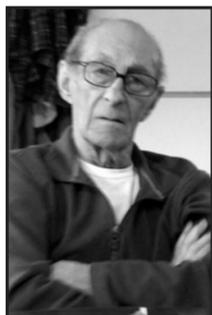


# OBITUARIES



**NORMAND J. VOISINE**

WINN - Normand J. Voisine, 80, husband of Lucille Spaulding, died March 22, 2016 at his home. He was born January 21, 1936, in St. Agatha, the son of Donat and Ernestine (Saucier) Voisine.

Normand was a US Army veteran. He enjoyed karaoke, music jams and dancing. He also enjoyed fiddleheading and was a NASCAR fan. Normand liked talking politics and visiting with friends. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Lucille, he is survived by three children, Steven Voisine and Mari, Kim Wilkins and Dan and Peggy Shatney and Ken; three step-children, Sharon Libby and Walter, Kenneth Spaulding, and Kathy Theriault and Richard; five grandchildren, Cody, Kendall and Austin Wilkins and Nathan and Jenessa Voisine; many siblings; numerous step-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren; three step great great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a son, Mark Paul Voisine; two sisters and two brothers.

Friends may visit with his family from 7-9 pm Friday, March 25, at Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Rd., Lincoln, where funeral services will be held 4 pm Saturday, with the Rev Steve Waite officiating. Interment will be held in South Winn Cemetery at a later date. Condolences may be expressed at [www.clayfuneralhome.com](http://www.clayfuneralhome.com).

## THELMA F. BEAL

BEALS - Thelma F. Beal, 62, passed away March 22, 2016 with her loving family by her side at a Bangor hospital. She was born in Jonesport March 24, 1953 the daughter of the late Lincoln and Arvilla (Seavey) Faulkingham.

She was a special mother to her children, and had a great love for, and is survived by two daughters Sally Robinson and her husband Craig and their children of Addison and Joni Faulkingham and her husband Leeman Jr. and their daughter Lorena Jane of Beals; her fiance Robin "Ben" Tucker; her sister-in-law Lucille Tibbetts; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her husband Robert D. Beal in 2001; a brother George Barrett; her mother and father-in-law; brother and sister-in-laws, many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from noon until time of funeral services at 2pm on Friday March 25, 2016 at the Lamb of God Church, Jonesport.

Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.mcclurefamilyfuneral.com](http://www.mcclurefamilyfuneral.com)



**PEARL H. (SHUTE) SEEKINS**

SEARSPORT - Pearl H. (Shute) Seekins, 94, of SearSPORT, passed away on March 23, 2016, at Waldo County General Hospital, Belfast, surrounded by her family. Pearl was born on Hagan Mountain, November 26, 1921, to Manley T. and Velma (Ashworth) Shute.

Pearl was a devoted and loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother; she was also a wonderful friend to many people. She was very proud of her family, loved holidays and family get-togethers, or any chance to spend time with her family and friends. Pearl was a member of the Stockton Springs Community Church. She was most proud of her role as one of the "Steeple People"; baking many blueberry pies, which were normally sold before the bake sale even started. She [n]prayed when the steeple was taken down that she would live long enough to see it put back up. Pearl's prayers were answered on October 18, 2013 when the steeple was raised to the roof of the Stockton Springs Community Church. Pearl was spirited with a great sense of humor. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Pearl was predeceased by her parents, 4 brothers, 2 sisters; her husband, Russell C. Seekins; and two children: a daughter, Edna P. (Seekins) Clegg and a son, Clifford M. Seekins. She is survived by her son, Harold R. Seekins and his wife, Jane; her daughter-in-law, Harriet M. Seekins; son-in-law, Carl Q. Clegg, 4 sisters, 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2016, at 2 p.m. at Stockton Springs Community Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Stockton Springs Community Church Ceiling Fund. Arrangements are under the care of Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.ripostafh.com](http://www.ripostafh.com).

## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of  
**NICHOLAS 'NICK' SUCY**  
Mar. 24, 1979 - Jan. 19, 2011



Dear Nicholas, It's hard to believe six years have passed since your last birthday with family and friends. Still missed as much as ever. Love, Dad, Aaron, Sam and Aidan

## Former Maine rock star turned pastor Rick Pinette dies at 63

BY DAWN GAGNON  
BDN STAFF

BANGOR — Chances are that if you are a Mainer of a certain age, you have heard Rick Pinette and the Maine-based band Oak either on the radio or live at some of the many venues he played here in the late 1970s and 1980s.

Pinette, 63, died unexpectedly on Sunday at Morning-side Church in Blue Eye, Missouri, where he was lead pastor, according to his obituary.

Though he grew up in Berlin, New Hampshire, Pinette lived in the southern Maine community of Windham during the height of Oak's fame, according to published reports.

In Maine and New England, Pinette perhaps was best known for being the lead singer and keyboard player for the Maine band Oak, which had three hits that made the Billboard Hot 100 list in 1979 through 1981, namely "This is Love," "Set

the Night on Fire" and "King of the Hill," the latter climbing to No. 36 on the American Top Billboard's Top 40 list.

In a post on 95.7 FM's website, DJ Fred noted that before the band officially broke up, Oak played a farewell concert at the Bangor Auditorium in 1981. He said the late Bill Chinnock was the opening act.

A 1970 graduate of Berlin High School in New Hampshire, Pinette began his career in music in the regional bar scene. He continued, however, to appear at venues throughout New England, including in Maine, where he performed at a variety of venues, including proms and fundraisers, and was a motivational speaker, according to Bangor Daily News archives.

Local media personality Mike Dow, who hosts a morning show on Big 104 FM with Deb Neuman and is a contributing music writer for the Maine Edge, recalled when the hit "King of the

Hill" came out. He was a young DJ at the time.

"I remember the station in Houlton, which is the one that I started out on, played it a lot," he said.

"Oak played all over the place for a number of years and then Rick had his own band ... He continued to perform. I think people loved him because he was not only a great performer, but his voice was just — wow!

"He had one of those voices, kind of like Brad Delp of Boston. Such an incredible range," Dow said.

Oak was "a good example of a 'pop rock' group that really focused on trying to make their songs as good as possible. Another group and singer from around that time that you could compare them to might even be The Babys, with John Waite," who went on to a successful solo career, Dow said.

Pinette, like Waite, was known as "the voice" of the band.

Dow said he only got to

see Pinette perform live once — at his Houlton High School prom in 1982.

"It was pretty cool because he was still a big deal at that time," Dow said.

Pinette then went on to become a pastor and member of the "Jim Bakker Show" Morningside Band, according to a tribute that Bakker posted on the "Jim Bakker Show" website.

"Morningside will truly miss this amazing man of God! And I will miss my friend," Bakker wrote. "But let us rejoice together in knowing Pastor Rick Pinette, our wonderful and faithful friend is with Jesus!"

Pinette is survived by his wife, Cheryl Pinette, and his daughter, Olivia Pinette, both of Blue Eye, Missouri.

A celebration of Pinette's life is set for 4 p.m. Friday at Morningside Church at 180 Grace Chapel Road in Blue Eye, Missouri.

The celebration will be streamed live on the church's website.

## Anker Joergensen, former Danish PM, dies at 93

BY CHRISTIAN WIENBERG  
BLOOMBERG

Anker Joergensen, the Danish prime minister who led the economy through two oil crises while the country recorded its slowest growth in the postwar era, has died. He was 93.

Joergensen's death was confirmed Sunday by his Social Democratic party in a statement, which didn't provide details. The former World War II resistance fighter led governments for the party from 1972 to 1973 and from 1975 to 1982.

"The fact that Anker Joergensen became so loved by the people, tells an immense story of his personal qualities," Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen said in a statement. "Denmark lost a personality who was cared for and respected across party boundaries."

Criticized by economists for mismanaging the economy, Joergensen was loved by many Danes for his informal manner and working-class roots. When he was premier, inflation almost doubled and the unemployment rate increased sevenfold as the global oil crises of 1973-1974 and 1979-80 sparked recessions in the Scandinavian economy.

"Under Anker Joergensen, Denmark was heading for an economic abyss," political commentator Kaare R. Skou said in "Danish Politics," a 2005 anthology. "One economic intervention followed another and merely scratched the surface as the country's structural problems remained unsolved."

Anker Henrik Joergensen was born July 13, 1922, in Copenhagen. He was raised by an aunt after his father, a horse-coach driver, died of tuberculosis when Joergensen was 2. His mother, a cleaning lady, died three years later. As a teenager, he started working in a warehouse stacking boxes and never

went to high school.

During Denmark's 1940-1945 occupation by Germany troops, he joined an underground resistance group that conducted sabotage attacks and stole Gestapo archives. Those documents were used in the prosecution of Danish collaborators after the war.

In 1959, he took a three-month course at Harvard University studying labor-market politics, his only education beyond the 10th grade.



Joergensen

"Traveling to America and then, on top of that, getting to study at Harvard was something I never, even in my wildest imagination, had envisioned," Joergensen wrote in his 1994 autobiography. During the stay, he met Teamsters leader Jimmy Hoffa.

Back in Denmark, he rose in the ranks of the Social Democratic party through his work with the Danish Confederation of Trade Unions. Still, it was a surprise to most Danes when Prime Minister Jens Otto Krag in 1972 named Joergensen, who never had held a government position, as his successor.

Joergensen refused to

move into Marienborg, the prime minister's home, preferring to stay in his three-room apartment in a working-class district of southern Copenhagen, where he entertained state leaders, including Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Van Dong.

"He enjoyed the trust of voters beyond the Social Democratic Party as an honest and conscientious leader," Skou said.

An outspoken opponent of the U.S. war in Vietnam, he caused a diplomatic stir after the 1972 U.S. presidential election when he said he had hoped Republican Richard Nixon wouldn't be re-elected.

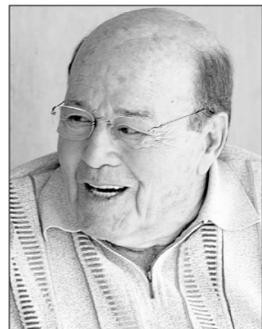
## Former major league ballplayer, sportscaster Joe Garagiola dies

REUTERS

PHOENIX — Former Major League catcher Joe Garagiola, who enjoyed a long career as a sports announcer and television host after his retirement from baseball, died Wednesday. He was 90.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of this amazing man who was not just beloved by those of us in his family, but to generations of baseball fans who he impacted during his eight decades in the game," his family said in a statement released by the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team.

Garagiola was born in 1926 and grew up in an Italian-American neighborhood in St. Louis across the street



Joe Garagiola

from childhood friend Yogi Berra.

Although not becoming a star like Berra, a fellow catcher who had a Hall of Fame career with the New York Yankees, Garagiola played nine seasons with four Major

League teams. In his rookie season in 1946, he won a World Series championship with his hometown Cardinals.

After his athletic career, he spent decades as a broadcaster, announcing baseball games on radio and television. He also did two stints as a co-host on NBC's "Today" show and appeared on other NBC programs.

He was honored with the Ford C. Frick broadcasters award by the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1991.

The team said Garagiola, who died in Scottsdale, Arizona, was survived by his wife, Audrie, and three children, Steven, Gina and Joe Jr., who served as the general manager for the Diamondbacks from 1997 to 2005.

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