

OBITUARIES



EDWARD (TED) A. RODGERS

COCOA BEACH, FL - Retired U.S. Maritime Rear Adm. Edward 'Ted' Rodgers, U.S. Naval Academy 1940 graduate, and former Superintendent of the Maine Maritime Academy, died in Cocoa Beach, FL, on February 18th following a brief illness after an incredible life of devotion, faith and service to country, church and family. He was 98.

Edward Rodgers graduated from Fall River's Durfee High School in 1934 and studied chemistry at Durfee Technical Institute. At age 18, after seeing the iconic movie "Shipmates Forever" with Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler, he thought 'he might like to join the Navy and see a little of the world.' With this goal in mind, Ted - who admitted he was not a very good student - crammed for three months, applied and was admitted to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. He graduated in 1940 with the rank of Ensign and graduated from flight school as a naval aviator. In early 1941, he was assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the Pacific. On December 2nd, as the Lexington's Duty Officer, Ted was summoned to Pacific Fleet Headquarters, instructed to load the carrier with a Marine Air Group, and ship out for Midway Island. They sailed from Pearl Harbor Dec 5th. Two days later, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the declaration of war with new orders, the Lexington went hunting for Japanese targets for a week. Upon return to Hawaii a week later Ted found the battleship Utah, sunk in Lexington's berth. Altogether, 59 graduates of the Class of '40 would perish during World War II; the most deaths for any academy class in any war.

Following the war, Ted Rodgers continued on as a naval aviator for 20 years. He became Commander of the Weymouth Naval Air Station in Massachusetts and during that time received both a BA and MA of Science in Aviation Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A highlight of Ted's aviation career was his participation in testing the Navy's secret Skyhook personnel rescue project. Through test piloting, Rodgers helped to realize the rescue system fitted to a Lockheed P2V aircraft, after which the technology was adapted for various uses, including for rescuing U.S. personnel from behind enemy lines during the Vietnam War.

In 1962, he was appointed Professor of Naval Science at Harvard where he was also Head of the NROTC. Ted retired after 28 years of service at the rank of Navy Captain in 1964. He immediately was appointed Superintendent of the Maine Maritime Academy with the rank of Rear Admiral in the Merchant Service. His travels took him to Russia, Africa, China, all of Europe and South America. In 1984, after helping to rebuild Maine Maritime into one of the elite world-wide maritime service academies, he retired to spend time with his wife Marguerite, his family and friends.

Born June 12, 1917 in Fall River, MA to Thomas Albert Rodgers and Ella Walsh Rodgers, Ted was one of three brothers, including Thomas and William, each of whom lived long, healthy lives well into their 90's. His mother Ella, who lived to age 101, was a devout Catholic, an advocate and strong guide for the whole family. At an early age Ted became a devoted and faithful life-long member of the Catholic Church and a member of the Adoration of Our Blessed Mother, to whom he prayed regularly. Ted believed Mary was a protector of him throughout his life including perilous flying missions during the Second World War. He remained an active member of Our Savior's Catholic Church in Cocoa Beach, FL and St Vincent de Paul Church in Bucksport, MA.

He fell in love with and, after the briefest of courtships, wedded Marguerite Veronica Romero in 1943. Married for 70 years, she predeceased Ted in 2012 after battling Alzheimer's. Ted was a dedicated caregiver of Marguerite for nearly a decade. They are survived by five children, Carolyn Henderson and her husband William, Edward A. Jr. (Tony) and wife Mary Jane, Mary Anne Rodgers, Claire Stewart, and Marguerite (Meg) Rodgers and her husband James Timberlake, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

After leaving Maine Maritime, during the past 30 years, Ted Rodgers was a volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Meals on Wheels in Cocoa Beach, and tutored advanced math at Our Savior's Catholic School. Having loved squash and racquet ball in early years, he played a competitive game of tennis until this past year, often organizing, and beating, his friends and family in matches. He loved to swim daily even in the chilly waters of Lake Alamogook, ME. Maintaining his Naval Academy friendships, from 1964 and onward, he organized and hosted Class of 40 reunions every year at the Maine Maritime Academy and then his home in Orland, ME. He celebrated his 75th reunion last year at Annapolis, where he was one of two alumni out of the surviving class able to attend. He and Marguerite remained lifelong friends with the Navy families with whom they were stationed over the years.

A viewing will be held at Beckman-Williamson on Sunday February 21, 2016 from 2 to 5 pm. Services will be Monday, February 22, 2016 at Our Savior's Catholic Church in Cocoa Beach, FL. Internment at the United States Naval Academy columbarium, along with Marguerite, is scheduled for the spring. Condolences can be sent to the Rodgers family at 3611 South Banana River Blvd, Apt CE 501, Cocoa Beach FL 32931. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Cocoa Beach, the Brevard Humane Society, 1020 Cox Road, Cocoa, FL or the K9 Rescue of Virginia, 16319 Hampton Summit Circle, Chesterfield VA. You may sign Ted's guest book at www.beckman-williamson.com

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Death Notices

BEADNELL, Irene L., 93, Bangor; at Waterville, Feb. 10, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

CHABE, Stephen Leo, 64, Greenbush; at Bangor, Feb. 3, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center St., Bangor.

CHASE, Mary A., TOWN; at Deer Isle, Feb. 16, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at Blue Hill Congregational Church.

CHEBBA, Marion Ethel (Pinkham), 85, Hampden; at Bangor, Feb. 16, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

CLARK, Charles William, 86, at Bangor, Feb. 19, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

COOK, Bernice S., 88, Belfast; at Belfast, Feb. 17, 2016. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

CORBIN, Gemma Rioux, 77, Dover-Foxcroft; at Dover-Foxcroft, Feb. 17, 2016. Lary Funeral Home.

CROPLEY, Una Rose (Lee), Danforth, Feb. 18, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 at Clay Funeral Home-Bartlett Chapel, 24 Houlton Rd., Danforth.

DUNHAM, Celia F., 97, Auburn and Southwest Harbor; at Auburn, Feb. 18, 2016. Jordan-Fernald, 1139 Main St., Mt. Desert.

FOLSOM, Norma M., Monticello, Severna Park, MD, Feb. 16, 2016.

FORTIER, David Francis, 63, Bradley. Service 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016 at The Parish of the Resurrection of The Lord, Holy Family Church 429 Main St., Old Town. Birmingham Funeral Home, Old Town.

HARMON, Jeanette M., 94, Cherryfield, Feb. 9, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 at First Baptist Church of Cherryfield, 39 Maine St., Cherryfield.

HUNTER, Clifford, 94, Clarksville, Tenn.; at Clarksville, Tenn., Feb. 17, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016, at Lockwall Cemetery, Cheaphill, TN.

JENKINS, Richard D., 85, Hampden; at Hampden, Feb. 16, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at the Hampden Highlands United Methodist Church, 44 Kennebec Rd., Hampden. Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Ave., Hampden.

KITTRICK SR., Thomas E., 58, Prattville, AL and Millinocket; at Prattville, AL, Feb. 16, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, February 27, 2016 at the American Legion in Millinocket.

PINKHAM, Leon Niles, 72, Bangor and Spring, Texas; at Texas, Feb. 16, 2016.

POTTER, Elaine Brown, 88, Bangor and Conover, N.C., Feb. 18, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

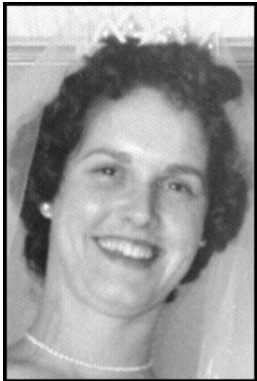
RODGERS, Edward (Ted) A., 98, Cocoa Beach, FL; at Cocoa Beach, FL, Feb. 18, 2016. Service Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at Our Savior's Catholic Church in Cocoa Beach, FL. Beckman Williamson Funeral Home, Cocoa Beach, FL.

SAUCIER, Germaine, 90, Fort Kent; at Eagle Lake, Feb. 18, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016 at St. Louis Catholic Church, Fort Kent. Daigle Funeral Home, Fort Kent.

STEVENSON, Margaret Crombie, Stockton Springs; at Belfast, Feb. 12, 2016.

TOLSTRUP, Dr. David R., TOWN, Feb. 13, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Malden, MA. Weir-MacCuish Funeral Home, Malden, MA.

WORCESTER, Donald G., Lincoln, Feb. 17, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Rd., Lincoln.



GEMMA RIOUX CORBIN

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Gemma Rioux Corbin, 77, wife of Roland J. Corbin, died peacefully in her sleep on February 17, 2016, at her home. She was born October 26, 1938, in Drummond, New Brunswick, Canada, the daughter of Edward and Adele (Picard) Rioux.

Gemma loved having her family around and lived to feed everyone as they came by to visit. No one left her home without leftovers of some kind or her famous bran muffins. Whenever one of her children visited we were expected to call when we got home safely, whether it was 6 or 150 miles away! Once she retired, the sports enthusiast in her came out as she loved going to all of her grandson's high school games. This in turn led to her passion for the Red Sox and the Patriots. This year she was quite disappointed when the Pats did not make it to the Super Bowl. She also enjoyed having coffee

with her good friend, Hazel, who now lives in Alabama.

Gemma is survived by her husband, Roland; her children, Christina Corbin-Price (Don), Terry Harmon (George), Roland F. (Sally), and Floyd (Beth); and her precious grandchildren whom she adored with all her heart, Greg Harmon (Devon), Robbie Harmon (Jade), and Lena Corbin. She is also survived by many brothers and sisters from New Brunswick, Canada, and Aroostook County along with many loving nieces and nephews.

At her request there will be no viewing. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Foxcroft Academy Sports Boosters Club, 975 W Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft 04426. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral home. Condolences and memories may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.



MARY A. CHASE

BLUE HILL - Mary Chase died on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at the Island Nursing Home in Deer Isle, Maine. She was 94. She was born Mary Elizabeth Anderson, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Swedish-American parents. Her father was a dentist, her mother a nurse and professional singer. Her family moved to China when she was still an infant, where her father was a doctor at Peking Union Medical Center in Beijing.

She attended school there through the age of 8, and memories of the family's time in Beijing in the twenties remained strong for her all her life. She was carried to school in a rickshaw. Her father went first to Columbia University where Mary went to Horace Mann School; and then to Yale, where she went to Prospect Hill School. She grew up in Stony Creek, Connecticut. Twice her mother took her and her brother Sven to Sweden to live among relatives there, and Mary attended schools there. She grew up speaking Swedish and English and not a little Chinese.

In 1936 at the age of 15, Mary was accepted to Radcliffe College. There she met Dick Chase, in the Harvard - Radcliffe Choral Society, and she left Radcliffe at the age of 19 to marry him, in 1940.

Mary Anderson was an accomplished and trained artist and was embarked on a career in fashion design when the first of seven children diverted her into a career as a mother and homemaker. The family sat down to breakfast, lunch and dinner, cooked by herself, and between the dogs, cats, canaries, Christmases, music, friends, neighborhood children and relations, the sprawling farmhouse in then rural Wilton, Connecticut, was a joyful container of domestic pleasures, all due to her quiet, accomplished, understated doing. It was a life's work. Her husband's beaming love and respect for her never altered, in spite of her lifelong aversion to

the sea! And we know now how lucky we were to be surrounded by that harmony all our lives, and to share that, as the glue that holds this family together.

When all the children had flown Mary returned to and pursued a passion for design. She learned to weave and returned to Sweden to study all the facets of weaving at Saterglantan in Dalarna. The domestic arts are held in high regard in Sweden and taught as the tradition of "hemslojd" or home skills, or craft. She opened a weaving studio and gift shop in Russell Condon's store in Brooksville, Maine, where she taught many many weavers, and revived the production and processing of flax into linen. There she produced her signature textiles, so rich in color and pattern. This period of time was Mary's creative homecoming, her own passion. Mary and Dick were quiet community builders. They were founding members of the Bagaduce Chorale and were among the first residents of the Parker Ridge Retirement Community.

Mary's husband Epes Dixwell Chase died in 2008. She is survived by 6 of her seven children: Carl Chase and his wife Susan, Arria Bilodeau and her husband Harrison, Eric Chase and his wife Alison, Lisa Chase, Josie Chase and Andy Chase and his wife Lauren Sahl. Peter left us a year ago in March. His wife is Sophie Spurr. Mary was rich in offspring: 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. The family wishes to acknowledge the wonderful care Mary received at the Parker Ridge Retirement Community and at the Island Nursing Home, where she spent a comfortable final year.

A memorial service will be held at the Blue Hill Congregational Church on Saturday, February 27th, at 2:00 PM, followed by a reception at Barncastle. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Island Nursing Home, Deer Isle, Maine.

LEON NILES PINKHAM

BANGOR AND SPRING, TEXAS - Leon Niles Pinkham, 72, of Bangor and Spring, Texas, died Feb. 16th, 2016, in Texas. He was born September 17th, 1943, in Island Falls, the son of Niles and Helen (Bowers) Pinkham.

He graduated from Kents Hill, attended University of Maine, and then set up a photography shop in Bangor. He worked at North East Airlines, setting up their first computer system, and then the CEO of Continental Airlines recruited him to be their IT person and traveled the country setting up their computer systems.

He is survived by his son, Douglas; a daughter, Kimberly Pinkham; and one grandson; and their mother, Ann Pinkham; his second wife, Evelyn Pinkham and stepchildren, Christine, Janice and Wally; five cousins.

Funeral services were held in the Sherman Mills Cemetery. For online condolences please visit www.bowersfuneral.com

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