

# OBITUARIES



**VIRGIL L. DWYER**

OAKFIELD - Virgil L. Dwyer, 92, of Oakfield entered into the arms of his Savior and Lord Jan. 8, 2016. He was born Feb. 14, 1923, the son of Leo and Sarah Dwyer.

He enlisted in the Army of the United States on January 14, 1942 and served with the 131st General Hospital in England for 13 months where he performed various medical duties as a male nurse, assisting medical officers in the care and treatment of the sick, injured and wounded. He worked in the operating room preparing the instruments and the patients. His title was a medical technician. He received an honorable discharge. In the early years he worked alongside his dad in the woods, then became employed by the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad until his retirement. He attended Bethel Pentecostal Church with his wife and children and was president of the board of deacons. A strong attribute is how he loved and cared for his wife and children. To his children he would speak many words of wisdom and we always knew he was our prayer warrior.

He is survived by his seven children, Joan and Harry Faulkner Nason, Sally and Roger Lycette, Peggy Mitchell, Virgil and Dennis Burpee, Judy and Bruce Russell, Paul and Debbie Dwyer and Beth and Keith Porter; grandchildren, Linda and Larry, Janet and Marty, Terri and Richard, Lori and Toby, Wayne and Laura, Kevin and Nicky, Steve, Rebekah, Jay and Amanda, Matthew and Janet, David and Elisha, Brett and Kim, Kilby and Ashley, Nick, Joshua and Audra, Ashley and Adam, and Kayla and Andrew; thirty-three great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his loving wife, Wilma on June 25, 2009 as well as his parents, three sisters, a brother and a son-in-law.

The family would like to especially thank Pastor Sterling Lawrence and Bob and Rita Pratt for their faithfulness. Also a special thanks to all of his caregivers.

In honoring his wishes there will be no services. Donations may be made in his memory to the Bethel Pentecostal Church, PO Box 280, Oakfield, Maine 04763. For an online guestbook and to leave condolences, please visit

[www.bowersfuneral.com](http://www.bowersfuneral.com)



**ROBERT "BOB" O. EMERSON**

LAKESIDE, OREGON - Former Winterport resident Robert "Bob" O. Emerson, 73, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, in his Lakeside, Ore. home, with his family at his side.

Bob was born on June 21, 1942 in Winterport, ME to Charles and Beatrice Emerson.

At his request, no service will be held.

Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching football and car racing as well as sharing time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Doris, of 54 years; four children, Laurel Eddington (Tim), Tracy Shewey, John Emerson (Regina), and Tina Lloyd (Zach); brother, Paul Emerson of Frankfort, ME; sister, Laurel Coulter (Robert), Winterport, ME; 7 grand children; 6 great-grandchildren; and a beloved uncle to nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents. [nelsonsbam.com](http://nelsonsbam.com)



**MAXINE M. JERNIGAN "MAMMIE"**

WINTERPORT - Maxine Marie (Smith) "Mammie" Jernigan, wife of the late Melvin Jernigan, passed away at her home in Winterport surrounded by her family January 7, 2016. She was born May 23, 1927 in Brooks Maine, the daughter of William P. Smith and V. Edna (Woodman) Smith.

Maxine was a graduate of Winterport High School in 1944. She attended College at The Maine School of Commerce in Bangor now known as Husson University. Maxine worked as a bookkeeper and Auditor for W.T. Grants Department Store, Sears Department Store, and National Confectionary in Bangor. Maxine was a lifelong member of the Ellingwood's Corner Methodist Church in Winterport, and a lifetime member of The Old Maine Cemetery Association. She was a member of the Maine State Grange since 1941. She was a 43 year member and one of the founding members of T.O.P.S. Chapter 75 in Winterport where she reached her goal and received her K.O.P.S. in August of 2015. Maxine enjoyed the outdoors walking, hiking, birds, flowers, stacking wood, and mowing her lawn. Maxine walked the Appalachian Trail (in miles) making a story of the virtual adventure and she loved mountains; her favorite mountain was Mt. Katahdin.

She was predeceased by her parents and her husband Melvin Jernigan, Son Merlyn Jernigan, Grandson Yardley Lindsey, Stepson Robert Jernigan SR. and Stepdaughter Frances Jernigan Engstrom.

Maxine is survived by her children: Merita Lindsey of Winterport, Marshall Jernigan and wife Sharon of Winterport, Stepdaughter-in-law Judy Jernigan of Winterport, Stepson Ronald Jernigan and wife Carol of Darlington South Carolina. Grandchildren: Rena Marley, Shawn Jernigan, Tammy Jernigan, Bobbie Lindsey, Shelly Jernigan, Jeffery Jernigan, Theresa Jernigan, Robert Jernigan JR., Scott Jernigan, Craig Jernigan, Lewis Jernigan, Laurie Gray, Donna Vetrano, Tammy Mabe, Mike Jernigan and several great and great-great-grandchildren. Maxine had 2 very special Great Grandchildren: Egypt Lindsey-Melland and Liliana Faloon.

She was "Mammie" to her grandchildren and to many neighborhood children and friends of the family

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 30, 2016 at the Ellingwood's Corner Church, Winterport. A private burial will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice in Maxine's name. Cremation arrangements by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor. Messages and memories may be shared with her family at [kileyandfoley.com](http://kileyandfoley.com).



**JEFFREY SIXSMITH FROST**

CARIBOU - Jeffrey Sixsmith Frost, 72 passed away January 7, 2016 at Fort Kent following a long illness. His wife of 33 years, Dawn Carde Frost was with him as he left his physical body, holding him in her arms. Jeffery was born in Caribou February 10, 1943 the son of the late Royal Henry "RH" and Elizabeth Ann (Sixsmith) Frost.

He attended the Caribou Schools and graduated from Kent Hill Academy, a college prep school in Kents Hill. He then attended the University of South Carolina and graduated from the University of Maine at Orono with a degree in history and government. There, he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Mr. Frost owned and operated the Frost Insurance Agency in Caribou for many years. He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and also attended Gray Memorial United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir and led MYF with his wife. Mr. Frost served as a past President of the Save Loring Committee in the 1980's which was successful in staving off the base closure. He was recently honored by the Maine Healthcare Association with its lifetime achievement award. Jeff loved to travel and spend time on the water canoeing and camping. He was a true people person who enjoyed time with his family and friends. Jeff also enjoyed working in his yard, was an avid runner and was a die-hard Red Sox fan.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Dawn of Caribou are his children; Jon Frost and wife Amy of Wellington, FL, Christian Hartman and wife Sarah of E. Greenwich, R.I., Shawn Frost and fiancé Liliana Toon of Long Beach, CA., and Heidi Manter and wife Shawn of Caribou. Seven grandchildren; Kayla, Kameron, Kerrigan, Brianna, Will, Sophia, Ben and one more on the way. One brother Don Frost and wife Alyson of Westwood, MA. One sister Jane Frost and husband Lloyd of Richmond. Many nieces and nephews. Jeff will be sadly missed by his beloved Chihuahuas, Roxy and Layla. Jeff loved his many friends but especially his best friend, Ron Ouellette of Caribou.

Mr. Frost was predeceased by his parents and a special grandfather, William Sixsmith "Daddy Bill."

Friends may visit with the family 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Mockler Funeral Home 24 Reservoir Street Caribou. A celebration of Jeff's life will be held 1:00 pm Saturday January 16, 2016 at the Gray Memorial United Methodist Church the Rev. Tim Wilcox, officiating. Following the services all are invited to a time of continued fellowship and refreshments in the church dining hall. Friends who wish to contribute in memory of Mr. Frost may do so through the Presque Isle Animal Shelter 24 Cross Street Presque Isle Maine 04769. [www.mocklerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mocklerfuneralhome.com)



**C. WENDELL COFFIN**

MAPLETON - On January 9, 2015, our father C. Wendell Coffin entered his final stage of life. He was born June 9, 1922, in Mapleton to Carroll and Dorothy (Waddell) Coffin.

Dad spent the majority of his life in Mapleton graduating from Mapleton High School in 1940 and married Wilda (McPherson) Coffin in 1942. Dad was in the auto parts business for 47 years and enjoyed the Boston Red Sox, Celtics and New England Patriots. He also enjoyed cribbage and yard work in his younger days. He was a member of the Former Knights of Pythias of Mapleton and a Life member of the Mapleton Lions Club, being one of the founding members. Before failing in health, Dad attended Mapleton Baptist Church.

He leaves three children, his daughter Trudie Buck and her husband Clyde of Chapman, their children; Jason, Jon and Jeanna Detour, his son Gilbert Coffin and his wife Susan of Bangor, their children; Alicia McPhail and Maria Coffin, his daughter Ardis Kenney and her husband Alan of Houlton and their children; Kimberly, Karter and Korrie, 13 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, dad was predeceased by his brother Dana Coffin and a special niece Elizabeth Dolan.

Dad always lit up the room with his smile and this poem reminds us of him. "Your Smile" Though your smile is gone forever, and your hand we cannot touch. We still have many memories of the one we loved so much. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in His keeping. We'll have you in our hearts. You will be sadly missed but never forgotten. By: Unknown Author

A private family service will take place in the spring. Donations may be made in Wendell's memory to the Mapleton United Baptist Church, PO BOX 190, Mapleton, ME 04757 or to the Mapleton Lions Club, PO Box 237, Mapleton, ME 04757. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.duncan-graves.com](http://www.duncan-graves.com).

## CEDRIC PHILBROOK-ALTVATER

PERRY AND ISLAND FALLS - Cedric Philbrook-Altwater, 21, of Perry and Island Falls, died Jan. 8, 2016 in Island Falls.

Friends may call Monday starting at noon at his father's home, 317 County Road, Perry, Maine. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the elderly meal site in Perry.

A complete obituary will be published in the Tue. edition of the Bangor Daily News by Bowers Funeral Home.



**JACQUELYN L. BEAUPRE**

CARIBOU - Jacquelyn L. Beaupre, 86 passed away January 8, 2016, at Caribou. She was born in Limestone August 21, 1929, the daughter of the late Robert and Edna (Griffeth) Leavitt.

Jackie was the last of ten children. She was a 1947 graduate of Caribou High School and attended Becker College. On November 21, 1953, she married Norman Beaupre. Mrs. Beaupre performed administrative and accounting work for several area businesses including Lyons Service, Federation of Farmers, Bennett's Hardware, Hutchinson Florist and Bearce Carter Oil. She was a member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church as well as the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, serving as the organizations treasurer for ten years. Jacquelyn was an artist. She was an excellent seamstress, creating beautiful quilts and clothing. She also painted with oils and did pen and ink sketches. Her favorite times were sitting in front of her easel on the deck of the family camp at Little Madawaska Lake. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother to her family.

Surviving in addition to her husband of over 62 years, Norman of Caribou are her three daughters and sons in law: Lisa and Dale Keyes of Bucksport, Jill and John Coale of Cumberland and Mary and Kevin McDonough of S. Portland. Four grandchildren; Marc Leclerc, Aimee Leclerc Nilsson, Megan Coale and Caitlin McDonough. Three great grandchildren; Ethan and Nolan Leclerc and Kameron Nilsson.

Mrs. Beaupre was predeceased by four brothers: Linwood, Samuel, Harry and George Leavitt and five sisters, Doris Leavitt, Rena Webster, June Noyes, Gladys Hanscomb and Eva Leighton.

Friends may call at the Mockler Funeral Home 24 Reservoir Street Caribou 6-8 pm Monday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00am Tuesday January 12 2016 from the Parish of the Precious Blood Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Spring Interment will be in the Northern Maine Veterans Cemetery. [www.mocklerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mocklerfuneralhome.com)

## 2 pedestrians injured

CBS 13

WINDHAM — Two pedestrians were hurt in a crash on River Road in Windham. Windham police said the crash happened around 5:30 p.m. Thursday, when an el-

## Cole's cause of death revealed

REUTERS

Singer Natalie Cole died of a rare lung disease that was first diagnosed five years ago and led to heart failure, her family said.

In the first official news on her cause of death Dec. 31, the family of the Grammy-winning jazz, pop and soul singer said that Cole was diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary arterial hypertension after a successful kidney transplant in 2009.

"She responded well to pulmonary arterial hypertension specific agents over many years, during which she performed many concerts worldwide, but eventually succumbed to intractable right heart failure, an outcome that unfortunately commonly occurs in this progressive disorder," her family said in a statement Friday.

Cole's death at age 65 in a Los Angeles hospital caused an outpouring of tributes from the music world for the daughter of late singing legend Nat King Cole.

Cole underwent a kidney transplant after being diagnosed with hepatitis C following a period of heroin, crack and drug abuse and came back to perform concerts around the world.



**Cole**

## Turner man dies in crash

CBS 13

TURNER — A Turner man died in a late Friday night crash after his vehicle went off Route 117, rolled over and landed on its roof.

Jeromy Tanguay was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department, which received the call from a motorist just before 11:30 p.m. Friday. Police said a motorist found Tanguay's car on its roof on Turner Center Road, which is Route 117, near Long Meadow Estates in Turner.

Police said the Jeep Liberty Tanguay was driving went off the road, down an embankment, rolled over and landed on its roof back on Turner Center Road. The road was closed for about three hours while crews cleared the scene.

No cause has been determined for the crash, which remains under investigation.

derly couple was crossing the road to attend a service at the Dolby Funeral Chapel. Police said that's when a 33-year-old driver hit them. Windham police said both pedestrians, who are in their 70s, were brought to Maine Medical Center with injuries not considered life-threatening.

## Co-founder of private weather forecasting firm dies

BY JOAN GIANGRASSE KATES CHICAGO TRIBUNE

John Murray was clearly on to something when, with a partner, he started a small weather forecasting business after serving as a military meteorologist during World War II.

The firm would become the source of highly specialized forecasts for major industries as well as the average person wondering what kind of weather to expect for a weekend barbecue.

"John was the guy with all the foresight," said Dennis Trettel, co-founder of Murray and Trettel, one of the oldest private meteorological consulting firms in the U.S. "He saw opportunities where others didn't."

Murray, 94, of Brevard, North Carolina, and Ontonagon, Michigan, a past fellow of the American Meteorological Society, died Dec. 9 of natural causes in his home in Brevard.

What Murray and Trettel, both veteran Army Air Forces weather officers, set out to do was to give companies industry-specific forecasts on a real-time basis — better than what was at the time being provided by the Weather Bureau, now the National Weather Service.

In the process, the two men learned how to forecast the weather's effects on the operations of their clients. They were the first in the Chicago area to use a color code to indicate the severity of the effect of weather on a wide range of operations, such as snowplowing, outdoor activities, gas and electric use, and shipping temperatures for various items.

"I was constantly struck by what a pioneer John was and how much he had accomplished in our field," said Karl Bohnak, a longtime meteorologist for WLUC-TV6 in Negaunee, Michigan. "He knew more about the weather than anyone I know but was always so modest about it."

"Together we were a great team," said Trettel, whose main responsibility within the company was formulating the forecasts.

"While John's job was doing the research and bringing in clients, mine was to make sure we kept them," Trettel said.

Born in Chicago, Murray grew up in the Rogers Park neighborhood. While attending Loyola University, he joined the Army Air Forces meteorology division and was sent to the University of Michigan, where he received a bachelor's degree, specializing in micrometeorology.

He later completed courses

at San Marcos Navigational School in Texas, where he met Trettel, a Pennsylvania native. In 1946, the two opened an office on North Dearborn Street in Chicago and began looking for business.

"Businessmen used to regard the weather as a natural hazard that had to be accepted," Murray told the Chicago Tribune in a 1949 story. "But forecasts now are highly accurate, and business and industry can take advantage of them in specific ways."

Initially getting clients was tough. Local businessmen weren't about to change their operating procedures just because a couple of young meteorologists claimed to be expert forecasters.

That was, until Murray came up with the idea of sending forecasts to possible clients and then following up with reminders that their forecasts had been accurate.

"After that, business began rolling in like a fast-moving storm," Trettel recalled.

In the 1950s, and as the company and its staff grew, Murray and Trettel moved their base of operations to Skokie, Illinois, and then to Northfield, before both men retired in the late 1980s.

In his retirement, Murray sat on the board of directors of Murray and Trettel, now headquartered in Palatine with a satellite office in Pennsylvania.

In addition to his wife, Helen, Murray is survived by his former wife, Grace, and six children from that marriage: two sons, John and William, and four daughters, Jill Gallery, Kathleen Jessen, Nancy Murray and Carolyn Murray. He is also survived by a brother, Jim Murray, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.