

# OBITUARIES



JOAN M. DUPLISEA

BANGOR and HERMON - Joan M. (Rimbach) Duplisea, 82, died Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at a Bangor health care facility after a short illness. She was the daughter of John M. and Verna S. (MaQuillan) Rimbach, and she was the most wonderful mother and Nana anyone could ask for.

Joan was born in Bangor March 24, 1933. She attended Bangor schools and graduated in 1951. She met her future husband, Leroy, while roller-skating at Auto Rest Park and they were married shortly after. Leroy and Joan settled in Hermon and raised their two children. She worked as a secretary for the Bangor School Department, first at Mary Snow School and then at Vine Street School, where she retired in 1994. Since her retirement, Joan has worked in the office at the Bangor Auditorium and later in the ticket office at the Cross Insurance Center. Following the death of her husband and father, she moved to Bangor and has lived on Buck Street ever since. Joan had many friends that she enjoyed working, visiting and going out to eat with. Family was the most important thing to Joan and she never missed the chance to be part of whatever was going on. From dance recitals to sporting events to graduations to weddings, her children and grandchildren always knew that their biggest fan was close by. Christmas Eve was always special to her. She spent countless hours finding the right presents for the whole family (mostly from QVC!) and stuffing stockings that her grandchildren always said were the best ever, but she always made sure everyone knew she had the receipts in case something needed to be returned. The menu changed over the years but her specialty was always there: hot dogs in barbecue sauce. Joan was always up for an adventure, traveling to Disney World many times, taking a cruise around Hawaii with her family, going shopping anytime she was invited (unless of course, she was "all tucked in"), and she even traveled to Branson, MO, on one occasion. She was blessed to have a son-in-law and daughter-in-law that she loved dearly and treated like they were her own children. That love extended to the spouses of her grandchildren as they joined her family. In recent years, Joan was thrilled to get to know her four great-grandchildren, who brought a smile to her face every time they were around and she brought a smile to their face whenever they were with her. She never minded being the subject of a joke from her family, which was usually met with a scrunched up face and a joking "go to hell!" before she would laugh and give a

hug. Joan loved a bowl of fish chowder, a cup of tea and being VERY early to things. She was a fiercely independent (and stubborn!) lady who lived alone until falling ill in the spring (after all, "what do I need a man for?"). She accomplished everything in life that anyone could ever hope and enjoyed every minute of it.

Joan was predeceased by her husband, parents, aunt and uncle "Nanny & Nicky" (Fran & Charles) Burgess and a dearly loved sister-in-law, Virginia Wilson. She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Welch and husband, Robert, of Bangor; son, Dale Duplisea and wife, Sandra, of Hermon; grandchildren, Ryan Welch and wife, Leah, of Glenburn, Lindsay White and husband, Kenny, of Hermon, Kaitlyn Joan Cameron and husband, John, of Bangor and Adam Duplisea and wife, Janie, of Hermon; great-grandchildren, Adelynn Welch, Grant Cameron and Jayden and Brentley Duplisea; sister, Norma Lee and husband, Don, of Bangor; brother-in-law, Warren Wilson of Palmetto, FL; nephews, Michael and Kevin Lee; special cousin, Donna Ann and husband, Dick St. Louis; many, many friends; and her granddogs, Moose and Murphy.

The family would like to thank the staff at Bangor Nursing for their care of Joan over the past several months. Their patience, kindness, and compassion has been appreciated more than they will ever know.

Family and friends may visit from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, November 20, at Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor, where a funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 21, with the Rev. Peter Remick officiating. Burial will follow at Snows Corner Cemetery, Hermon. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Activity Department, Bangor Nursing and Rehab, 103 Texas Ave., Bangor, ME 04401. Arrangements by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

"What Can You Say"

What can you say to someone who has always been one of the most essential parts of your world; Someone who took you by the hand when you were little and helped to show the way. What do you say to someone who stood by to help you grow, providing love, strength, and support so you could become the person you are today? What can you say to let her know that she's the best there is, and that you hope you've inherited some of her wisdom and her strength? What words would you say if you ever got the chance? Maybe you'd just say, We love you Mom and Nana, and hope she understands ...

- Author Unknown



JOSEPH C. MURRAY

CHARLESTON - Joseph C. Murray, 73, passed away November 7th, after a long, hard fight.

Joe was a hard working man with an iron fist and a heart of gold. He drove truck and hauled heavy equipment across country for 25 years before retiring in 1982. He loved riding his Harley and was a member of the Saracens MC until he was no longer able to ride.

He is survived by his ex-wife and loving friend Linda Murray, who helped care for him until the very end of his fight. Joe was also a loving father to eight children and two stepchildren. Also surviving are nineteen grandchildren who loved their Grandpa Joe. We will love and miss him every single day and hope he's riding now in peace.

## Death Notices

**BECK, Thelma L.**, Millinocket & Portland, Nov. 16, 2015. Service 2 P.M., Friday, Nov. 20, Millinocket Baptist Church, 297 Penobscot Avenue, Millinocket. Lamson Funeral Home, Millinocket.

**BURNS, Marian L.**, 88, Bar Harbor; at Bar Harbor, Nov. 1, 2015. Service 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015, at St. Saviour's Episcopal Church, Mt. Desert St., Bar Harbor.

**CAREY, Pauline A.**, Nov. 10, 2015. Service Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, 11 a.m., Riverview Cemetery, No. Bucksport.

**CUNNINGHAM, Helena R.**, 65, Brooks, Nov 14, 2015. Service Saturday, Nov 21, 2015, 11:00 am, Kenney Cemetery, Reynolds Rd., Brooks. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

**DUPLISEA, Joan M. (Rimbach)**, 82, Bangor and Hermon; at Bangor, Nov. 17, 2015. Service 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

**FARR, Lois Ann**, 70, Ashland, Nov. 15, 2015. Service 9:00 AM, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015. Lajoie Funeral Home, 114 Exchange St./PO Box 39, Ashland.

**JOHNSON, Roberta**, 80, Augusta, Nov. 14, 2015. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

**MCKAY, Susan E.**, 61, Tenants Harbor, Nov.11, 2015. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

**MORIN, Gervais**, 77, Howland, at Bangor, Nov. 14, 2015. Clay Funeral Home, Lincoln.

**MURRAY, Joseph C.**, 73, Charleston, November 7, 2015.



LOIS ANN FARR

ASHLAND - Lois Ann Farr, 70, died peacefully Sunday, November 15, 2015, at a Bangor hospital. She was born September 5, 1945 in Masardis, a daughter of the late Rosalvo and Ruth (Porter) Orcutt.

Lois worked for a short time as a nurse in Virginia before relocating back to Ashland, where she worked 12 years at Pinkham Lumber, several years at Ashland Food Mart and several years as a Sheriff Deputy with the Aroostook Sheriff's Department. She was a volunteer with Ashland Union Congregational Church Ladies' Aide, assisting her religious community with refreshments following events and funeral services. Lois enjoyed much of what the Maine Woods had to offer through hunting and fishing, many times with her husband in tow. She also loved to bake delicious goodies and knit lovely crafts to share with her family and friends.

She is survived by: her husband of almost 29 years, Kelly R. Farr Jr. of Ashland; a son, Mark A. Farr and his wife Joyce of Washburn; three siblings, William Orcutt and his wife Jannett of Eureka, MT, John Orcutt and his wife Linda of Garfield, and Lorene Singer of Fredericksburg, VA; two granddaughters, Kelsey & Karissa Farr; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, Lois is predeceased by her sister Martha Prue.

A funeral service will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 21, 2015, at Union Congregational Church, Sheridan Rd., Ashland. Relatives and friends may greet the family Friday evening 5-8:00 PM at the church. Burial will be in Ashland Municipal Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Lajoie Funeral Home, 114 Exchange St./PO Box 39, Ashland.

To share condolences online, please visit [www.LajoieFuneralHome.com](http://www.LajoieFuneralHome.com)

### THELMA L. BECK

MILLINOCKET AND PORTLAND - Thelma L. Beck, wife of the late A. Freeman Beck, died Monday, November 16, 2015 at Maine Medical Center. She was born in Island Falls, the daughter of Clifford and Margaret (Stairs) Seymour.

Thelma graduated from Stearns High School in Millinocket and stayed home with her three daughters until going to work at Montgomery Ward. When her husband retired from Great Northern Paper Co. she also retired.

Thelma loved life and lived it to the fullest. Early on she was in musicals in Millinocket, square danced and clogged with her husband, was a cheerleader in Lady Lake, FL., and loved to ice skate. Up until her seventies, she slalom water skied at her camp that she built with her husband.

Thelma was very talented. She made her own clothes for dancing, she made baskets, and made divinity fudge at Christmas Time to give to friends.

She loved her Lord, read her Bible everyday, and attended Baptist Church at least once a week.

Thelma loved writing checks to give all of her family in cards. She never missed one occasion for doing this.

Thelma is survived by three daughters, Judy Linscott and her husband John of Portland, Debbie Daniels and her husband Joe of Millinocket, and Tricia True and her husband Rob of Belgrade; three grandchildren, Kenneth Vincent, III and his wife Liz, Rachel McGrath and Matt Lorenz, Darrin Daniels and his wife Jenny; 5 great-grandchildren, Chas Ciraime, Tiffanie Daniels, Margaret Vincent, William Vincent, and Harper Daniels; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her parents and her husband, Thelma was predeceased by three sisters, Vivian Haseltine, Muriel Hamm, and Barbara Burleigh, a granddaughter, Linda Kinney.

Memorial services will be held 2 P.M. Friday, November 20 at the Millinocket Baptist Church, 297 Penobscot Avenue, Millinocket with the Rev. Tim Bossie, pastor, officiating.

Gifts in memory of Thelma may be sent to the Millinocket Baptist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 898, Millinocket, ME 04462. Arrangements are by Lamson Funeral Home, Millinocket. Messages of condolence may be expressed at [www.lamsonfh.com](http://www.lamsonfh.com).

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# Local historian leaves behind a legacy of his own

Maurice Montgomery dies at age 80

BY ANDREA ANDERSON  
THE JANESVILLE GAZETTE

JANESVILLE, Wisconsin — Friends describe Maurice “Monty” Montgomery as a walking encyclopedia of community history, a sharer of knowledge and a gentleman.

Montgomery died Saturday at age 80, leaving behind a community that relied on him for tidbits of Janesville and Rock County history as the former archivist and curator for the Rock County Historical Society.

Peter Skelly will remember Montgomery as being the definition of a gentleman.

“It’s a cliché, but if you look up the word gentleman in the dictionary, there’s Monty’s picture,” Skelly said. Skelly’s friendship with Montgomery began about 25 years ago when Skelly was hunting for information about a topic Skelly has long since forgotten.

Over the years, Skelly and Montgomery bonded over their love of history and delving into President Abraham Lincoln’s path through Wisconsin. The two were appointed in 2009 by Gov. Jim Doyle to serve on the Wisconsin Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Skelly also helped Montgomery with his book “Memory Walks in Oak Hill Cemetery” published in 2008. It was just one of several books Montgomery penned.

“We were kindred spirits about local history,” Skelly said.

Montgomery, whom some considered Janesville’s official historian, worked at the historical society from 1979 until retiring in 1999. While there, he developed the archive system the historical society uses to this day, said Laurel Fant, historical society curator who worked with Montgomery for seven years.

Skelly remembers picking up Montgomery and taking him for drives around Janesville about five years ago.

Skelly would place a recorder next to Montgomery and just let the historian talk. It was during those drives Skelly learned about “all these little chains and threads of Janesville history that we might not ever be able to knit together again in one human being,” he said.

“I will treasure that. You’re never going to lose that, but it’s sad we lost him, but I’ll always have the memories and the knowledge he impart-

ed to me and shared with me in that way.”

Fant likes to joke Montgomery was preparing Skelly to fill his shoes.

Montgomery was not just a teacher of history but also a student of it. He loved helping people with their research and at times felt as if he was “actually walking beside that person” he was researching. “It brings you up with a shock, coming back into the real world,” he is quoted saying in a past Gazette article.

Montgomery graduated from the former Janesville Junior-Senior High School in 1953 and in 1958 from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri.

He earned a master’s degree in religion and art in 1960 from University of Chicago Divinity School before continuing his graduate studies later, according to his obituary and Gazette archives.

In all, Montgomery had degrees in philosophy, Latin, English, religion and art.

Before joining the Rock County Historical Society in 1979, Montgomery taught history at schools in Wisconsin and Maine and sold men’s clothing.

He moved back to Janesville to help his parents care for his sister Cheryl, who was disabled, and retired in 1999 to care for his aging parents, Melton and Rose, according to archives.

People The Gazette spoke to Monday did not know what sparked Montgomery’s love for history.

Montgomery told Skelly about how as a child he and his family would drive by the Lincoln-Tallman House. Montgomery later used those memories in refurbishing the historical marker.

A person’s love for history is often innate and fostered at a young age, Skelly said.

Richard Snyder, Friends of Oak Hill Chapel co-president, interviewed Montgomery in 2013 about the Oak Hill Cemetery chapel. Montgomery’s “thorough” knowledge was used in restoring the chapel’s stained glass windows, Snyder said.

Snyder believes it was Montgomery’s passion for people and their stories that drove his love for history and desire to follow people’s lives from start to finish.

Montgomery was a long-time attendee of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Janesville, Alan Dunwiddie of Janesville said.

# Judith Gilchriest, retired school counselor, dies

BY JACQUES KELLY  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

TOWNSON, Maryland — Judith Graffman Gilchriest, a retired school counselor and reading specialist, died of Parkinson’s disease Nov. 9 at Gilchriest Hospice Care in Towson. A resident of the Edenhall retirement community in Towson, she was 75.

Born Judith Graffman in Houlton, Maine, and raised in Skowhegan, she attended Skowhegan High School and graduated from Gould Academy in 1957. She earned a degree in sociology from the University of Maine and a master’s degree in reading education and counseling from what is now Towson University.

She began teaching in the Plainfield, New Jersey, public school system, where she met her future husband, Lorenzo Gilchriest, who is a retired art professor at Towson University. The couple moved to Woodburne Road in Towson in the middle 1960s.

Ms. Gilchriest then began work in Baltimore public schools as a reading specialist and school counselor.

Her brother Peter Graffman of Needham, Massachusetts, recalled one of her stories about teaching in the city involving a time when

Oprah Winfrey, then a reporter for WJZ-TV, came to her classroom to interview her regarding a Baltimore education issue. “Because her class was in session, Judy turned Oprah away, since she didn’t want her class interrupted” he said.

She retired in 2001 after 36 years in the city school system.

Nearly 15 years ago, she and her husband built a home in Delta, Pennsylvania. After she was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, she moved to Edenhall.

“Even though Judy left Maine at a young age, she had a deep love for her hometown and her childhood friends in Skowhegan, Maine, and Lake Wessersunset,” her brother said. “She would visit most every summer.”

She also enjoyed trips to Martha’s Vineyard and Cape Cod. She also sailed on the Chesapeake Bay.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Ruck Towson Funeral Home, 1050 York Road.

In addition to her brother and her husband of 51 years, survivors include a son, Lorenzo David Gilchriest of Kapolei, Hawaii; a daughter, Lorena Easter of Nottingham; and a grandson.