

# OBITUARIES



**JEAN SEGEE**

**EAST MILLINOCKET** - Jean Segee, 86, died at home December 31, 2015 surrounded by people she loved. Jean was a lifelong resident of East Millinocket, where she was born in 1929, to Martin and Jane Stratton.

Jean met Doug Segee of Millinocket in 1946, and they were married in 1949. Jean was the school secretary at Opal Myrick Elementary School from 1970 - 1990. For years, she knit and gave away winter mittens, mostly to students of the elementary school. She was active in the East Millinocket Music Club and the First Congregational Church, UCC of East Millinocket where she was choir director for over 50 years.

Jean is survived by her husband of 67 years, Doug, daughter Susan (Morrow) and her husband Darrell, son Carl and his wife Diana, son Bruce and his wife Cathy, and son-in-law Douglas Fiske. She is predeceased by a daughter, Sandra (Fiske). Doug and Jean have 9 grandchildren, Brian Fiske, Karen Stanley, Jeff, Jon and Sarah Morrow, Jamie, Molly, Ben and Sam Segee, and 6 great-grandchildren, Derrick, Zachary, Emma and Alyssa Stanley and Gabriel and Isabel Fiske. as well as many nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by her brother, Ralph Stratton, her brother-in-law, Merrill (Bud) Segee, and two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Jones and Anita Moscone. The family wants to thank Jean's caregivers for the past 3 years, Cathy King, Fran Pfaff and Hope Charette.

A celebration of life will be held at the First Congregational Church, UCC in East Millinocket on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Visiting hours will begin at 9:30 am followed by the funeral service at 11:00.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the memorial gift fund at First Congregational Church, UCC of East Millinocket. For online condolences please visit [www.bowersfuneral.com](http://www.bowersfuneral.com).



**JOHANNA "GIG" WEEKS**

**BANGOR** - Johanna "Gig" (Cobb) Weeks died Jan. 2, 2016 at a local hospital. Gig was born Dec. 22, 1953 in Bradenton, Fla, the middle daughter of George H. and Patricia (Woods) Cobb.

She was a 1971 graduate of Manatee High School in Bradenton, and a 1975 graduate of Smith College with a degree in geology. On Oct. 25, 1975, she married Paul A. Weeks and the couple settled in Portland while he attended law school. They later moved to Woolrich and in 1985 made Bangor their home. For several years, Gig conducted admission interviews for Smith College. She was a member of the Bangor Junior League; taught science for Bangor Alternative high school; was a longtime employee of BookMarc's and volunteered in the community for programs such as the Shakespeare Festival, Bangor Historical Society and Bangor Community Reading Day.

Gig is survived by her husband, Paul of Bangor; daughter Abigail Weeks of Hampden; son, Nathaniel Weeks and his wife, Catherin and grandchildren, Lillian and Philip, all of Bedford, NH; mother, Patricia of Bradenton; sister Susanna and Peter Toumanoff of Hancock, NH; sister Laura Cobb and Henk den Braber of Culemborg, the Netherlands; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her father, George.

A celebration of her life will be held 1 to 3pm Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center Street, Bangor. Those who wish to remember Gig in a special way may make gifts in her memory to the Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow Street, Bangor, ME 04401. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).



**CARLTON "RED" E. MARTIN**

**CHARLESTON** - Carlton "Red" Martin, 82, went home to the Lord, December 31, 2015 with his family by his side. He was born in Saco, February 20, 1933, son of Harry W. and Marjorie (Weeden) Martin.

He entered the US Air Force in 1950, was discharged in 1953, then reenlisted in the US Army in 1955, and was honorably discharged in October, 1972.

Red was employed with General Motors in Framingham, MA., and moved to Bangor in 1988 and became employed with the City of Bangor, retiring in 1998.

He was a member of the Charleston Church and the Joseph Chaisson American Legion Post #41 of Milo.

Surviving are, his wife, Lori; two sons, Johnathan and his wife, Alyx, George and his wife, Joeann; one daughter, Debbie Sumner; one step-daughter, Rose Arsenault; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one brother, Edward Martin; many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; nieces and nephews. Special friends, Paul and Christine Thomas.

Red was predeceased by his first wife, Virginia, and two brothers.

The family would like to thank the staff of Unit D, at the Maine Veteran's Home, Bangor for their kindness and care.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, January 7, 2015 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor, where relatives and friends are welcome to call 1 p.m. until time of service.

Gifts in his memory may be sent to the Children's Miracle Network, C/O EMHS Foundation, P.O. Box 931, Bangor, ME. 04402-0931.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).



**SHEILA B. LYONS**

**MASARDIS** - Sheila B. Lyons, 70, surrounded by her family, passed peacefully Friday, January 1, 2016, following a brief yet heroic battle with cancer. She was born July 14, 1945 in Milo, ME, a daughter of the late Richard and Hope (Higgins) Boone Sr.

Sheila worked as an elementary school teacher at Ashland Elementary School for almost 25 years, until her retirement in 2004, and also a long-time chairperson of the Ashland School Board. She loved watching "her" children grow and learn and always maintained a prominent position within the community, with deep ties to the Ashland school. Sheila enjoyed painting and writing, and, a long-time member of the Aroostook Right to Read, she was a devoted storyteller whom was proud to speak with children and adults all over The County.

She is survived by: her husband of 50 years, Jon L. Lyons of Masardis; three daughters, Shauna Goulet and her husband Tony of Masardis, Margaret Lewin and her husband Herman of Ashland, and Kimberly Holmes and her husband Preston III of Portage; three siblings, Adelbert Boone and his wife Joene, William Boone and his wife Charlotte and Clarice Call, all of Dover-Foxcroft; nine grandchildren, Amanda, Samantha, Taylor, Stephanie, Cassidy, Haleigh, Morgan, Brady & Griffin; two great grandchildren, Quinn & Aoife; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, Sheila is predeceased by an infant daughter, Michelle Lea Lyons, and four siblings, Richard II and Roger Boone and Joan Hall Zikorus and Judith Alexa

A Remembrance Service will be celebrated at 4:00 PM on Thursday, January 7, 2015 at the Ashland District School Auditorium, Presque Isle Road, Ashland, with Pastor Bill Harris officiating. Relatives and friends may greet the family Wednesday 6-8:00 PM at Lajoie Funeral Home, 114 Exchange St., Ashland, or Thursday 2:00 PM until the time of service at the Ashland District School Auditorium. Spring burial will be in Masardis Municipal Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sheila's name may be made to: Sheila Lyons Scholarship Fund c/o Tracy Long, PO Box 289, Ashland, ME 04732. To share condolences online, please visit [www.LajoieFuneralHome.com](http://www.LajoieFuneralHome.com)



**HJALMAR "CHIP" WARREN ANDERSON**

**PROSPECT HARBOR** - Hjalmar "Chip" Warren Anderson, born on 30 October 1944, died on 29 December 2015.

Chip was a resident of Prospect Harbor with his loving wife of forty-seven years, Lucille. Chip and Lucille moved from Redding, Connecticut, to Prospect Harbor in 2009. Chip had summered in Maine since his childhood years, but always regarded the family cottage on Prospect Point as his favorite place on earth.

Besides Lucille, Chip also is survived by five cousins: Gene Banks, Gary Banks and his wife Nancy, Kenneth Logan, Tim Anderson, and Peggy Anderson Kennedy and her husband Arthur. Chip was predeceased by his parents, Judge Hjalmar and Margorie Anderson.

Chip never met a stranger. He was an engaging conversationalist who enjoyed learning about everyone he met. His outgoing personality served him well as a member of the National Guard (1966-73), a diner owner and cook, and as a US Post Office worker for over twenty years. In Redding Chip was a volunteer fireman, Fire Commissioner, and elected Constable. He graduated from Joel Barlow High School and attended Norwalk Community College. Chip was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish. His CB "handle" was "Brook Trout." Chip was also a member of the Wireless Radio Association.

For much of the last six years, Chip was housebound, yet he seldom complained. His house sits on the ocean's edge and he deeply enjoyed watching the lobster boats, Bar Harbor-bound cruise ships, and marine life; and he often reported on same to his neighbors and friends. Chip was extremely appreciative of the first-responders, local firemen, and home health aides who assisted him during times of illness.

Chip had a strong philanthropic bent and contributed to many local volunteer groups. In lieu of flowers, Chip and Lucille request that donations in Chip's name be made to the Schoodic Community Fund (c/o Maine Community Foundation, 245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04613), the Gouldsboro Fire Department (c/o Town Office, PO Box 68, Prospect Harbor, ME 04669), or the Redding Fire Department #1.

A celebration of Chip's life will take place in Connecticut this spring and in Prospect Harbor next summer. Arrangements entrusted to Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home, Milbridge.



**ALEX "CUFFAH" HARRIS**

**FRANKLIN AND BANGOR** - Alex "Cuffah" Harris, 41, passed away peacefully surrounded by family December 27, 2015 at a Bangor hospital. He was born Jan. 1, 1974 in Bath, the son of Jack and Carol (Whalen) Merrill.

Alex married his best friend from High School, Michelle (Bickford) Harris in 2011. He was a fisherman and he favored being the Stern Man. Alex was an asset to have on any fishing vessel. His favorite hobby was playing with his grandchildren, Russell, Lizzy and Benjamin. He also enjoyed riding ATV's, cracking jokes, writing beautiful poetry and was often seen hand in hand with his wife Michelle reading James Patterson. Alex was known for his love of Mountain Dew and Harley's and his endless tattoos, each with their own story. He was an extremely hard worker on and off the water. Alex had a sense of humor that instantly made him the center of attention everywhere he went. The love he and Michelle shared was straight out of a fairy tale romance, and he was no stranger to shouting it from the roof tops.

Alex was predeceased by his father-in-law, Russell Bickford, a very special cousin, Benji Abbott, a very special uncle, "Super" Roy Whalen and 20 aunts and uncles. In addition to his mother, Carol Merrill of Sullivan, and his father, Jack Merrill and his wife, Mayota of Harpswell, Alex is survived by the love of his life, Michelle Harris of Bangor; their daughter, Toni Moore and her fiancé, Kyle Harriman of Bangor; two sons, Josh Moore and his fiancée, Kall Grindle of Old Town and Cameron Moore of Ellsworth; three grandchildren, Russell, Lizzy and Benjamin; his sister, Christina Gray and her husband, Norman of Bar Harbor; his brother, Mike Harris of Ellsworth; very special cousin, Roy Whalen; Uncle, Rick Sandstrom; very close friend, Stevie Atherton and countless nieces, nephews, other friends and extended family.

In keeping with Alex's wishes, services will be private for the family. A memorial tribute to honor his life will be held later, date and time to be announced. Those who wish to remember Alex in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, 263 Main Street, Bangor, ME 04401. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).

**"One Hand for Me, one Hand for the Sea"**

## Former Ark. senator Dale Bumpers dies

BY STEPHEN MILLER  
BLOOMBERG NEWS

Dale Bumpers, the former U.S. senator from Arkansas who capped a long political career by delivering the closing statement in President Bill Clinton's impeachment defense in 1999, has died.

Bumpers, 90, died Friday at his home in Little Rock, according to a statement from his son cited by the Associated Press.

At Clinton's Senate trial, Bumpers condemned the proceedings and insisted that the president's actions, while reprehensible, did not qualify as "high crimes and misdemeanors" as specified in the U.S. Constitution.

The impeachment stemmed from revelations that Clinton had an affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. He was charged with perjury and obstruction of justice in connection with his testimony to a federal grand jury.

"We are none of us perfect," Bumpers said in the hourlong speech. "Sure, you say, he should have thought of all that beforehand. And indeed he should. Just as Adam and Eve should have."

A veteran Arkansas politician, Bumpers was a liberal Democrat critical of defense spending and welfare cuts.

While he opposed Clinton's trademark welfare proposals, Bumpers was a friend and political ally of Clinton, who also had served as Arkansas governor.

Bumpers retired from the Senate after four terms, in January 1999. Days later, he was enlisted to join Clinton's defense team.

With U.S. Chief Justice William Rehnquist presiding in the Senate on Jan. 21, 1999,

Bumpers stood in the well of the chamber and warned colleagues that impeachment was a dangerous weapon.

"A decision to convict holds the potential for destabilizing the office of the presidency," he said. He called Clinton's conduct "indefensible, outrageous, unforgivable, shameful." Yet, he insisted, the proceedings missed "a human element," that Clinton lied about sex to protect his family. "The charges brought and the punishment sought are totally out of sync," he said.

Clinton was acquitted of both charges on Feb. 12.

Dale Leon Bumpers was born on Aug. 12, 1925, in Charleston, Arkansas, a farming town in the state's northwest.

His mother was the former Lattie Jones and his father William Rufus Bumpers, who opened a hardware store in Charleston that doubled as a funeral parlor. As a teenager, Bumpers drove a hearse and worked in the store, he wrote in his 2003 memoir "The Best Lawyer in a One-Lawyer Town."

In 1970, Bumpers upset former Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus in a Democratic primary runoff. He then unseated Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller.

Bumpers served two terms as governor. In 1974, he was elected to the U.S. Senate, beating five-term incumbent J. William Fulbright in the Democratic primary. He acquired the nickname "Giant Killer."

Bumpers considered running for president in 1984 and 1988, though he decided against it.

Bumpers married the former Betty Lou Flanagan in 1949. They had three children, Dale Brent, William Mark, and Margaret Brooke, according to Marquis Who's Who.



**RACHELLE LEE JOHNSON**

**HERMON** - Rachelle Lee Johnson, age 33, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 with loved ones by her side in Portland, ME. She was born on July 24, 1982 in Blue Hill, a daughter of David Lee Johnson of Hancock and Tracy Ann Paquette of Bucksport.

Rachelle was engaged to be married to the love of her life, Steven Eck. She enjoyed spending time with family and going to camp with her fiancé and close friends. She always looked forward to watching sports, one of her favorite leisure activities.

Rachelle is survived by her father, David Johnson and partner, Wendy Hammond; mother- Tracy Paquette; sons- Brenden Sprague and Aiden Danico; fiancé - Steven Eck; twin sister- Rebecca Johnson; sisters- Nicole Sargent and Karmen Sargent; brothers- Nathan Johnson, George Taylor, Nathaniel Sargent; stepsister - Jordan Reed; stepbrothers- Cody Hammond and Brent Hammond; nieces and nephews- Brayden, Samantha, Sasha, Trinity, Colton; Aiden's Father- Clyde Danico; beloved pets- Chippa the bird, kitties- Coco and Gizmo, dog- Kenzie.

She was predeceased by her niece, Destiny Ann Sargent.

Visitation is from 4pm-6pm, Monday, January 4, 2016 at Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home, 215 Main Street in Ellsworth. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home, Ellsworth.

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