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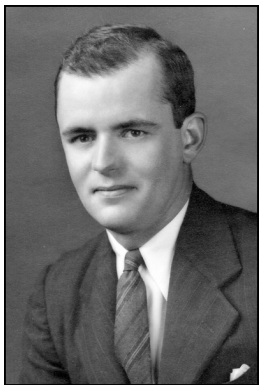
KENNETH E. SWALLOW SR.

OAKFIELD - Kenneth E. Swallow Sr. passed away surrounded by his loving family Tuesday, March 20, 2016, at Madigan Estates Nursing Home in Houlton. Ken was born December 2, 1929, in Oakfield, the son of Harry Swallow and Thursie Parker Swallow.

Upon graduating from Oakfield High School he enlisted in the U.S. Army serving in Germany. Ken came home on furlough and married his high school sweetheart, Priscilla "Sida" Brannen of Oakfield. They began raising their family in Oakfield. In 1962 Ken left for Connecticut to improve their lives. Once established he relocated his wife and four children to the Connecticut coast line. After several great years in East Lyme, Connecticut Ken felt it was time to return to the beloved hills of Oakfield and so he moved his wife and six kids back home. Ken was good at the many jobs he held such as pulp cutter, factory worker, milkman, salesman, construction worker and electrician. He came from a great tradition of hunting, fishing, trapping and rural living. He passed those traditions on to his children. Ken loved picking fiddleheads, making sauerkraut and applesauce, growing gardens, watching the Red Sox and going to hunting camp with his friends. He was a good husband and a good father with an uncanny ability to always have deer meat in the freezer. Ken had a few limericks the family will always remember. One such phrase repeated during harvest to help his kids remember their stuff to take to the potato field was "Picky, Ticky, Din, Gloves."

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Sida; daughter-in-law, Carol Swallow of Oakfield; his son, Kilburn and his wife, Abbie, of Houlton; his son, Kerry of Brewer; his daughters, Lisa Gallagher and husband, Keith, of Benedicta, Wendy Furrow and husband, Rob, of Merrill and Jill Bustard and husband, Andy, of Merrill; brothers, Mike Swallow of Houlton and Halden Swallow of Oakfield, and Donnie Swallow of Medway; and his sister, Laura "Sis" McLaughlin of Dyer Brook. Ken will be missed by his 16 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Ken was predeceased by his oldest son, Kenny, in 2011; his brothers, Pat and Joe; and a nephew, Newman Gee of Saint Albans. The family would like to thank Dr. Abouleish for the things he always does so well and the staff at Madigan Estates for their extraordinary care and over the top compassion.

Funeral service will be held at Dunn Funeral Home in Houlton on Saturday, March 26, 2016, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Sterling Lawrence officiating. Relatives and friends may greet the family beginning one hour before the service at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oakfield Railroad Museum, care of Dunn Funeral Home, 11 Park St., Houlton, ME 04730. Online condolences and guest book: dunnfuneral.com.



MAURICE ELLIOTT AVERY

ATHENS - Maurice Elliott Avery, 92, died on March 22, 2016, at Sanfield Rehabilitation & Living Center in Hartland. He was a longtime resident of Athens and St. Albans, where he lived with his wife Connie, and regularly attended the Hartland First Baptist Church.

Maurice was born in Bath on March 20, 1924, the son of Maurice Wescott Avery and Alice (Naugler) Avery. He grew up and attended school in Williamstown, MA, where his dad taught Greek and Latin at Williams College. His family spent summers at their farm in Phippsburg. Some of his fondest memories involved boating along the Kennebec. He received his Associates Degree in farming from the University of Maine in Orono, and maintained a love of farming and academics throughout his life. Maurice managed farms in Richmond, Bowdoinham and Athens. He had a keen interest in classic literature and English history, and was an avid Bible scholar.

Maurice lived in the Brunswick area for many years, where he worked at Bowdoin College and was a member of the Berean Baptist church.

Maury was an outdoorsman who loved fishing, hiking and gardening. Whether building a wooden boat by hand, or expanding a farmhouse, he tackled the most difficult problems with a clear plan and the minimum of tools and technology. We have many memories of Maury with a handsaw and twist drill; very few with a power tool.

He married his beloved wife, Constance Costain of Brewer, on November 6, 1981. They mowed, gardened, canned, cut firewood and raised his favorite north country cheviot sheep together at their farm in Athens. They were devoted members of the Hartland First Baptist Church for over thirty years. Connie currently resides at the Ellen Leach Memorial Home in Brewer, close to her family.

Maurice is survived by his loving wife, Connie Avery; his son, Peter Avery and wife, Lois, of Topsham; his daughter, Carolyn Bibber and husband, John, of Harpswell; his stepson, Richard Plaumann of Dedham; his stepson, Douglas Plaumann and wife, Annette, of Dedham; and his stepdaughter, Jane Small and husband, Vernon, of Garland. He is also survived by grandchildren, including Jason Warlick and wife, Tracy, Alysha Allen, Kelsey Fogg and husband, Corey, and Luke Avery and wife, Alison; and several great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 25, at the Harts Corner Cemetery, Main Road, Holden. Care has been provided by Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, Pittsfield. To leave a message of kindness for the family, please visit www.shoreynichols.com.



Death Notices

AVERY, Maurice Elliott, 92, Athens; at Hartland, March 22, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, June 25, at Harts Corner Cemetery, Main Road, Holden. Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, Pittsfield.

BRACKETT, Terry J. 'Tunk', 68, Medway; at Lincoln, March 23, 2016. Lamson Funeral Home, 11 Tamarack St., Millinocket.

CARR, Marilyn E., 82, Sangerville and Dover-Foxcroft; at Falmouth, March 24, 2016. Service 11 a.m. March 30 at Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft.

CROWLEY, Dale C. Sr., 75, Addison, March 22, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

DOW, Charles Kenneth, 92, Knox, March 21, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 297 Belmont Ave., Belfast. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

GIUSTO, Ronald A., 76, Belmont, March 21, 2016. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

JONES, Eben, 67, Somerville; at Searsport, March 17, 2016. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

KELLY, Mary M., 77, Bangor; at Bangor, March 21, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ohio Street, Bangor. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

LAKE, Harriet E., 86, Ewing, N.J., March 22, 2016. Tilghman Funeral Home.

SEEKINS, Pearl H. (Shute), 94, Searsport; at Belfast, March 23, 2016. Service 2 p.m. March 26, at Stockton Springs Community Church. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

SWALLOW, Kenneth E. Sr., Oakfield; at Houlton, March 20, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at Dunn Funeral Home, 11 Park St., Houlton.

SWEENEY, John William, 65, Hampden, March 22, 2016.

HARRIET E. LAKE

EWING, N.J. - Harriet E. Lake, 86, of Ewing, passed away with her family by her side on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. She was born in Maine and had spent many years in New Jersey.

Harriet retired from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Trenton. She had a great sense of humor, held her own and cherished her family. Harriet enjoyed pro basketball, genealogy and yellow tulips. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be deeply missed.

Harriet was predeceased by her mother, Rosanna Grondin; her husband, Ivan T. Lake Jr.; son-in-law, James Ronsick; and brother, Richard Grondin and brother-in-law, Richard Lake. She leaves behind her 2 daughters, Deborah Duerr and husband, Steven, of Ewing, NJ, and Candace Ronsick of Union, MO; 3 grandchildren, Sean Duerr and his wife, Kiersten, Chrystal Raines and Jaison Ronsick; 2 great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Chloe Ann; and 3 sisters-in-law, Muriel Grondin, Phyllis Lake and Patricia Olinger and her husband, George; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial is being held privately at the Brig. General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery. All arrangements are under the direction of Tilghman Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Harriet's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

JOHN WILLIAM SWEENEY

HAMPDEN - John W. Sweeney, beloved husband and father, passed away comfortably and peacefully on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at noon, at age 65.

John leaves behind his wife of 25 years, Judy Sweeney; and his 18 year old daughter, Jessie Sweeney. He also leaves behind all of his amazing friends, who have provided enormous support, comfort and help throughout his life, and during the past three years he has been ill.



MARILYN E. CARR

SANGERVILLE and DOVER-FOXCROFT - Marilyn E. Carr, 82, wife of the late Alton S. Carr, passed away March 24, 2016, at Sedge-wood Commons in Falmouth. She was born February 19, 1934, in Corinna, the daughter of Harry and Arlene (Edgerly) Butler.

Marilyn attended the New Life Baptist Church and was a member of the Advent Christian Church of Dover-Foxcroft for over 40 years. She had worked for many years at C.F. Hathaway Shirt Company.

Marilyn is survived by a son, Stephen Cochran and his wife, Cheryll, of Dover-Foxcroft; two daughters, Barbara Moore and her husband, Norman, of Graniteville, SC, and Donna Williams and her husband, Matthew, of Topsham; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her first husband, Ralph Cochran; and eight brothers and sisters.

Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2016, at the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft, where funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. March 30, 2016, with the Rev. James Colley officiating. Burial will be in the family lot in South Dover Cemetery, Dover-Foxcroft. Memories and condolences may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.

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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 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.

MARY M. KELLY

BANGOR - Mary M. Kelly, 77, passed away on March 21, 2016, at her home with her family by her side. Mary was born in Bangor, Nov. 7, 1938, the daughter of Maurice Sr. and Hazel (McHale) Kelly).

Mary worked at Means Investment for more than 20 years. She then worked as the parish secretary at St. Mary's Catholic Church (now St. Paul the Apostle Parish) for more than 25 years. After retiring as parish secretary, Mary was a volunteer at many agencies and became historian at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Bangor.

In addition to her parents, Mary was predeceased by brothers, Kenneth, Maurice Jr., Robert and Gerald; and one sister, Helena "Lena" (Kelly) Bernardini. Mary is survived by her two sisters, Julia (Kelly) Brewster of Oklahoma City, OK, and Ann (Kelly) Blood of League City, TX; and one brother, Martin "Marty" and his wife, Patricia, of Bangor.

Her favorite love was spending time with her great-great-nephews, Anthony, Andrew, James and Nicholas; her nephew, Bob and his wife, Fran, their daughters, Wendy and her husband, Mark Slauenwhite, Julie and her husband, Shane Cote; they were always with her to celebrate holidays, Sunday breakfasts and outings at the Maine coast. She was a treasure to them and she taught many people by her example.

Thank you to the staff at CancerCare of Maine. They showed her great kindness and compassion. Thanks also to the many relatives and friends who stopped to see her through this sickness, all brought many memories to mind of fun times.

Family and friends may visit 5-8 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2016, at Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ohio Street, Bangor. A reception will be held immediately afterward in the parish hall. Interment will be at a later date in the family lot at Oak Hill Cemetery, Winterport. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard, 28 High St., Bangor, ME 04401, to the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, 65 South Park St., Bangor, ME 04401 or to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, 768 Ohio St., Bangor, ME 04401. Messages and memories may be share with her family at kileyandfoley.com.

Leon Charney, NY real estate owner, billionaire, dies at 77

BY LAURENCE ARNOLD
BLOOMBERG

Leon Charney, a billionaire owner of Manhattan real estate and supporter of Israel who became a familiar face to viewers of New York City public television, has died. He was 77.

The son of a sewing-supplies salesman, Charney assembled a real estate portfolio that included three skyscrapers in Times Square, including 1441 Broadway, and a total of 1.5 million square feet of commercial space, according to Forbes magazine, which estimates his current net worth at \$1 billion. His first purchase, in 1980, was One Times Square, the wedge-shaped building famous each New Year's Eve for hosting the glittering ball that descends at midnight.

Starting in 1988, Charney hosted "The Leon Charney Report" on WNYC, New York City's public-TV network. The one-hour interview show focused heavily on Middle East and Jewish affairs, with a guest list that included former Israeli Prime Ministers Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin and Ehud Barak, as well as former New York City Mayors Ed Koch, David Dinkins and Rudolph Giuliani.

Charney relished recounting his own role in Middle East affairs, describing himself as a behind-the-scenes player and unofficial adviser to President Jimmy Carter during the negotiations that led to the Camp David Accords, which established

peace between Israel and Egypt. In a 1984 book, "Special Counsel," he detailed how he had "fashioned an informal and unpublicized back-door channel between the White House — where his contact was the president's counsel, Robert Lipshutz — and the Israeli military leadership.

The Jerusalem Post called Charney's 1991 marriage in Tel Aviv to Tzili Doron, costume design director of the Cameri Theater, "the wedding of the holiday season." Among the witnesses for Charney were Rabin and former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman.

Leon Harris Charney was born July 23, 1938, in Bayonne, New Jersey, to Morris and Sara Charney. He recalled in his memoir that his father had "almost a daily ritual to bring out of the closet his U.S. citizenship papers and fondle them lovingly."

Charney graduated from Yeshiva University in 1960 and Brooklyn Law School in 1964, helping to finance his education by singing in synagogues. He started his own law firm representing sports and show-business personalities, among them Jackie Mason and Sammy Davis Jr.

During six years as a special counsel to Sen. Vance Hartke, an Indiana Democrat, Charney established ties to international figures including Golda Meir, the prime minister of Israel. He said he worked with Meir to free Jewish dissidents from the Soviet Union and help them relocate to Israel.

Phife Dawg of A Tribe Called Quest dies at 45

BY SCOTT MERVIS
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Malik Taylor, better known as Phife Dawg of famed hip-hop crew A Tribe Called Quest, died Tuesday night. He was 45.

The rapper, born of Trinidadian descent in Queens, New York, formed the alternative hip-hop group in 1985 with elementary school friends Q-Tip and Ali Shaheed Muhammad, and it debuted in 1990 with "People's Instinctive Travels and the Paths of Rhythm."

Tribe's second album, "The Low End Theory," ranked by Rolling Stone at

No. 154 on the list of The 500 Greatest Albums of All Time, broke Tribe as a positive influence and innovator melding hip-hop with jazz.

"I feel like he was one of hip-hop's most underrated MCs," Pittsburgh rapper Jasin X said Wednesday. "He had incredible punchlines and was a great storyteller. His song 'Butter' off of 'Low End Theory' is one of my favorite songs of all time. As great as Q-Tip is, his best work by far was trading bars with Phife Dawg. A Tribe Called Quest is one of the few groups that can challenge RUN DMC for greatest of all time."

A Tribe Called Quest, part of the Native Tongues Movement, released three more acclaimed and popular records in the 1990s — including the chart-topping "Beats, Rhymes and Life" in 1996 and No. 3 "The Love Movement" in 1998 before splitting up that year. The group, which performed on the main stage at the 1994 Lollapalooza at Star Lake, has reunited several times over the last decade, most recently performing on "The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon" in 2015. Tribe's rise and fall was chronicled in the 2011 documentary "Beats, Rhymes & Life: The Travels

of A Tribe Called Quest."

Phife, who released one solo album — "Ventilation: Da LP" in 2000 — struggled with diabetes and underwent a kidney transplant in 2008.

Pittsburgh rapper Mac Miller, who sports a Tribe Called Quest tattoo, quickly released a tribute to Phife on Wednesday morning with a piece using the rapper's nickname: "5 Foot Assassin."

Chuck D of Public Enemy tweeted: "Phife-HipHop & Rap word Warrior, simple as that. Breathed it & lined rhyme into Sport. A true fire Social Narrator my bro."