


# OBITUARIES



**ROGER P. AUCLAIR**

 **ROCKWOOD** - Roger Philibert Auclair, 97, died peacefully of natural causes March 14. He was born in Oakland, Sept. 13, 1918, the fourth of seven children to Charles and Claudia (Morin) Auclair. He was raised in Westbrook, hunting, trapping and fishing along the Presumpscot River. Those happy early years along the river influenced the rest of his life. He graduated St. Hyacinth parochial school and Westbrook High School in 1936, then apprenticed as a machinist with Knowlton Company in Westbrook until WWII.

He joined the 1st Marine Division in 1940 and served as a communications platoon leader in the Fourth Joint Assault Signal Company at Pelielieu, where he was wounded in action, and at Okinawa. After the war he settled in Philadelphia with first wife, Josie (Remez) Auclair, studied engineering and taught at Drexel Institute of Technology.

He transferred to the University of Maine and, through the GI bill, received a Bachelor of Science in wildlife management in 1954 and a Master of Science in zoology in 1956. He was a first surveyor of many of the lakes, ponds and streams of northern and eastern Maine and helped form the State of Maine's Fisheries Division under Dr. W. Harry Everhart. He wrote two foundation works: The White Perch of Sebasticook Lake and Moosehead Lake Fishery Management. He was appointed to open the Moosehead Lake Region's fisheries headquarters, then spent his career managing those waters and field training new fishery biologists. Bilingual in French and English, he formed progressive business relations with private timberland companies, dam companies, and loggers from Maine and Canada. He said he was never bored a day in his life and enjoyed all aspects of his work. Colleagues called him an early innovator and a visionary. He was a meticulous scientist who introduced some of the first restorative fishery projects to the state, especially for wild brook trout. He is remembered as a quiet man who was good at finding fresh answers to old problems. He was widely known for his understated strength, sharp intellect, and steady nature, which served the state, public, and profession

well at a pivotal time in Maine history. His early work provided exemplary contributions that extend to today's management. He retired in 1985 to care for Josie during ill health.

Over the next quarter century he continued attending fisheries and sportsmen's meetings and remained current on the wildlife management issues of the day. He loved the outdoors and believed in the conservation of natural resources. He received Trout Unlimited's Silver Trout Award for his outstanding contribution to the conservation of coldwater fisheries. The Roach River Wildlife Management Area was co-dedicated in his name. In 2010 he received the Award of Professional Excellence from the University of Maine's Dept. of Wildlife Ecology in recognition of a distinguished career that brought honor to the university. In 2013 Roger was honored by the Forest Society of Maine for his contributions to conserving Maine's brook trout. He enjoyed fishery, hunting, building canoes, and life with second wife, Suzanne (Smith) Auclair. In his 90s, he initiated the state's first reference anthology, "The Origin, Formation and History of Maine's Inland Fisheries Division."

Roger was a member of the American Fisheries Society and the Cecil R. Cole Post 94 of the American Legion. He was a regular contributor to most local organizations, and a long-time supporter of The Nature Conservancy, among conservation groups. He was a devoted husband and friend.

He is survived and will be sadly missed by Suzanne; sisters Margaret Gildart, Sylvia and husband Emery Girouard of Westbrook; brother Armand and wife Mavis of Columbus, Ohio; many nieces, nephews. He had no children.

Roger was blessed with the exceptional care he received from Dr. Doyle at Jackman Health Center; the superb care received from PA-C Groft and Dr. Babbitt, the compassionate, professional staff at C.A. Dean Memorial Hospital, Greenville; and the Greenville and Rockwood emergency crews this winter.

A celebration of his life will be held later this spring. Online condolences may be shared at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).

## Death Notices

**AUCLAIR, Roger P.**, 97, Rockwood, March 14, 2016. Lary Funeral Home.

**BROOKS, Karen K.**, 56, Hancock, March 17, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Sunday, March 20, 2016, at Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth.

**CALDER, Marilyn C.**, 84, Penobscot; at Ellsworth, March 12, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Friday, March 25, at Mitchell Tweedie Funeral Home, Bucksport.

**CONLEY, Daniel C.**, 78, Littleton; at Houlton, March 17, 2016. Bowers Funeral Home.

**DIRCKSEN, Henry A.**, 95, Machias; at Brewer, March 16, 2016.

**HARKINS, Tillson W.**, 90, of Bar Harbor, March 13, 2016. Arrangements are under the care of Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

**HESELSTINE, Harriet Ann**, 87, Orono; at Orono, March 15, 2016.

**LYNCH, Brien D.**, 66, Togus on March 13, 2016. Arrangements are under the care of Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast

**MACDOUGAL, Thomas L.**, 63, Limestone and Fort Fairfield; at Limestone, March 18, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at the Northern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel, Caribou. Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main St., Fort Fairfield.

**MICHAUD, Pauline E.**, Scarborough, March 13, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2016, at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 150 Black Point Rd., Scarborough. Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, 172 State St., Portland.

**MITCHELL, Evelyn M.**, 89, of Pittsfield, March 10, 2016. Arrangements are under the care of Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

**PENDLETON, Harlan E.**, 78, of Belfast, March 13, 2016. Arrangements are under the care of Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

**SANFACON, Doris M.**, 82, Presque Isle and Caribou, March 18, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at Parish of the Precious Blood Sacred Heart Catholic Church in North Caribou. Lancaster Morgan Funeral Home.

**SAWYER, William F.**, Milbridge; at Machias, Feb. 29, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home, Milbridge.

**SNELL, Laura M.**, 80, Houlton; at Houlton, March 17, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at Court St. Baptist Church. Bowers Funeral Home.

**ST. PIERRE, Bettina Anne**, Bucksport and River Edge, NJ; at New York City, New York, March 13, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 2016 at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge, NJ.

**TILTON, Aaron**, Harrington; at Harrington, March 16, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at St. Michaels Roman Catholic Church in Cherryfield. Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home.

## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of  
**CLAYTON 'PEE WEE' CLAVETTE**  
May 13, 1955 - Mar 20, 2013



He was a good son, good brother, good uncle and a good friend. We all still miss you. Love, your family and friends

In Loving Memory Of  
**CATHERINE PARTRIDGE**  
Mar 20, 1953 - Aug 07, 2005



Sunday is the first day of Spring and also the day we celebrate the most beautiful flower. Happy 63rd birthday Mom. As we celebrate your day here, we know you have your hands full now that Uncle Dave is with you. Happy birthday Mom and Nana. We love and miss you!! Love always, Roll, Sher, Brent, Jen, Aaron, Shelby, Sean, Brennah, Trace, and Jadyan.

## BETTINA ANNE ST. PIERRE

**BUCKSPORT** - Bettina Anne St. Pierre of Bucksport, Maine and River Edge, New Jersey lost her battle with a very rare and aggressive cancer on March 13, 2016 at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. She was born on March 29, 1960 in Machias, Maine.

She graduated from Machias High School and the University of Maine at Machias with degrees in both Education and Business.

Tina is survived by her beloved son, Nicholas Albert St. Pierre, his wife Michelle and her precious grandson Reid Alberic of River Edge New Jersey; her parents, Alberic and Betty Hooper St. Pierre of Machias, Maine; two sisters, Jackie and husband Gene Koons of Dedham, Massachusetts and Nancy J. St. Pierre of South Berwick, Maine; special nieces, Kristin Torracco and husband Steven and Rebecca Turner; special nephew, Matthew Koons and wife Ashley; special great nieces and nephews, Jackie, Abbie, and Katie Turner, Jake T, Emma, Joe Torracco, Jack S., and Cameron Koons; special cousins, Sandy and Mary Jo Nelson, Dusty and Rebecca Nelson; Uncle Thatcher and Mary Clark; special friend, Ricky Cole and so many other friends.

At the request of family services will be private at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge, New Jersey April 2, 2016 at 10 AM.

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**LAURA M. SNELL**

**HOULTON** - Laura M. Snell, 80, died March 17, 2016 in Houlton with her family at her side. She was born April 10, 1935 in Houlton, the daughter of James and Roxie (Sewell) McAfee.

Laura loved to make and decorate cakes. She was a member of TOPS #153 the Court Street Baptist Church where she ran the nursery for several years. She retired as a Maine State Employee after 27 years. Laura enjoyed and loved her family dearly.

She is survived by two daughters, Brenda and Richard Sullivan of Houlton and Susan and Galen White of Houlton; six grandchildren, Wayne, Phillip, Virginia, Shannon, Jessica and Derrick, and nine great grandchildren; one sister, Judy and Harold Fitzpatrick of Littleton and three brothers, David and Judy McAfee of Augusta, Kenneth and Darlene McAfee of Littleton and Rick and Karlene Strout of Skowhegan; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents and 7 brothers, Phillip, Orin, John, Donald, Dana, Albert and Clarence; and 2 sisters, Phyllis and Nonie.

Friends may call 6-8 pm Tue. Mar. 22 at Bowers Funeral Home 10 Water St. Houlton. Funeral services will be held 1pm Wed. at Court St. Baptist Church with the Rev. Dennis Ashley Off. Interment will be in the Ludlow Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Houlton Humane society or to Court St. Baptist Church C/O Bowers Funeral Home POB 579 Houlton, Me. 04730. The family would like to thank Dr. Abouleish and the staff at Madigan Estates Nursing Home for all their care and compassion over the years. [www.bowersfuneral.com](http://www.bowersfuneral.com)

## THOMAS LEE MACDOUGAL

**LIMESTONE AND FORT FAIRFIELD** - Thomas Lee MacDougal, 63, husband of Gayle MacDougal, passed away Friday morning March 18, 2016, at his Limestone home, after a brief and hard fought battle with cancer.

Services with military honors will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Northern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel, Caribou, followed by continued fellowship with refreshments at the Fort Fairfield VFW Paul Lockhart Post # 6187.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main Street, Fort Fairfield. To view a full obituary or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.gibersondorseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibersondorseyfuneralhome.com)



**HARRIET ANN HESELSTINE**

**ORONO** - Harriet Ann Hesselstine, 87, went to be with the Lord and Savior on March 15, 2016, at Orono Commons with her family by her side. She was born May 21, 1928, in Enfield, Maine, the daughter of Joseph and Arlene Rollins.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by five sisters, Alma, Joyce, Josephine, Jackie and Clydie; and three brothers, Henry, Orison and Anthony. She was also predeceased by her first husband, Arthur Commeau; her second husband, Norman Hesselstine Sr.; and a daughter-in-law, Brenda Hesselstine. Mom is survived by four daughters, Flossie and her husband, Gary Betters, Susan and her husband, Rick Martin, Norma and her husband, Ricky Vaillancourt, and Paula and her husband, Tim Tidwell; and three sons, Robert and his wife, June, Wayne and Norman Jr. and his wife, Helen. She is also survived by fourteen grandchildren, Robin, Wade, Allen, Sherwood, Robert Jr., Heather, Rebecca, Debbie, Julie, Karen, Steven, Scott, Ann and Wendy; many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Our mother was a hard worker, always caring and giving for others. She loved her family very much and we loved her. We are happy to know that she now is truly home.

There will be a private graveside service only, at her request, at Lawndale Cemetery in Old Town. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in memory of Mom to the Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter, 383 U.S. Route 1, Suite 2C, Scarborough, Maine 04074 or [http://www.alz.org/maine/in\\_my\\_community\\_donate.asp](http://www.alz.org/maine/in_my_community_donate.asp).



## DANIEL C. CONLEY

**LITTLETON** - Daniel C. Conley, 78, died March 17, 2016, in Houlton. He was born August 23, 1937, in St. Stephen, NB, Canada, the son of Daniel L. and Dorothy (Shields) Conley.

He was a veteran of the US Army, serving during Vietnam.

He was survived by his wife of 55 years, Nancy (Ryan) Conley of Littleton; a daughter, Roseanne Dommer of Charlottesville, VA; 3 grandchildren, a great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by his parents.

A graveside funeral services will be held in the spring in the Oakfield Cemetery with full military honors.

For an online memory book and to leave condolences please visit [www.bowersfuneral.com](http://www.bowersfuneral.com)

## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of  
**BRENT BARRY SKOLFIELD**  
Oct. 27, 1967 - Mar. 19, 2013



Close to our hearts you will always stay loved and remembered every day. Love, Renee "Sista," Michael, Riley and Ty

In Loving Memory Of  
**BRENT BARRY SKOLFIELD**  
Oct 27, 1967 - Mar 19, 2013



Its been 3 long years since you left us. You are in our thoughts every minute of the day. We love & miss you. "Wild Bill" has come to meet with you. Hope you can talk about all our old memories at the Gazebo while you are enjoying a beer. Love you forever, Dad & Ma

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