

# OBITUARIES



**CAROLYN LOIS COSTAIN**

**BREWER** - Carolyn Lois Costain, 75, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully with her children at her side on April 6, 2016 at EMMC. She was born February 27, 1941, in Brewer, the daughter of Gerald N. and Helen (Brown) Costain of Holden, Maine.

Carolyn grew up in Holden and attended grade school at several of the Town's various one room schoolhouses before she graduated from Brewer High School, Class of 1959 and then obtained an undergraduate degree from The University of Maine, Orono, Class of 1963. She subsequently earned a Master of Education degree from The University of Maine, Orono, while working and raising a family. Upon initial college graduation in 1963, Carolyn began her lifelong career and passion of educating students first teaching a variety of grade levels at the Hebrew Day School in Bangor for several years before transitioning to a new role at Brewer High School where she taught sophomore English for over 15 years. In 1984 she shifted to a new career opportunity as the Principal at Mt Ararat High School in Topsham, where she served for 7 years followed by 10 years as Principal of Hampshire Regional High School in Westhampton, MA before she retired in 2001 to return to Maine to reside at her beloved family camp at Green Lake. Upon her return to Maine, she re-immersed herself as an active member of the Holden Congregational Church. Her many capacities at the Church included choir, Ladies Home Circle, Trustee, Deacon, etc. not to mention, she was one of the many culinary masters of Christmas peanut brittle and baked bean suppers, a wiz at knitting winter mittens and Church fair band leader. She took tremendous joy in the toils and bounties of gardening and also enjoyed the many hours of friendly, but competitive, card playing with her special group of local friends.

Notwithstanding Carolyn's passion for education, her commitment to church and her past times, it was her family who received the utmost of her love and attention; and even more so after she retired from teaching. Carolyn, Mom, Gar, Sister and Aunt Carolyn loved nothing more than a family gathering - whether it be for any good excuse to spend time at Green Lake, any family member's birthday, various holidays or a simple meal together - she relished

the joy, laughter, rich conversations and hub-bub of being with family. She loved her children, grandchildren and Charlie all dearly and unequivocally as demonstrated by her tireless support, patient willingness to listen without judgment, enthusiasm for all our endeavors - athletic, academic or professional - and her wry humor. But, she took her greatest comfort from and was pleased by nothing more than seeing us get together, have fun and love and express love to one another with the simple hope that we do so as often as possible.

Above all Carolyn was an endless care giver and patient listener to not just family but everyone she loved and encountered; and, rare did she have an encounter where either love or patience were not present. With this thought in mind, the family wishes to extend our deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the nurses and medical staff at EMMC who comforted her, our family and her dear friends during her and our time of need. Thank you for all you did for us. It was above and beyond.

Carolyn was predeceased by her parents and is survived by her 20 year companion and love, Charles Mays, of Brewer; a sister, Janice Gray and her husband, Richard, of Dedham; her son, Bruce Nickerson and his wife, Sharon, of Holden; her daughter, Kris Summit, and her husband, Ron, of Newburyport, MA; her son, Andy and his wife, Julie, of Holden; seven loved and loving grandchildren, Mathew Summit, Holly Nickerson, Taylor Summit, Jordan Nickerson, Meg Nickerson, Hannah Nickerson and Gabby Nickerson; and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family for visiting hours between 6 and 8 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2016, at the Brewer Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 55 South Main Street, Brewer. The church memorial service and celebration of Carolyn's life will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Holden Congregational Church, UCC, 9 Rider Bluff Road, Holden with Pastor Linette George officiating to be followed by conversation and refreshments at the Church.

Those who wish to remember Carolyn in a special way may make gifts in her memory to the Holden Congregational Church, UCC, P.O. Box 309, Holden, ME 04429. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com)



**THOMAS "TOM" DAVIS JR.**

**BANGOR** - Thomas "Tom" Davis Jr., 68, our loving dad passed away peacefully April 3, 2016 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bangor surrounded by what mattered most to him, his loving wife and daughters. He was born in Bangor, the son of Thomas "Ganks" Davis Sr. and Lillian (Estey) Davis.

Tom lived his entire life on the Kittredge Road in Bangor where he resided at the time of his death.

During his childhood, Dad learned to farm at his grandfather's farm on Stillwater Avenue where the Bangor Mall now stands. It was here that farming got into his blood and never left. Even in Dad's final years, we all knew that being on a tractor in his fields is what gave him piece of mind. Throughout the remainder of his life, he farmed alongside his father on their farm they built together.

Dad had a wonderful sense of humor and quick wit about him. He always made people laugh and smile even during the most difficult times. The sound of laughter will never be forgotten.

We will never see a Farmall tractor, smell the aroma of fresh cut hay or see Diet Coke without thinking of him. His camp on Williams Pond and watching any and all sports games from high school basketball to any New England sports teams meant the world to him.

Dad proudly graduated from John Baptist High School in the Class of 1966. He started his own business, Davis Oil Company and poured his heart and soul into it. He was extremely proud of this accomplishment.

Dad was involved with his community and served on several committees over the span of many years. He was on the City of Bangor Planning Board, Bangor City Council and served as Mayor of Bangor. He was a member of the Bangor Rotary Club, The Maine State Fair Committee, the Bangor Marsh Management Commission and was head of the agriculture Department of the Bangor State Fair for many years.

Dad married the woman he always called his "little sweetheart", Donna (Smith) Davis on July 26th, 1969. For the past 47 years, they had been the best of friends and have done everything together as a team. We were truly blessed as their children to have witnessed their love and devotion to one another.

Even though Dad is gone, he will live on forever in our

hearts. He leaves behind our Grandmother, Lillian, and our mother, Donna, his three loving daughters and their husbands, Tammy and Al Eriksson of Corinth, Bobbi and Paul Hosmer, and Kelley and George Adams, of Bangor; his grandchildren, Kevin, Matt, Whitney, Alyssa, and Chris Eriksson, his name sake and Bud, Tommy Hosmer, and his great-grandchildren Blake and Kinsley Eriksson. We were so blessed to have our children listen to the many stories that their Papa shared with them throughout the years. His grandchildren meant the world to him.

Growing up, all of our friends wanted to be at our house because they loved our parents so much, along the way, Mom and dad added two loving daughters, Martha Brewer of California, and Merrilee Agana of Florida, and six additional grandchildren Alicia and Bethany Agana, Robert Dalton, Carly, and Hannah Sibley. He is also survived by our Aunt Rosemary Fugel, Rick Doll and Patsy Bastey, whom he considered his brother and sister; his loyal and loving dog Rascal and many friends and family who were dear to his heart.

We find comfort in knowing that Dad has gone on to spend eternity with our grandfather, Ganks, with whom he had an undeniable bond. He was also predeceased by his many uncles, a grandson Galen Sibley and his mother-in-law Louise Smith.

We would like to give a special thank you to all of our friends and family who have shared in our memories with our father throughout our lives. We know that he holds a special place in so many hearts and will never be forgotten.

Friends may call from 5-7 PM, Sunday, April 10, 2016 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM, Monday, April 11, 2016 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York Street, Bangor, followed by the Rite of Committal at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Bangor. We would like to invite family and friends to share conversation and memories at the St. John's Parish Hall, following the committal prayers.

Gifts in Dad's memory may be made to his grandson, Tommy's non-profit organization "TEAM MIMI", 195 Kittredge Road, Bangor, ME 04401.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).



**CALLIER "CAL" SCOTT WEEKS**

**MILLINOCKET** - Callier "Cal" Scott Weeks, 80, of Millinocket, ME, passed away Thursday evening, March 24, 2016 at Eastern Maine Medical Center. He was born March 8, 1936, in Chattanooga, TN, to Olivia Lexine Howse Weeks, and Andrew Weeks. Revered and enlightened pilot and instructor, Cal was master of the skies, and soldier of the wind. He was fixed based operator at the Municipal airport for years, and instructor and mentor to an innumerable group of aspiring, and experienced pilots, young and old. Prior to moving to Maine, Cal served in the US army as a courier, and worked for 20 years for UPS in New Orleans, LA.

Apart from the peace he found in the air, Cal treasured his moments in the wilderness, on the lakes and rivers canoeing and fishing, or watching the sun set as the lake lapped the shore. He fell in love with the northern Maine woods as a young man while giving wilderness tours to younger children. He loved a good laugh, and had a keen sense of humor that was unmatched by many. Stoic by nature, one may have missed a playful jab, but could feel delighted in receiving but a smile from a jest of their own. Sharp until the end, he was constantly challenging people to use their minds, and push the boundaries of their knowledge.

He is survived by his only daughter, Andrea Z. L. Weeks, of Silver Spring, MD, her mother, Mary Rovaris, of Lynn, MA, a brother, Andrew Weeks, of Bethesda, MD, a niece, Andrea Hardin, of Phoenix, AZ, and a handful of loving cousins spanning from the Washington, DC area, to Georgia.

A memorial service and celebration of his life and achievements is planned for June 12th, and will be held at his hangar at 16 Midway Rd. in Millinocket, as well as a private service for family in Washington.

People are encouraged to drive or fly in to pay their respects, share a story, or tell a tale.

**BEATRICE B. WOODHEAD**

**BANGOR** - Beatrice B. Woodhead, 87, died peacefully April 4, 2016, at her home in Bangor, surrounded by her loving family. A complete obituary will be published at a later date in the Bangor Daily News. A service of Brookings-Smith.



**GLENDA SMITH**

**CARIBOU** - Glenda Smith, 89, wife of the late Donald Smith, went to her Heavenly Home, April 6, 2016, in Van Buren. She was born in Caribou January 25, 1927, daughter of the late Luther and Eleanor (Smith) Hewitt.

She was a graduate of Caribou High School and she married Donald Smith November 10, 1948. She and Don made their home on the New Sweden Road, where they raised potatoes and ran a dairy farm. Glenda loved horses and was an avid horse rider. She truly enjoyed fishing, and spending time with family and friends at the family camp "Hi-Lo" at Madawaska Lake. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Caribou Assembly of God.

She is survived by two sons, Wayne Smith and wife, Patty, of Woodland and Donald Smith Jr. and wife, Hollis, of Monmouth; one daughter, Donna Hale and husband, Tom, of Westmanland; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Smith of Woodland; a son-in-law, Bob Brown of Searsport; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Smith was predeceased by her husband, Donald, in 2013; her son, Darrell Smith; her daughter, Carla Brown; three brothers, Floyd, Ervin and Jerry; and two sisters, Phyllis Pillsbury and her twin sister, Glenna Langley.

Friends may visit with the family 1-2 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the Caribou Assembly of God, where funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. with Reverend Don Owen officiating. Interment will be later in the spring at the Old Holy Rosary Cemetery. Friends who wish to contribute in memory of Mrs. Smith may do so through WFST Radio, P.O. Box 600, Caribou, ME 04736. Arrangements by the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, Caribou. [www.mocklerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mocklerfuneralhome.com)

As Glenda's good friend Wick would say "See you on the trail and around the campfire."  
Psalm 27:13

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Larry - Dad  
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God will link the broken chain  
As one by one we will meet again  
Until that day  
You are loved and missed in every way

## Country music legend Merle Haggard dies at 79

BY TERENCE MCARDLE  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Merle Haggard, the Grammy Award-winning singer whose autobiographical prison songs and populist political anthems, notably "Mama Tried" and "Okie From Muskogee," made him one of country music's most formidable and celebrated entertainers, died April 6 at his home in Palo Cedro, California. It was his 79th birthday.

The cause was complications from pneumonia, said his manager, Frank Mull.

Haggard was widely regarded as one of the most moving singers in the country genre. New York Times music critic Joe Pareles said of a 1993 concert performance, "Dignity, pain and a sense of loss come through his singing in subtleties: a stretched syllable, a suddenly broadened vibrato, a dip to a deep baritone note, a bluesy downward slide."

Along with singers Buck Owens and Wynn Stewart, Haggard typified country music's "Bakersfield sound" of the 1960s. The California city, home to many who fled the dust bowls of the 1930s and worked in its oil fields, was a thriving center of country music. Whereas



**Merle Haggard**

Nashville producers pressured their singers to adopt to a "countrypolitan" style with choirs and string sections. Bakersfield built its reputation on a grittier sound and twangy guitars.

Haggard was best known for his 1969 song "Okie From Muskogee," which protested the counterculture of the time with such lines as "We don't smoke marijuana in Muskogee/We don't take our trips on LSD" and "We don't burn our draft cards down at the courthouse."

The song won him an audience at the Nixon White

House in 1973. Haggard later said that he did not intend the song as a political anthem; in fact, he acknowledged his own drug use by stating that he often smoked marijuana before going out on stage.

"He is country music's greatest songwriter, with the arguable exception of Hank Williams," said John Rumble, senior historian for the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. "When you think about the vast array of subject matter, it's astonishing; the realism, the very careful and artful way that he puts songs together, the turns of phrase — it is deceptively simple."

Between 1966 and 1987, Haggard had 38 No. 1 country hits, including several drawn from his experiences in the California penal system. Haggard once described his career in music as a "35-year bus ride," and a theme of restlessness runs through such compositions such as "The Running Kind" and "Ramblin' Fever."

Other songs, such as "Hungry Eyes" and "If We Make It Through December," were filled with empathy for the working poor — a reflection of his family background.

Merle Ronald Haggard was born in Bakersfield on

April 6, 1937, in a makeshift home that his father built from an abandoned boxcar. Haggard's parents left a barren farm in Oklahoma as part of the exodus from the Dust Bowl.

Haggard received a Grammy for lifetime achievement in 2006 and a Kennedy Center Honor in 2010. He also won Grammys in 1998 for the Marty Stuart song "Same Old Train" — a collaboration with 12 other country performers — and in 1984 for his version of "That's the Way Love Goes." He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1994.

In 2007, he toured and recorded with two other veteran country singers, Willie Nelson and Ray Price, as "the Last of the Breed." A few months after the tour, surgeons removed a tumor from Haggard's right lung. He told reporters afterward that he craved marijuana. He had earlier acknowledged addictions to amphetamines, cocaine and valium.

"Life has been peaks and valleys all the way for me," Haggard once told the Toronto Sun. "The only way I know to come out of the valleys is to write my way out."

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