and Orono. "I would like to be remembered as a caring person-I feel close to those in need-I try to help whatever the situation."

Joan moved to Bangor to be closer to her children after Lewis' death in Jan. 1998. She found many opportunities for volunteering, and when she began to understand the impact of her advancing dementia she moved to Dirigo Pines in Orono for support with her daily living needs. She remained active, joining the Dirigo Singers and making many new friends. In Nov. 2013 she moved to Woodlands to spend the rest of her life there. "I feel good about my life! I was privileged to be part of a secure loving family!"

Joan is survived by her sister Isobel McKim Johnson, her five children, Martha (and Don) Naber of Waterville, ME, Nancy Minott of Bucksport, ME, David Beckford of Charleston, So. Carolina, Rachel Beckford (and Don Wedlock) of Bangor, ME, and Peter (and Julie) Beckford of Clifton, ME. She will be remembered by her seven grandchildren, Jennifer, Elizabeth, Kristina, Emily, Simon, Ursa, and Eliza and three great grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Penelope and Lane. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Joan donated her body to UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine. A memorial service and gathering will be held at a future date. Donations in Joan's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

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## Death Notices

**ANDERSON, Marie Thelma**, 88, Caribou; at Caribou, October 10, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Thursday, October 15, 2015 at Parish of the Precious Blood, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Caribou. Lancaster Morgan Funeral Home.

**BECKFORD, Joan Marion**, 85, Brewer; at Brewer, October 7, 2015. Hope Memorial.

**BERNIER, Clinton**, 68, Fort Kent, October 10, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Thursday, October 15, 2015 at St. Louis Catholic Church, Fort Kent. Daigle Funeral Home, Fort Kent.

**CAMPBELL, Charity Louise**, 89, Virginia Beach, VA, October 9, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the chapel of H. D. Oliver Funeral Apartments, 2002 Laskin Rd., Virginia Beach, VA.

**DAHLGREN, Maynard E.**, 83, Pittsfield; at Bangor, October 9, 2015. Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, Pittsfield.

**DURGIN, Reverend Ralph T.**, Bangor, October 9, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 21 Holyoke St., Brewer. Brookings-Smith.

**EDGECOMB, Kathy H.**, Limestone; at Bangor, October 9, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at Lancaster Morgan Funeral Home.

**FLANNERY, Jeanne D.**, 78, Orland, October 9, 2015. Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home.

**FORTIN, Jeannine M.**, 79, Caribou; at Caribou, October 11, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Friday, October 16, 2015 at Parish of the Precious Blood, Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.

**GRAFFAM, Bertha** "Mickey," Bangor, September 18, 2015. Service 5 p.m., Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center St., Bangor.

**HARDY, Clayton M.**, Orrington, October 7, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015 at East Orrington Congregational Church, 38 Johnson Mill Rd., Orrington. Brookings-Smith.

**LACHANCE, Michael Terry "Lucky,"** 71, San Antonio, TX; at San Antonio, TX, October 4, 2015. Service Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Fort Sam Houston Chapel, TX.

**LAPIERRE SR., Michael J.**, 63, Pittsfield; at Bangor, September 28, 2015. Service 4 p.m., Thursday, October 15, 2015 at Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, 191 Hartland Ave., Pittsfield.

**LINDBERG, Bruce E.**, 63, Hampden; at Bangor, October 8, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin St., Rumford.

**LONGLEY, Carolyn Jean**, 65, Caribou; at Caribou, October 10, 2015. Service 12 noon, Thursday, October 15, 2015 at Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.

**LYONS, Terrence "Terry" Richard**, 73, Veazie and Millinocket, October 9, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor

**MCPHEE, Ainsley Pierson**, 79, Bath, October 9, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Daigle Funeral Home, 819 High St., Bath.

**POTTER, A. Kenneth**, 91, Ellsworth; at Ellsworth, October 9, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth.

**REDIMARKER, Elaine C.**, 66, Addison; at Machias, October 8, 2015. Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

**SPINNEY, Gilberta M.**, 90, Winterport and Danforth; at Bangor, October 9, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Danforth Hilltop Cemetery. Clay Funeral Home.

**ST. LOUIS, Leon**, 90, Sebring, Fla.; at Sebring, Fla., September 24, 2015. Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Pkwy., Sebring, Fla.

**WEEMAN, Marjorie E.**, 80, St. Albans; at Pittsfield, October 9, 2015. Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, Pittsfield.

**WHITENER, Martha G.**, 63, Casco Bay; at Casco Bay, October 6, 2015. Service 12:30 p.m., Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the VFW Hall on Long Island. Hobbs Funeral Home, South Portland.

**WOOD JR., James W.**, 90, Seal Harbor; at Seal Harbor, October 11, 2015. Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home, 1139 Main St., Mt. Desert.

**WOODARD, Hilda Faylene (Pooler)**, 86, Stillwater and Moscow, October 8, 2015. Service 12 Noon, Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at the Union Cemetery in Moscow. Birmingham Funeral Home, Old Town.



CAROLYN JEAN LONGLEY

CARIBOU - Carolyn Jean Longley, 65, passed away October 10, 2015 at her Caribou residence surrounded by her loving family and friends following a long battle with cancer. She was born in Caribou March 18, 1950 the daughter of the late Oran and Mary (Paquin) Holmes.

Carolyn was a graduate of Easton High School and she married Robert Longley June 28, 1975. She was employed at McCain Foods in Easton and retired as a supervisor after 36 years. Carolyn truly enjoyed spending time with her family and loved to travel and go camping. She also enjoyed spending a little time at the casino.

Surviving in addition to her husband of over 40 years, Robert of Caribou are her brothers, Oran Holmes Jr., Jarvis Holmes, Larry Holmes, and Douglas Holmes all of Easton, and Dwight Holmes of Fryburg.

Her sisters; Mona Cyr and Delores Strout both of Presque Isle, Evelyn Stickney of Easton and Ann White of Bangor. Special nephew Greg White as well as special nieces Chris Elliott, Heidi Johnston, Janice Rines and Jennifer White. A special and lifelong friend Sherry Kinney and family. Mrs. Longley was predeceased by a brother Galen and a sister Wilma Boyington.

Friends may visit with the family 11:00 am Thursday October 15, 2015 until time of services at the Mockler Funeral Home 24 Reservoir Street Caribou. Services will be held at 12 noon with Rev. Larry Palmer officiating. Interment will be in the Northern Maine Veterans Cemetery. The family wishes to extend a sincere thank you to Hospice of Aroostook for the fine care and compassion shown to Carolyn and her family.

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AINSLEY PIERSON MCPHEE

BATH - Ainsley Pierson McPhee, 79, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2015.

He was born in Weston, Maine on March 6, 1936, the son of Charles R. and Alma G. (Whitney) McPhee.

He attended schools in Weston and Danforth. He graduated from Danforth High School in 1953 where he played basketball and baseball. Following high school he worked with his father in the woods. On November 29, 1958 he married Betsy Douglas of Bath, they moved to Bangor where he worked at Grants Dairy. In 1959 they moved to Bath where he began work at Bath Iron Works, while at the shipyard he was a shop steward in the pipe shop for 30 years. He also was the Union President and the first president of the IAM. He retired from BIW in 2001.

He was a former member of the First Baptist Church of Bath where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

He was on the board of directors at the Bath YMCA, and President of the Bath Softball League.

For many years he coached Bath Little League Baseball, midget league basketball, YMCA 5th and 6th grade basketball, Bath Junior High Intramurals, AAU Basketball, American Legion Baseball, AAU Soccer and Hampden Newburg Little League where his grandson Eric played, Mt. Ararat freshman girls basketball.

He played softball for the First Baptist Church of Bath, the Bath Merchants, Smith Tobey and Cahill's Tire teams and the Columbia Street Baptist Church of Bangor, baseball for the Dodgers over 40 league in Bath when he was 75.

He also enjoyed bowling with the Will Ryder bowling team and played in the mini golf tournament senior division at the Dolphin Mini Golf Course in Boothbay.

He is survived by his wife, Betsy of 56 years, a son, Todd McPhee of Woolwich and his special friend Shelly Goodkowsky and Evan of Wiscasset, a daughter Tracey Smith and her husband David of Hampden, a grandson, Eric Smith of Hampden, a sister Freda Grant of Dedham and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, an infant son, Trent, two brothers, Percy McPhee and Dean McPhee and two nephews.

A visiting hour will be held at 10 AM on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Daigle Funeral Home, 819 High Street, Bath. A memorial service will follow at 11 AM at the funeral home with Pastor McPhedran officiating. A gathering of family and friends will follow at the Woolwich Grange, Mountain Road, Woolwich. A scattering of ashes will be at Peekaboo Mountain in Weston, Maine at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the New England Organ Donor Bank, 60 1st Ave., Waltham, MA 02451 or at www.neob.org.

Arrangements are by Daigle Funeral Home, 819 High Street, Bath. Condolences may be made online at

www.Daiglefuneralhome.com.



MAYNARD E. DAHLGREN

PITTSFIELD - Maynard E. Dahlgren, 83, died peacefully on Thursday, October 8, 2015, in Bangor.

Maynard was born on April 7, 1932, in Woodland, Maine, the son of the late Evald and Gladys (Nelson) Dahlgren. He graduated from Maine Central Institute with the class of 1949 and married his high school sweetheart, Wanda Green. He proudly served our country in the United States Navy. Maynard was well known in the Pittsfield community as he was the long-time owner of Maynard's Barbershop, and then delivered mail for the Pittsfield Post Office until his retirement. He was also involved in the Pittsfield Jaycees, served on the town council, and was the mayor of Pittsfield for two terms.

Maynard enjoyed being outdoors; golfing, gardening, yardwork, and swimming in his backyard pool. He loved his snacks, loved to dance, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He had many neighbors that became dear, lifelong friends. Maynard was a unique man; kind, patient, loving, and truly a friend to all who met him. He always gave of himself to any that needed him and was an inspiration to all, especially, his children and grandchildren who will feel his love and guidance forever. It has been said that if you could handpick your dad, you would pick him. He will be lovingly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Wanda Dahlgren of Pittsfield; children, Rhonda Magnus Crowe and husband, Tim, of Newport, Kirk Dahlgren and Rhonda Allen of Detroit, and Jennifer Cram and husband, Harry, of Pittsfield; grandchildren, Jason Magnus and Tracey Coolen, Jeffrey Magnus and wife, Tiffany Wijawa, and Jordyn Cram; great granddaughter, Sierra Magnus; sisters, Rita Cushman and Elaine Doughty; sisters-in-law, Wahnetta Dahlgren and Margaret "Peg" Thompson; brothers-in-law, George Gray and Ronald Kinney; son-in-law, Hal Magnus; several nieces, nephews and extended family members.

He was predeceased by his parents; infant sister, Louise; brother, Lendal Dahlgren; sister, Leola Gray; and daughter-in-law Gloria Dahlgren.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

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