

# OBITUARIES



**KATHY HESSERT-TUCKER**

ANN ARBOR, MI - Kathy Hessert-Tucker, educator, musician and beloved wife, died Monday afternoon, February 29 after several hospitalizations. She struggled with illness much of her life, but was committed to teaching, singing, dog-breeding and serving her Lord Jesus. She was born in Bangor, ME October 21, 1947, one of two children of John and Gwendolyn Hessert. She married William Tucker February 16, 1974 in Cambridge, MA.

She graduated from Simmons College (B.A., 1969 with honors) and the Harvard Graduate School of Education (M.Ed., 1973). She taught English in the Boston Public Schools (1970-1975), the Brockton (MA) Public Schools (1986-1989), several community colleges and finally Eastern Michigan University from which she retired in 2001. She aspired to go to seminary and would have gone this fall. She loved Papillons (dog breed), the Maine coast, Kauai, Jane Austen, spring bulbs, folk music, church liturgy, and Bible study. She was a member of the Papillon Club of America, St. Clare's Episcopal Church choir and Bible Study Fellowship.

She leaves a devoted husband (William Tucker), a brother (Peter Hessert), a sister-in-law and brother-in-law (Donna Tucker and Steve Nicolai), nieces Julia Hessert, Bethany Gagne, Rebecca Hessert, and a nephew, Joshua Hessert.

A memorial visitation will take place Thursday, March 3, 2016 from 6pm- 8pm at the Nie Family Funeral Home, 2400 Carpenter Rd. Ann Arbor, MI. A memorial service officiated by Reverend James Rhodenhiser will be held Friday, March 4, 2016 at 1pm at St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor, MI.

In honor of Mrs. Hessert-Tucker, memorial contributions may be made to St Clare's Episcopal Church Music Fund and the Haiti Outreach Fund.

**WALTER M. THEBARGE**

DOVER-FOXCROFT AND MADISON - Walter M. Thebarge, 83, husband of M. Elizabeth (Cronkhite) Thebarge, passed away February 29, 2016, at his home in Madison. He was born April 9, 1932, in Madison, the son of Jerry and Leanna (Caron) Thebarge.

Walter had been employed as the service manager at Prouty Ford in Dover-Foxcroft for many years. He was a Past Grand Master of the Knights of Columbus, Past Parish Council President and a past Sunday School Teacher, all at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Dover-Foxcroft. He was a past member of the Grange and 4-H, and an avid fisherman.

Walter is survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty, of Madison; three sons, Leonard Thebarge Sr., Bruce Thebarge, and Eric Thebarge; two daughters, Denise Nutter, and Therese Bearor; fourteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. He leaves three brothers, Ernest, Edmund, and Edwin Thebarge; and two sisters, Florence Gorman, and Evangeline Richardson. He was predeceased by two brothers, Armand and Jeff; and five sisters, Grace Boyce, Eva Thebarge, Evelyn Leeman, Lena Pratt, and Lydia Moulton. Walter's family extends a grateful thank you for those who went above and beyond in their care for him: Togus VA Hospital, especially including Dr. Hodaap; and Beacon Hospice caregivers, Issac, Jason, John, and daughter, Therese, for the special gifts they gave to Walter during his treatment.

A graveside service at the family lot in Pine Grove Cemetery, Dover-Foxcroft, will be conducted at 11am April 29, 2016. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft. Condolences and memories may be expressed at

www.laryfuneralhome.com.



**ADRIAN T. CYR**

VAN BUREN - Adrian T. Cyr, 88, passed away peacefully on February 29, 2016 at a Caribou health care facility. Adrian was born in Hamlin on December 21, 1927, son of the late Remi L. and Alma (Ringuette) Cyr.

He proudly served in the United States Army and was a lifetime member of the American Legion, Post 49 of Van Buren. He was also a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Council #1635, and a member of the Van Buren Fire Department. He was a hardworking man, spending most of his working years at Simplex Manufacturing and Caribou Nursing Home.

He is survived by his loving wife of sixty one years, Claudette (Labbe) Cyr of Van Buren; five children, Kurt Cyr and his companion Millie of Van Buren, Kevin Cyr and his wife Lisa of New Gloucester, Kim Hanusovsky and her husband John of Bristol, CT; Kellie Ouellette and her husband Rick, Karen Cyr and her husband Paul all of Presque Isle; seven grandchildren; nine siblings; many nieces and nephews. Adrian was predeceased by his infant son, Glenn Cyr; a grandson, Mitch Cyr; a brother, Chanel Cyr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated, 11am on Friday, May 27, 2016 at the St. Bruno/St. Remi Church. Family and friends may offer their condolences at the church from 10am until 10:45am on Friday before the service. Donations in Adrian's memory may be made to the Mitch Cyr scholarship Fund, C/O NMCC, 33 Edgemont Dr., Presque Isle, ME 04769. For online condolences, please visit

www.lajoiefuneralhome.com

**WILLIAM M. YOUNG**

PHOENIX, AZ - William (Bill) M. Young passed away in Phoenix, AZ on February 28th just before his 85th birthday.

He is predeceased by his beloved wife Paula; son Danny; two sisters Betty and Dorothy.

He is lovingly remembered by his two daughters, Debi Gilchrist (Ron) of Illinois and Mary Benek (Mark) of California; two sons Tim Young (Paula) of Arizona and Bill Young (Joy) of Texas; sister, Winifred Young of New York; 13 grandchildren, Joshua, Jacob and Timothy Gilchrist; Andrew and Christopher Young; Maggie and Kevin Young; Brenna, Aidan, Jillian and Audrey Benek; 5 great-grandchildren, Briana, Logan, Kiley, Hunter and Jackson

Bill was born in Garden Grove, Iowa on Feb. 28th 1931. He grew up working on the family farm(s). Attending college in Indianola, IA until the Iowa Air National Guard took him to Bangor, ME where he met the love of his life Paula Cushman. He moved back to Iowa and started his family often working two jobs in order to provide the best for his family before starting his lifelong career with Pennzoil Oil Company.

He worked at Pennzoil Oil Company for 36 years retiring as Midwest Regional VP in 1996. He loved the people he worked with through out his Pennzoil career. He enjoyed socializing, playing golf and spending his summers at his camp in Maine.

Monday, March 7th visitation will be from 11:00-1:00 followed by a brief memorial service at Kiley & Foley Funeral Home 299 Union Street Bangor, ME

A private interment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Bangor ME

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Bill strongly believed in giving to others and would appreciate "paying it forward." Condolences for the family may be offered online at

Legacy.com.



**DENISE BERYL "DENNY" HARDY**

LITTLE DEER ISLE - Denise Beryl "Denny" Hardy was born on February 27, 1932 to the late Clyde and Vera Snowman in Castine, Maine. She passed away peacefully at the Island Nursing Home on February 29, 2016, with her youngest daughter by her side.

Denny was the salutatorian of her graduating class at Deer Isle High School. She lived and worked in Springfield, MA as a bookkeeper, marrying Gerard P. Fontaine. After his death, she returned to Maine to raise her family. She enjoyed needlepoint, quilt making, sewing, and baking. Denny was a lifelong member of the Deer Isle Grange, as well as an active member of the Saunders Memorial Congregational Church and the Ladies Aid Sewing Circle. In midlife, she met again and married her high school sweetheart, Myron. They started and ran Mydens Bakery in Little Deer Isle. Denny loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She was a strong woman and dedicated mother and grandmother. She was able to overcome many obstacles in her lifetime. Denny will always be cherished.

Denny is survived by her husband of 43 years, Myron S. Hardy, Sr.; three children: Steven Fontaine of Little Deer Isle, Taryn Monroe and husband, Ken of Winter Harbor, and Wendy Dyer of Little Deer Isle; a sister in law: Mary P. Hardy; eight grandchildren-Jessica Grant and husband, Patrick, Jada Butler (Craig), Jason Dyer (Holly), Lindsey Aubrey and husband, Ryne, Brett Fontaine (Kassie), Adam Dyer (Connie), Seth Dyer and wife, Ashley, and Justin Fontaine; seven great-grandchildren-Graham and Saylor Grant, Keegan and Judson Butler, Jessaniel and Josiah Dyer and Leah Fontaine. She is also survived by several cousins and their families.

She was predeceased by her parents; brothers-Jeffrey and Clyde Jr; first husband Gerard Fontaine; her two infant children-Valerie Ann and Frank Leslie; a special son in law- William "Billy" E. Dyer.

There will be a graveside service at Grays Hill Cemetery on March 5, 2016 at 10am with a reception to follow at Saunders Memorial Congregational Church Vestry. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Saunders Memorial Congregational Church. Denny's family would like to share their appreciation for the care given and kindness shown by the staff at the Island Nursing Home and Hancock County Healthcare Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home, Ellsworth, ME. Online condolences may be shared at

www.bragdonkelley.com

**ROSALIE A. GERICKONT**

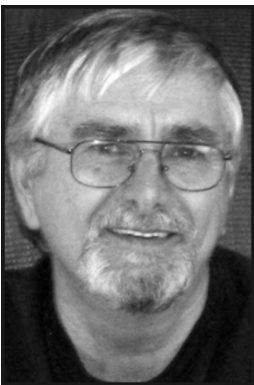
GARLAND - Rosalie Ann Gerickont, 63, died February 27, 2016 in Bangor. She was born June 20, 1952 in Metuchen, New Jersey a daughter of Frank and Anne (Jones) Risola.

She moved to Maine in 1988. Rosalie worked at the Thomas Farm in Garland until her most recent illness. She enjoyed gardening, animals, and reading to her great grandson Hunter.

She is survived by a son, Theodore and wife Tina; Gerickont of Cambridge; a daughter, Dawn and husband Roy Freeman of Newfield; 4 grandchildren; and 1 great grandson. She was predeceased by her husband, Theodore, Sr.

Spring graveside commitment services will be held at 11 A.M. Tuesday, May 10th at the Evergreen Cemetery, Garland. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1 Bowdoin Mill Island, Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086. Cremation arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Dexter. Those who wish may leave written tributes at

www.CrosbyNeal.com



**DALE P. SWIMM**

MONTICELLO - Dale P. Swimm, 69, passed away at a Presque Isle hospital on February 28, 2016. He was born April 15, 1946 in Monticello, the youngest of 17 children of Jesse and Beulah (White) Swimm.

Upon graduation from BCA in 1964, Dale joined the US Army. In July 1970, he married Pam McKay and together they opened Dale's Market in Monticello and ran it successfully for a number of years. After selling the business, Dale went to work as a carpenter, handyman and was always lending a helping hand to anyone who needed it. Dale also worked at SAD #29 as a custodian for several years until retiring in 2011. After retirement, he especially enjoyed playing Words with Friends, four wheeling with Ann, Paul and Lisa, his sons and his grandchildren. He enjoyed keeping a well groomed lawn, daily coffee at the Country Store and suppers at the Blue Moose with Ann. Dale will be remembered as a loving husband, companion, father and grandfather.

Dale is survived by Ann Campbell Joy, his constant companion for the past 8 years; his sons Marc Swimm and his wife Renee of Exeter, Jeffrey Swimm of Bangor; seven grandchildren Kirsten, Kira, Korbin, Cassidy and Kaidy, Brittney and Leanna; one sister Ruth Swimm of Houlton; three brothers Glen of Monticello, Bob of Massachusetts, Paul of Monticello; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Pamela in 2005, his parents, six sisters Reta Rafford, Doris Foster, Della Mills, Autice Socoby, Lorraine Wilson and Janette Swallow, six brothers Lawrence, Lee, Bernard, Fred, Vaughn and Garth.

Friends may call Thursday, March 3 6:00 to 8:00PM at the Dunn Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held 11:00AM Friday, March 4 at the Littleton United Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Straubel officiating. A reception will be held following the service at the Monticello Fish & Game. Interment will be held in the Jewell Cemetery with Military Honors in the spring. Gifts may be made in Dale's memory payable to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society c/o Dunn Funeral Home 11 Park Street Houlton, 04730. Online condolences and guest book:

dunnfuneral.com

**WILLIAM F. SAWYER**

MILBRIDGE - William F. Sawyer of Milbridge, Maine passed away February 29, 2016 at

D.E.C.H. Billy is survived by his wife, Roberta Sawyer of Milbridge.

Billy graduated Cum Laude from the University of Maine. He was instrumental in the development of Milbridge for over fifty years.

A spring funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 2pm at Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home in Milbridge. A committal service with military honors will follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home.

**In Memoriam**

In Loving Memory Of  
**ARNOLD S. GROTTON**  
Oct 19, 1928 - March 2, 2008



Miss you and love you.  
Bobbie

# George Kennedy, Oscar-winning actor, dies at 91

BY ADAM BERNSTEIN  
THE WASHINGTON POST



George Kennedy

George Kennedy, the burly character actor who won an Academy Award as a chain-gang leader in "Cool Hand Luke," threatened Audrey Hepburn as a hook-armed villain in "Charade" and was a crusty mainstay of 1970s disaster films before veering into satire as a clueless policeman in the "Naked Gun" film series, died Feb. 28 at a nursing home in Middleton, Idaho. He was 91.

The cause was a heart ailment, said Steve Rhodes, chief deputy coroner of Canyon County, Idaho.

In a career spanning more than 175 films and television credits, Kennedy was among the most dependable and versatile performers in Hollywood. Whether malevolent, earnest or serving as comic relief, he held his corner of the screen opposite charismatic movie stars including Cary Grant, Paul Newman, John Wayne and James Stewart.

The son of entertainers, Kennedy was a child actor on the radio and then spent about 15 years in the Army before reemerging in show business in the late 1950s playing a military police officer on the CBS sitcom "The Phil Silvers Show."

Kennedy, who stood 6 foot 4 and weighed 300 pounds, made his screen debut as a rebel soldier opposite Kirk Douglas in "Spartacus" (1960). His most important early film was Stanley Donen's "Charade" (1963), which starred Grant and Hepburn and was an engaging blend of suspense, romance and sophisticated comedy set in Paris.

Kennedy played one of the World War II veterans who tries to frighten a recent widow (Hepburn) into revealing where her late husband stashed money stolen during the war.

Film historian Jeanne Basinger said Kennedy "can ride that fine line between very scary menacing villain and fitting in with a lighter-hearted comic mode. He had the ability to give subtle variations on his basic persona — he could shade it toward comedy, shade it away from comedy. He could live as himself in the universe of the film. This is a movie career — steady."

Indeed it was steady, and Kennedy remained a welcome presence even if the movies were not always of the highest caliber. After "Charade," Kennedy played heavies in "Hush ... Hush, Sweet Charlotte" and "Straightjacket" (both 1964). During the next several years, he had supporting parts in dramas including "Shenandoah," "The Flight of the Phoenix" and "The Sons of Katie Elder." He was a gruff major in the popular war film "The Dirty Dozen."

Kennedy's breakthrough performance was in "Cool Hand Luke" (1967), which starred Newman as a self-described "hard case" who gets sent to a Southern chain gang for cutting the heads off parking meters. Kennedy played the veteran convict Dragline, who at first sees Luke as a threat to his authority and nearly kills him in a boxing ring.

"Yeah, I beat up Paul Newman and alienated every woman in America," Kennedy later quipped.

New York Times film critic Bosley Crowther wrote that Kennedy was "powerfully obnoxious as the top dog who handles things his way as effectively and finally as destructively as does the warden or the guards."

After the success of "Cool Hand Luke," Kennedy's fee shot from \$20,000 to \$200,000 per movie. He began a run of lawmen characters in films such as "Hurry Sundown" (1967), the first-rate manhunt drama "The Boston Strangler" (1968), and "...Tick... Tick... Tick" (1970).

Kennedy popped up in a variety of westerns, including "Fools' Parade" (1971) with Stewart and "Cahill U.S. Marshal" (1973) with Wayne.

He had supporting parts in two Clint Eastwood dramas, as a foul-tempered crook in "Thunderbolt and Lightfoot"

(1974) and as a mountain climber in the spy thriller "The Eiger Sanction" (1975). He coasted through a series of action and disaster films such as "Earthquake" (1974) and the four "Airport" movies based on Arthur Hailey's best-selling novel.

"Airport" helped inspire the Zucker Brothers' "Airplane!" satire, in which the filmmakers hoped to cast Kennedy as the bumbling plane dispatcher. The role went to Lloyd Bridges because Kennedy "couldn't kill off his 'Airport' cash-cow," Jerry Zucker told the London Guardian in 2010.

The Zucker brothers, Jerry and David, eventually hired Kennedy to play his authoritative presence for laughs in "The Naked Gun" (1988). He portrayed Capt. Ed Hocken, the dim-witted boss of the pratfall-prone detective played by Leslie Nielsen. Kennedy also appeared in two "Naked Gun" sequels.

Reflecting on a long career, he recalled that one of his most difficult acting jobs was "Charade." For a scene, director Donen asked Kennedy to lie down in a tub of water with his eyes open and wait until the bubbles and waves stopped.

"In one take, Stanley pulled me up and said, 'Stop breathing!' I said, 'Stanley, I'm under a foot of water. I'm not breathing! I promise you!' We did it over and over and over. I'd strongly suggest you don't try this at home. But, if you ever do lie there in a tub of water, and wait for the bubbles to go away with your eyes open, you can feel how scary it is!"

George Harris Kennedy Jr. was born in New York City on Feb. 18, 1925. He was a toddler when his father, a bandleader, died. He was raised by his mother, a dancer, and spent much of his childhood acting on children's radio productions.

He served in the Army Air Forces in Europe during World War II, then was assigned to the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. Despite Army policy against officers going on air, then-Capt. Kennedy used a pseudonym to broadcast on a station in Seoul.

"If your inclinations were far more towards show business and less towards the Army — as mine always were — you found a way to get on the air," he later told the Chicago Tribune. "I learned how to use my voice and so many other things there, and I'll forever be grateful for that."

A back injury led to his discharge. He became a technical adviser and actor on "The Phil Silver Shows," the comedy set on an Army base.

He later starred on two short-lived series: "Sarge" (NBC, 1971-72) as a policeman-turned-priest, and "The Blue Knight" (ABC, 1975-76), based on Joseph Wambaugh's novel about a cop on the beat. From 1988 to 1991, Kennedy appeared on CBS's soap opera "Dallas" as a rival to Larry Hagman's Machiavellian oil magnate J.R. Ewing.

His memoir, "Trust Me," was published in 2011. That year, he told Smashing Interviews Magazine that a lonely childhood led him to a career in entertainment.

"Acting is beautiful," he said. "If I'm prejudiced toward doing it, it is because of the joy that I derive from it. Add that to the fact that I didn't have any other choices. I either talked to myself, or I didn't talk to anybody."