

OBITUARIES



ALEXANDER VINCENT-HERRICK ROBBINS

ELLSWORTH - Alexander Vincent-Herrick Robbins, Goob, 3 years old, of Ellsworth, Maine. Passed peacefully in his parent's loving arms on December 12, 2015 at Children's Hospital Boston after a courageous life long battle with Congenital Heart Disease.

Born February 15, 2012 in Ellsworth Maine. Alexander was an angel from the day he was born. He had a smile that could light up any room and a contagious laugh. He was born with a very rare congenital heart defect and conquered four open- heart surgeries. When all the odds pointed against him, he rose to become a real-life superhero. He touched everyone that was blessed to know him and had supporters near and far, many of which, had never met him. #TeamAlex Strong is what connected Alex to the world and what brought the world to love him.

Alexander was loved beyond belief and was so happy despite his illness. He loved watching Sophia the First, eating McDonald's French fries, dancing, being silly and being at home with his family. He enjoyed blowing bubbles, eating noodles with his cats, sitting in his "spot" on the couch and anxiously waiting for his siblings to come home off the bus each day. Alexander was the child that beat the odds. He accomplished many milestones that he was never supposed to meet. We were lucky enough to help him grow and become an amazing young boy. He even started preschool this fall.

Alexander is survived by his Mother and Father, Evelyn Casanova-Robbins and Thomas Robbins of Ellsworth, siblings and best friends, Cloe, Austen and Talia, Grandparents Sherry Smith- Cousins and Husband Frank Cousins of Deer Isle, Timothy Robbins and partner Valerie Eaton of Mariaville, Sandra Robbins of Ellsworth, Great-Grandmoth-

er Evelyn Long and Husband David Long of Florida, Aunts and Uncles Kelli and Aaron Brown of Bucksport, Richard and Megan Black of Otis, Shawna and Allan Morse Jr. of Surry, Jasmine Stevens of Surry and Great Aunt Debra Smith and partner Bill Walker of Lamoinie. He also had many cousins that he cherished. His four "other" siblings and special friends, Benton Bird of Ellsworth/Trenton, Skylar Colson of Ellsworth, Mariah Rossi of Ellsworth, and Ella Herrick of Ellsworth. His special friend Jessica Rene, and all of the staff and students at YMCA Early Learning Center that took Alex in and made him family, The EEMS staff and students for all their love and support, all the many medical professionals that we were privileged to know and love, especially Sean Hagenbuch MD. And the staff at Eastern Maine Pediatric Cardiology, Sarah O'Rourke, Alexa Lincoln, Samantha Simmons and all the others that grew to love him.

A sincere thank you to his Birth Parents Chrystal Laieski of Ellsworth and Malcom Herrick of Ellsworth and extended family for giving us the gift of our precious son.

I love you to the moon and back, forever and ever. See you soon Sweet Boy!

A service for Alexander will be held at 2pm on Sunday, December 20, 2015 at Maine Coast Baptist Church 867 Bangor Road, Ellsworth Maine. Following the service, we will be gathering in the Fellowship hall to celebrate Alex. In lieu of flowers we ask that people feel free to make a donation towards a Christmas Gift fund set up in Alexander's name at MachiasSavings Bank at the Mill Mall in Ellsworth Maine to benefit children in the pediatric cardiac unit at Children's Hospital Boston. Arrangements entrusted to Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home, Ellsworth.



ELAINE LOWELL

PROSPECT HARBOR - In the early morning of December 12, 2015, our mother, grammaie, nannie, and friend, Elaine Lowell, 100 years young, left us to join her departed family for Christmas this year. She was born in Steuben, ME on February 15, 1915 to Herbert and Maude (Pendleton) Tracy.

Elaine worked for many years at Stinson Canning Co. She had many interests including deer hunting and she was a "crack shot." She liked to knit, crochet, make crafts, listen to Daniel O'Donnell sing his Irish tunes and watch her "soaps." She made delicious doughnuts and peanut butter fudge. She loved talking to everyone by phone or visits to keep up with what they were doing.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter, Sylvia, and her son and wife, Herbert and Rita. She leaves grandchildren-Gail, Lynn, Eva, Kathy, Pauline, Bradley, Jr, Terri, Marilyn, Wilson, and Elaine; great-grandchildren-Dakota, George, Chris, Josh

A., Brittany, Mike, Tasha, Carly, Josh W., Jarod, and Kaylee; great-great grandchildren-Evan, Chase, Sarah, Alexa, Rebecca, Wendy and Madison.

Elaine was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, George, son and daughter-in-law, Bradley Sr. and Rebecca, son-in-law Donald, granddaughter-Janet and grandson-Austin.

She was a founding member of the S.O.S. Club, a member of the Prospect Harbor Women's Club, and a lifetime member of Halcyon Temple #56 Pythian sisters.

A very special thank you to Betty and Nancy for the superb love and care given to Elaine.

Elaine's graveside service will be Thursday, December 17, 2015 at Prospect Harbor Cemetery in Prospect Harbor. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Gouldsboro Volunteer Fire and Rescue Dept. PO Box 68 Prospect Harbor, ME 04669. Arrangements entrusted to Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

MICHAEL J. CUDDY

FALMOUTH - A man of intelligence and integrity, 70, died Nov. 29 at his home. Valetictorian of his Winterport H.S. class, he then graduated from Northeastern as a Chem.E. He worked for GNP in Millinocket and other Maine companies.

Death Notices

BOWEN, Elsie I., 95, Morrill; at Harbor Hill, Dec. 14, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 at Morrill Baptist Church. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

CHASSE, Linda L., Waterbury, CT, Dec. 12, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Friday, Dec.18, 2015 at St. Agatha Catholic Church. Michaud Funeral Home, St. Agatha.

CUDDY, Michael J., 70, Falmouth, Nov. 29, 2015.

DAMON, Dorothy L., 93, Eddington and Bucksport, Dec. 13, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 at Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home, 28 Elm St., Bucksport.

DELONG WANDA S., 56, Old Town, Dec. 12, 2015. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

GREEN, Roger A., 74, Portsmouth, NH; at Portsmouth, NH, Dec. 13, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015 at the Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 22 Fox Run Rd., Newington, NH. Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, Hampton, NH.

HODGKINS, Bryan Linwood, 73, Carmel; at Bangor, Dec. 11, 2015. Service 3 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

IVERS, Barbara D., 90, Bangor and Brewer; at Bangor, Dec. 12, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 at Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 69 State St., Brewer.

LABRECK, Lorraine M. (Brown), 69, Van Buren, Dec. 13, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 at St. Bruno-St. Remi Catholic Church, Van Buren. Lajoie Funeral Home, Van Buren.

LOWELL, Elaine, 100, Prospect Harbor, Dec. 12, 2015. Service Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015 at Prospect Harbor Cemetery, Prospect Harbor. Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home.

MEYERBACH, Helmut, 90, Seal Cove, Dec. 11, 2015. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

PARKER, Mary E., 82, Belfast, Dec. 13, 2015. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

POULIN, Romeo A., 92, Lewiston, Dec. 9, 2015. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

REES, Peter, 82, Trenton, Dec. 9, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 at the Trenton Elementary School. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

RICHARDSON, Joan M., 76, Pembroke; at Machias, Dec. 15, 2015. Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

ROBBINS, Alexander Vincent-Herrick, 3, Ellsworth; at Boston, MA, Dec. 12, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015 at Maine Coast Baptist Church, 867 Bangor Rd., Ellsworth. Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home.

RODNEY, Chris, 71, Troy, Dec. 13, 2015.

SAVITZ, Jerry Ben, 74, Northport; at Northport, Dec. 14, 2015. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

SMITH, Gregg R., Eddington; at Bangor, Dec. 11, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 at the Holbrook Middle School Gymnasium, 202 Kidder Hill Rd., Holden. Brewer Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 55 South Main St., Brewer.

STEVENS, Carol Lee, 65, Richmond, Dec. 10, 2015. Kincer Funeral Home, Richmond.

STRONG, Michael James, 71, Union, Dec. 11, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 at Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home, 110 Limerock St., Rockland.

THIBODEAU, Edward P., 89, Veazie; at Bangor, Dec. 14, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York St., Bangor. Brookings-Smith.



EDWARD P. THIBODEAU

VEAZIE - Edward P. Thibodeau, 89, husband of Hil-da (Burton) Thibodeau, passed away December 14, 2015 at a Bangor Hospital. He was born September 8, 1926 in Old Town, ME, the son of Paul and Gladys (Gagnon) Thibodeau.

In addition to his wife of 65 years, Edward is survived by his son, Michael Edward Thibodeau and his wife, Vicki; his daughter, Pamela O'Connor and her husband, Glenn; grandchildren, Christopher Paul Thibodeau and his wife, Jessica and Jeffrey Alan Thibodeau; one great-grandson, Zachary Thibodeau.

A devoted father and family man, Edward also served during WWII with the 184th Regiment as a Tech Sargent and during the Korean War as an Intelligence Specialist. He was a lifetime member of both The American Legion and the Knights of Columbus. Edward was also a Master Plumbing Inspector for the State of Maine. He will be sorely missed for his wit, his innumerable tales of his childhood, and for his charming way of delivering both.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11am Thursday, December 17, 2015 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York Street, Bangor. Those who wish to remember Edward in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Heart Fund, c/o St. Joseph Healthcare, P.O. Box 1638, Bangor, ME 04402-1638. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

CHRIS RODNEY

TROY - Chris Rodney, known to her many friends as chris of coventree, died Sunday, December 13, at the age of 71.

Folks who knew her well would say she was reclusive, not anti-social. She would say she was a private womn, not wanting to fill up anyone's pockets of curiosity with details of her life, preferring the company of goats, chickens, rabbits, cats, and dogs. She considered what she did on her beloved homeland her most important work: planting trees and harvesting their fruits, growing a garden that provided much of her food, cleaning the dead trees from the forest that grew around her for her firewood. She intentionally lived simply, hoping to keep her footprint on the planet small. She lived half a mile from her car park and walked in and out, had a modest photovoltaic system to source her non-grid electricity, carried her water from a well. She was 100% enlivened, her alternative word to retired, living humbly on a check from Social Security and just recently, a disability check from the VA which together made her yearly income above the poverty level she had lived at for the past 30+ years.

She would say her life was rich, having nothing to do with income or poverty-level guidelines. She would say she had a blessed life, one she created that suited her desire to live simply, close to the land, care-giving it and where she could mindfully generate a stillness to help counterbalance the busyness of the larger culture, and where she would have all the time she wanted to observe the natural world around her and learn from it.

Words she once heard in an opera seemed to express so perfectly all that she felt about her life: "All is all, isn't life grand. I'm so glad I showed up for it."

No service of remembrance is planned.



PETER REES

TRENTON - Peter Rees, 82, died suddenly and unexpectedly of a pulmonary embolism on Wednesday December 9th at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital.

Peter was born in Newton Massachusetts, the son of Frank A. Rees and Dorothy D. Rees. He received his B.A. from Lafayette College in 1955, a M.A. in Anthropology from Harvard University in 1958, and an Ed. D. in Counseling Psychology from Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1964.

Peter met his wife Phyllis in 1960, camping in the White Mountains. He knew she was special because she didn't complain of the sleet and mud that trip. She was the love of his life for 52 years. They shared a love of adventure and traveled extensively in America, Africa, and Europe during their marriage. They saw beauty with the same eye and responded to it with the same heart. They made two beautiful daughters together: Amy and Jenny.

Peter moved his family around a lot but finally settled in Trenton Maine in 1979. At that time he was the only psychologist in Hancock County. He had an independent psychology practice for 26 years, as well as contracts with MDI Hospital, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Probation, and the MDI High School. He worked extensively with sex offenders, including a treatment group for adolescent sex offenders. He helped many people and families in the area for many years.

Peter loved the outdoors, sailing and hiking. He and Phyllis sailed a little cabin cruiser "Flirt" in the waters around MDI, Blue Hill, and Schoodic for 23 years. They would spend the night in a quiet harbor and awaken to a beautiful sea sunrise. When Phyllis couldn't sail anymore, Peter bought a camp on Webb Pond so she could continue to appreciate a wild beauty. He enjoyed summers there immensely.

As a young man, Peter loved fast cars. In the time of courting Phyllis he had a Jaguar XK 120. They drove the Jaguar up to Baxter State Park for their honeymoon, out-running a Maine State Trooper on the way; Phyllis with the wind in her hair egging him on. Their wedding night they made camp after dark in the rain on a side road, only to find they had camped in a garbage dump the next morning. They loved to tell that story. As he aged, Peter would gadget out any car, boat, or computer. He loved technology and gadgets. He had a keen intellect and was interested in everything, from car repair to culinary mushroom picking.

Peter was a social activist and dedicated himself to working for peace, justice and equality. He was an innovative psychologist and founder of the Peace and Social Justice Committee of the Maine Psychological Association. He was a tireless advocate for legislation expanding civil and human rights protections to gay, les-

bian, bisexual and transgender individuals, as well as the campaign for same sex marriage in Maine. He was a long term member of the Downeast Chapter of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network), organizing "Bridges of Respect" conferences, promoting Gay-Straight Alliances in schools, and working within schools to reduce bullying and discrimination against all students who were perceived to be vulnerable. Dedicated to a bullying-free environment, after retirement as a psychologist, Peter worked for the Maine Attorney General's Civil Rights teams in the Downeast area, promoting an educational environment where no student felt disparaged or unwelcome.

Peter's friends are profoundly saddened. We have lost not only an irreplaceable companion, but also a bright beacon. Each of us has felt truly accepted by Peter, but, at the same time, quietly challenged by example to be a better person. We miss him fiercely.

We will miss the telephone call to dinner and lively conversation, perhaps to try a new curry dish or his legendary Navajo stew. We will miss the call to adventure, whether camping in the Caribbean or Cobscook, hiking in Acadia, exploring Malta, or sailing about islands closer to home in his beloved Flirt. We will miss the call to share an important anniversary or occasion with his cherished family. We will miss the call to comfort us in our times of need. We will miss the call to action to join him in his tireless work for peace, justice, and equality. We will miss his gentle humor and strength of purpose. We will miss his voice. He enriched our lives. We are better friends, better citizens for having known him.

Peter is predeceased by his wife Phyllis, and survived by his two daughters; Amy and husband Rob Lash, Jenny and husband William Tefft, two grandchildren; John Sawyer and Michelle Sawyer-Houle with husband Patrick Houle, two step-grandchildren; Miranda and Mackenzie Tefft, and two great grandchildren; Desmond and Hollis Peter.

Peter's Memorial Service will be held at the Trenton Elementary School on Saturday December 19th from 10 a.m. until noon. All are welcome. There will be an open microphone for all who want to share memories or reflections of this marvelous man.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations in his memory may be directed to: Acadia Friends Meeting of Quakers on MDI Maine, Unitarian-Universalist Church of Ellsworth Maine, Downeast Chapter of GLSEN, H.O.M.E. in Orland Maine, EMMAUS Homeless Shelter in Ellsworth Maine.

Whatever happens, we can get through this. You did.

Arrangements are under the care of Direct Cremation of Maine. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.directcremationofmaine.com.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
BOB PERREAULT
Dec 16, 1972 - Oct 27, 2004



Forever loved.
Forever missed.
Love, Mom, Dad, Kent, Dean, Patti and Families

In Loving Memory Of
DENNIS IRELAND

Sep 15, 1970 - Dec 16, 2004
11 years. That was always your favorite number. Emilie is awesome, I know you would be so proud of her. We always see you when we look at her and we always think of you when we do anything. Keep looking in on us from time to time and protect us always. We will all continue to love you forever. Until we see you again, Love your family & friends.

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