

OBITUARIES



JOAN WEBER

LITTLE DEER ISLE - Joan Dorothy Grogan Weber, 90, died 23 February 2016 after a rich life. She was born on 5 December 1925 in Flaxton, ND in a raging blizzard. She was delivered at home by her father Dr. John S. Grogan; her mother was Magna Melby Grogan. The family moved to Wadena, MN, where she spent a happy childhood with her wonderful parents and siblings.

She was active in many extracurricular activities and was valedictorian of her graduating class at Wadena High School. Joan attended the University of Minnesota where she was elected to the Mortar Board Society (a group comprising the 20 most outstanding women on campus), was a member of Kappa Delta, treasurer of the Pan Hellenic Society, and a member of the campus YW-CA. She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1947 and a Master's degree in 1949 from the Columbia School of Social Work in New York City.

She met her future husband on a train when she was returning to New York from a Christmas visit to Minnesota. When she arrived at home, she told her roommate that she had met the man she was going to marry. She married Robert Evander Weber on the following 21 December 1950 in her New York apartment. Joan and Bob moved to Syracuse, NY, where Bob took a teaching position at Syracuse University and Joan worked for a social services agency. After several moves and the births of 3 children, they settled in Long Valley, NJ, where they raised their family. Joan stayed at home with her young children and for several years was largely a single parent when Bob was working for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington DC. During this time, Joan was instrumental in establishing a local library and she acted as a volunteer when it opened. She served on the PTA and with her husband, she helped found the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities. After her children were well-established in school she resumed her social work career and worked at Welkind Neurological Hospital, in Chester, NJ, until her retirement. While at Welkind, she supported patients and families, and was ahead of her time in navigating the insurance bureaucracy to get her patients the services they needed. She also pioneered programs for independent living for her wheelchair-bound clients.

In 1945, Joan volunteered

in a summer program for children in Stonington, ME. She fell in love with the place and the people, and the family vacationed there each year. When Joan retired, she was finally able to find her house by the sea in Maine and she moved to Little Deer Isle in 1990. She immediately immersed herself in the community and used every moment of her time to serve others. She began as a volunteer for Healthy Peninsula, Growing Up Reading, and as a mentor in the elementary school. Joan also became a hospice volunteer and helped families in this capacity for about 20 years, then remained active in an advisory capacity. She joined the board of the Washington-Hancock Community Agency and was helpful in the development of the Incubator without Walls and Machias daycare center. She also helped to found Friendship Cottage, in Blue Hill, a center that provides vital daycare services for dependent adults. She continued her work with WHCA until her death. Joan was also on the board of the Eastern Agency on Aging and believed in the agency's vital work. Joan was also a mentor, role model, and cheerleader for many people in our community. She touched countless lives with her kindness, acceptance, lack of judgement, and belief in the inherent worth of every person.

Joan was grateful for the gift of getting to live each day and appreciating all that was contained within it. She took great joy in the natural world and was awed and delighted by her observations and those of others. She sought to learn something every day: she recently completed her last Senior College course and was active in a book group.

Joan was predeceased by her husband Robert. She is survived by her children Robert and his wife Nancy of Boston, Virginia, daughter Jill and husband Rick Mack, of Bar Harbor, and son John, of Bangor. She is also survived by grandchildren Jill, Erin, Tristan, Devin and Maeve, and great grandson Henry, all of whom adored their Grammie. She leaves behind many, many other people who loved and respected her.

A celebration of her life will be held this summer; an announcement will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hancock County Healthcare and Hospice and Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County or to the charity of your choice.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.jordanfernald.com

ETHEL F. (DAY) YOUNG

M. MARTEILE BENSON

BANGOR - M. Marteile "Teile" Benson, 89, died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on February 25, 2016. A complete obituary with service arrangements will be published in a later edition of the Bangor Daily News. A service of Brookings-Smith, Bangor.

WEST ROXBURY, MA - Ethel F. (Day) Young, age 92, Feb. 15, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Martin Young of Red Beach, ME.

Loving mother of Russell and his wife Marcia of Wellesley, Gerry and his wife Judith of Stoneham, and Marcia O'Connor and her husband Michael of Dedham. Proud grandmother of 6 and great-grandmother of 3.

Services and interment private. Memorial gifts may be made to: Sophia Snow House, 1215 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02132. For complete obituary, please visit www.lawlerfuneralhome.com.

Death Notices

ALLEN, Harold Arthur, Belfast. Service 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Kingdom Hall for Jehovah's Witnesses, 353 Belmont Ave., Belfast. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

ALLEN, Joyce E., 86, Monson; at Dover-Foxcroft, Feb. 20, 2016. Crosby & Neal, Guilford.

BENSON, M. Marteile, 89, Bangor, Feb. 25, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

BERUBE, Juanita D. (Bell), 91, Limestone; at Caribou, Feb. 26, 2016. Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main St., Fort Fairfield.

BREAU, Lucille Marie, 92, Old Town, Feb. 23, 2016. Birmingham Funeral Home, Old Town.

CLARK, Charles William "Bill," 86, Brewer, at Bangor, Feb. 19, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at the Brewer Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 55 South Main St., Brewer.

COLLINS, Vera A. (Morrison), Bradley, Feb. 19, 2016.

DAIGLE, Theresa, 94, Eagle Lake, Feb. 25, 2016. Services 11 a.m. Friday, March 4, 2016 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Eagle Lake. Daigle Funeral Home, Fort Kent.

DANEALT, Theresa Loraine, 85, Bangor, at Brewer, Feb. 19, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

DAVIS, Pamela E. (King), 61, Rockmart, GA; at Rockmart, GA, Feb. 16, 2016.

FERGERSON, Kenneth I., East Machias; at East Machias, Feb. 23, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Bayview Park Apartments, Main St., Lubec. McClure Family Funeral Services.

FRANCIS SR., David A., 99, Pleasant Point; at Bangor, Feb. 26, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at St. Joseph R.C. Church in Eastport. May Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

GEARY, Meredith I., 93, Bangor; at Bangor, Feb. 24, 2016. Birmingham Funeral Home, Old Town.

GRAVES, Wayne M., 72, Gardiner, Feb. 25, 2016.

GRAY, Teresa Ann, 49, Warren; at Rockport, Feb. 14, 2016. Long Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 9 Mountain St., Camden.

HASHEY, Maxine, 81, Bangor, Feb. 21, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Mary's Church, 768 Ohio St., Bangor.

HUBBARD, Elwood "Bruce," 67, Unity, Feb. 24, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at Kennebec Valley Baptist Church, 91 Marston Rd., Waterville. Riposta Funeral Home, Belfast.

IRELAND SR., Wayne L., 66, Edinburg; at Bangor, Feb. 25, 2016. Service 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Rd., Lincoln.

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. Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Ave., Hampden.

KNOX, Rev. James E., Scarborough, Feb. 23, 2016. Service 10AM, Thursday, March 3, 2016, St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 150 Black Point Road, Scarborough. Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, 172 State Street, Portland.

KURRY, Karla G., Brewer; at Danvers, MA, Feb. 17, 2016.

LARRABEE, Kendall "Bo" A., Jonesport and Addison, Feb. 17, 2016. Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home, Machias.

LIBBY, Louise Elizabeth, 92, Portland; at Portland, Feb. 25, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Monday, February 29, 2016 at Evergreen Cemetery.

MARTIN, Constance M., 83, Bradley; Bangor, Feb. 26, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Parish of the Resurrection, St. Ann's Catholic Church, Bradley. Birmingham Funeral Home, Old Town.

MCCORMICK, Geraldine Ruth, 89, Lincoln; at Lincoln, Feb. 22, 2016.

MITCHELL, Richard Arlen "Dick," 86, Orono and Bangor; at Orono, Feb. 21, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 French Street, Bangor. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

NIGHTINGALE, Patience Katherine, 13, Presque Isle; Mars Hill, Feb. 24, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at Faye Funeral Home, 5 Erskine St., Presque Isle.

REILLY, Mary Helen Teresa (nee Kirwin), Bridgewater, Feb. 4, 2016.

RUSSELL, Dana J., 56, Hampden; at Bangor, Feb. 23, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at Mount Pleasant Catholic Cemetery, Bangor. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

SPENCER, Matthew A., 28, Greenbush, Feb. 24, 2016. Birmingham Funeral Home, Old Town.

TAYLOR, Janette Edgcomb, 95, Hampden; at Bangor, Feb. 23, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Hampden Highlands Methodist Church, 44 Kennebec Rd., Hampden.

TOMAH, Bonnie J., 66, Houlton, Feb. 22, 2016. Service 11 am, Monday, March 7, 2016, Bowers Funeral Home, 10 Water Street, Houlton.

TOMPKINS, Guy, 93, Easton and Westfield; at Presque Isle, Feb. 23, 2016. Duncan Funeral Home, 8 Main St., Mars Hill.

WATERSHIP, Melissa J., DVM, 46, Bar Harbor; at Bar Harbor, Feb. 24, 2016. Jordan-Fernald, 1139 Main St., Mt. Desert.

WEBER, Joan, 90, Little Deer Isle, Feb. 23, 2016.

YOUNG, Ethel F. (Day), 92, West Roxbury, MA, Feb. 15, 2016. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, West Roxbury, MA.



LOUISE ELIZABETH LIBBY

PORTLAND - Louise E. Libby, 92, of Portland, ME passed peacefully on Feb. 25, 2016 at home surrounded by her loving daughters.

Born August 1, 1923 to Alexander A. and Victoria E. (Dragoon) Godish, she was raised on her maternal grandparents' farm in West Peru, ME. She is pre-deceased by her husband Lewis P. Libby of North Amity, ME and survived by her three daughters Karen Louise and husband William Mauro of Sudbury, MA, Linda Jean of South Portland, ME and Ellen Margaret of Orono, ME; her two grandchildren Elizabeth Mauro of Carbondale, CO and Vincent Mauro of Park City, UT. She is also survived by her only and beloved sister, Margaret (Margie) Martineau of Mexico, ME whose dear husband Edmund Martineau passed in 2008, and her daughters Susan, Sally, Sharon and Barbara and their husbands, children and grandchildren. She is pre-deceased by her only brother, Alec Godish of West Peru, ME who is survived by his only child, Donna. She is also survived by her loyal brother-in-law Hugh D. Libby, of North Amity and Houlton, ME and the extended Libby family. She had a special fondness for her grandnephew Craig Libby and his family of Southern CA and their Medical Ministry work.

After attending Peru Grammar School, she graduated in 1941 from Stephens High School in Rumford as a National Honor Society student; she was also active in several sports. As WWII began in 1941, Louise accepted a clerical position in Rumford with Judge Matthew McCarty, who was a valued mentor. She was next hired as an office manager at the newly opened H.P. Hood milk production plant in Brunswick, ME, where she worked for five years, before transferring to New Bedford, MA as office manager for a larger facility. She was promoted to the same position at the larger plant in Portland, ME. At the time, many businesses, including H.P. Hood & Son, frowned on married working women in managerial positions, so Louise resigned when she married Lewis P. Libby in 1950.

Settling in the Deering section of Portland, she and Lewis and their daughters enjoyed the neighborhood of Lawn Avenue, where she made life-long friends, including Paul (deceased) and Vieno Stimpson (deceased) and their children Paul (deceased) Karen M. of Portland, ME. Margaret (Lee) Giles and children Jimmy Lee and Gina (Lee) Day, husband Brian Day, her grandchildren Ceile and Kevin of Scarborough, ME and Bellingham, WA.

The family enjoyed boating and fishing across the state and in 1963 built a "camp" on Lake Maranacook in Readfield, ME where Louise enjoyed many fun-filled summers and where her daughters and grandchildren still gather each summer.

In 1968, Louise returned to work "fulltime" in Portland in the Medicare Group of Blue Cross, as the compliance financial officer. She traveled in Maine, NH and MA as needed. She retired from Blue Cross in 1988, having served 20 years, leaving as Financial Officer of the Medicare Reimbursement and Audit Department.

In retirement, Louise enjoyed gardening with Lewis at their North Deering home, spending summertime at Lake Maranacook and four-winter winters in Treasure Island, FL, near her sister and husband, the Martineau's.

Her volunteer activities included ombudsman work for nursing home care (State Street, Portland and Fal-mouth homes), AARP Office in Portland, Maine Island Trail Association Office, Portland Public Library downtown and as long-time usher for Great Performance, Merrill Auditorium.

Louise was a long-time member of Women's Literary Union (WLU), attending book group reviews and luncheons since the 1960's. In recent years, she enjoyed judging literary essays for their high school student scholarship program. She was also a member of the Rumford, Lithuanian American Club.

We would like to give special thanks to all of "The Girls", who provided exceptional care for Louise in her home for the past year and a half. Her daughters are most appreciative of the kindness and support they provided.

Friends and family are invited to a simple graveside service Monday, February 29th at 11am, at Evergreen Cemetery. There will be a gathering at 1683 Washington Avenue immediately following the burial service.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Louise Libby may be made to The Women's Literary Union Scholarship Fund or The March of Dimes. www.jonesrichandhutchins.com

PATIENCE KATHERINE NIGHTINGALE

PRESQUE ISLE - Patience Katherine Nightingale was born June 21, 2002 in Perth Andover, Canada. She was born to Chrissy Fae Paul and Bobby Nightingale, "Paysh" and passed away after a battle with Cancer on 2/25/2016, in Mars Hill, ME.

A Memorial Celebration has been planned for Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at 1PM at Faye Funeral Home on 5 Erskine Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769

WAYNE M. GRAVES

GARDINER - Wayne M. Graves, 72 of Gardiner, Me. died February 25, 2016, after a long illness. He grew up in Etna and attended Newport High School. Born December 20, 1943, the son of Maurice and Grace (Rode) Graves. He is survived by a sister Vera Gray, brothers Alden and Richard. A private service will be held in the spring.

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