

# OBITUARIES



**FREDERIC AMOS FLETCHER**

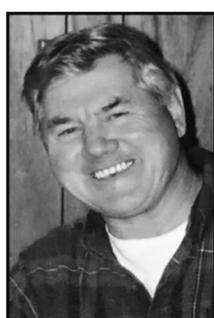
CARIBOU - It is with great sadness that the family of Frederic Amos Fletcher announces his passing after his 18 month battle with cancer on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at the age of 65 years. The family is assured that he is in his new heavenly home with Jesus, his Lord.

Fred was born on July 4, 1950 in Caribou to Amos and Leila (Quimby) Fletcher, and graduated from Caribou High School in 1968. He went on to earn an associate degree in Agriculture from the University of Maine at Orono, following his family's legacy in the potato farming industry. He was a fraternity member of Alpha Gamma Rho. In 1997 he obtained a Commercial Driver's License and enjoyed many adventures along the East Coast and Midwest. Fred lived life to the fullest with a smile always on his face. He knew no strangers, having an uncanny ability to reach out to make anyone a friend. He dearly loved his God, church and family, cherishing every opportunity to enjoy life together; as an enthusiastic storyteller he was always the life of the party. He noticed, appreciated and took the time to share the wonders of God's creation - sunrises, sunsets, Northern Lights, ocean waves, feeding the birds. This infectious love

he passed on to his children and grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his father, Amos Hiram Fletcher, Jr.. Fred is survived by his mother, Leila Quimby Fletcher Robertson. He is also survived by his wife of 17 years, Karen Erickson Fletcher; his sister, Carolyn Shaw and her husband Dale; his sister, Patty Smith and her husband Scott; his son, Eric Fletcher and his wife Heather; his daughter, Laurie Shields and her husband Tim; and his daughter, Kate Philbrick and her husband Rob. Fred will be greatly missed by his 6 grandchildren: Emily and Rachel Fletcher; Corinne and Julie Shields; Jeffery Akerson and his newest, precious miracle, Addisyn Philbrick.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Fred touched are invited to a celebration of his life to be held at the Presque Isle Wesleyan Church, 387 Centerline Road, Presque Isle Saturday, July 16th at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered in Fred's name to Samaritan's Purse ([www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)). Arrangements by the Mockler Funeral Home 24 Reservoir Street Caribou. Condolences will be received at [www.mocklerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mocklerfuneralhome.com).



**HAZEN L. STEVENS**

MASARDIS - Hazen L. Stevens, 71, passed away Sunday, April 24, 2016 at a Bangor hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born October 15, 1944 in Masardis, a son of the late Aubrey and Martha (Keene) Stevens.

Hazen last worked for W.T. Logging of Lincoln and had previously worked with Great Northern Paper Company, Portage. He had an obvious passion working the heavy equipment and took great pride in his work. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, but he was most often seen splitting and cording firewood for his home and that of his neighbors. He would tackle and home improvement project, and was never happier than when he had such a project ahead of him.

He is survived by: his two sons, Aubrey Stevens and his wife Kathy of Peachtree City, GA and Jeffrey Stevens and his wife Marcy of Morrow, GA; their mother, Connie (Howes) Stevens; his long-time love and companion, Jeanie St. Pierre; three brothers, Phillip Stevens and his wife Joan of Hominy, OK, Richard Stevens and his wife Joan and Raymond Stevens, all of Presque Isle; and his beloved dog, Angel. He leaves behind seven grandchildren, Brandon, Austyn, Jacob & Bryce and Cole, Mariah & Blake and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Hazen is predeceased by an infant sister, Carol Mae Stevens.

A funeral service will be celebrated at 1 PM on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Union Congregational Church, Sheridan Rd., Ashland, with Pastor Nathan Gardiner officiating. Relatives and friends may greet the family Saturday morning 11 AM until the time of service at the church. Burial will be held 1 PM Sunday at Masardis Municipal Cemetery. To share condolences online, please visit [www.LajoieFuneralHome.com](http://www.LajoieFuneralHome.com)

## WALTER M. THEBARGE

DOVER-FOXCROFT & MADISON - A graveside memorial service with military honors for Walter M. Thebarge, who passed away February 29, 2016, will be conducted 11:00 am Friday, April 29, 2016, at the family lot in Pine Grove Cemetery, Dover-Foxcroft. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.



**LORITA JO "RITA" MCLAUGHLIN ROBERTS**

CLIFTON - Lorita Jo "Rita" McLaughlin Roberts, 58, passed away peacefully early Tuesday morning April 26, 2016 at her home after a long illness. She was born in Bangor, July 13, 1958 the daughter of Clifford and Pearl (Faulkingham) Gray.

Rita grew up and attended schools in Eddington and graduated from Brewer High School in 1975. Rita's career was diversified including assisting as a resident manager at Eddy Heights in Eddington for 10 years, raising Sheltie puppies and owner/manager of two businesses, Maine's Home Improvement Center and Picadilly Place Auctions, Brewer with Sheltie "MAC" by her side, in Hallowell. She was also a lifelong member of the Community of Christ Church in Brewer.

In addition to her parents, Rita is survived by her husband of 25 years, Jeffrey Roberts of Clifton; a daughter, Kellie Jo Blais and husband, Lee of Garland and stepson, Jeffrey Scott Roberts, Jr. and his wife, Sarah, whom was especially helpful in caring for Rita, both of Clifton; sister, Jane Billings and husband, Larry of Bangor; brother, Kenneth Gray and Pamela of Bangor; Rita was affectionately known as Meme by her grandchildren, Emma, Amanda, Nathan, Jeffrey III, Brittney, Robbie, Seth and Taylor. Rita was predeceased by first husband, Nathan McLaughlin in 1991.

Family and friends may visit 5 - 7 pm Thursday, April 28, 2016 at Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 69 State St., Brewer. A service honoring Rita's life will be held at 2 pm Friday, April 29, 2016 at the Community of Christ Church, 128 Pierce Road, Brewer, with Chaplain Carl Bergman, presiding. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Brewer. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Bangor Humane Society, 693 B Mt. Hope Ave., Bangor, ME 04401. Messages and memories may be shared with her family at [kileandfoley.com](http://kileandfoley.com).

## WALTER A. "BUB" WILCOX

LEVANT - A graveside service for Walter A. "Bub" Wilcox, 60, who died, Mar 4, 2016 will be held 1 PM Friday, April 29, 2016 at Snows Corner Cemetery, Fuller Road, Hermon with Pastor Garnett Chute, presiding. Arrangements by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

## Scientists discover fossils of titanosaur

BY DAVID TEMPLETON  
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

PITTSBURGH — Perhaps the most complete skull and neck fossil of a titanosaur — the family of long-necked, long-tailed dinosaurs that were the largest creatures ever to walk on Earth — has been discovered with important new findings detailed online Tuesday in the journal *Plos One*.

The fossils of Sarmientosaurus musacchioi, discovered by National University of Patagonia paleontologist Ruben D.F. Martinez, indicate a somewhat small titanosaur that would measure 40 to 55 feet and 10 tons (the size of two large elephants). It was discovered in the Patagonia region of Argentina.

Paleontologist Matt Lamanna of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History was a key member of the research team to analyze the skull. He, Martinez and Lawrence Witmer of Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, announced the discovery Tuesday during a news conference at the natural history museum.

Martinez, a doctor of paleontology, said such discov-

eries "happen once in a lifetime." "That's why we studied the fossils so thoroughly, to learn as much about this amazing animal as we could."

Titanosaurs are plant-eaters and represent that type of dinosaur most people think about when the term arises. They have small heads at the end of an extended neck, with a massive body, trunk-like legs, and a long powerful tail.

"Comprising more than 60 named species, titanosaurs lived on every continent and ranged in size from the weight of a cow to at least the weight of the biggest sperm whale, a museum release states. The Sarmientosaurus lived about 95 million years ago and despite its enormity was only half the size of the largest titanosaurs.

But knowledge of titanosaurs has been limited because of the 60 titanosaurs that have been discovered, there are only three that included relatively complete skulls — that is, until Sarmientosaurus. Scientific excitement includes the ability to analyze the full brain casing, which provides new details about the exact size and function.

## Lonnie Mack, guitarist and singer, dies at 74

BY TERENCE MCARDLE  
WASHINGTON POST

Lonnie Mack, a guitarist and singer whose early 1960s instrumental hits "Memphis" and "Wham!" influenced a generation of guitarists and whose singular mix of blues, country and gospel inspired performers such as Keith Richards, Stevie Ray Vaughan, the Allman Brothers Band and Danny Gatton, died April 21 in Nashville. He was 74.

Alligator Records announced the death but did not disclose the cause. Mack lived in Smithville, Tennessee.

"Memphis," an instrumental variation on Chuck Berry's "Memphis, Tenn.," and Mack's follow-up, "Wham," cut through the predictability of 1963 Top 40 radio, where teen idols and reverberated surf instrumentals ruled. Mack's guitar work combined the harsh attack of urban blues with the frenetic tempos of rock 'n' roll.

His guitar — an arrow-shaped 1958 Gibson Flying V — was as distinctive as his playing style: chords that rang with an organ-like sustain, courtesy of his Magnatone amp, followed by a barrage of treble, staccato notes during his solos.

"Lonnie Mack was one of the first white guys to really make a mark playing blues-infused guitar," record producer and blues historian Dick Shurman said. "I think of him as a prototype of what later could be called Southern rock. His music was a blend — it wasn't a conscious blend — he brought black and white styles together seamlessly."

Although his instrumentals sold in great numbers, Mack struggled to find chart success with his impassioned late 1960s ballads such as "Why," "I'll Keep You Happy" and "Where There's a Will, There's a Way."

Mr. Mack was one of the first "blue-eyed soul" singers whose records were promoted as rhythm-and-blues. He recalled going to a soul radio station in Bir-

mingham, Alabama, for an interview when "Where There's a Will, There's a Way" was beginning to break out. The disc jockey stopped playing it when he discovered Mack was white.

But others were taken with Mack's soulful style.

Rock critic Greil Marcus said of "Why," which climaxes with a full-throated scream in its last verse, "This tune offers a false choice: listening to the most stately ballad in the annals of white blues or listening to a man kill himself. The choice is false because in the last verse — you don't get to choose."

In between the gigs, he did session guitar work behind James Brown, Hank Ballard and the Midnighters and blues guitarist Freddie King. He later filled in as a session bassist for The Doors on the songs "Roadhouse Blues" and "Maggie M'Gill."

"His temperament wasn't suited to stardom," Shurman said. "I think he'd rather have been hunting and fishing. He didn't like cities or the business."

Lonnie McIntosh was born in West Harrison, Indiana, on July 18, 1941. His father, a farmhand, played banjo, and Mack began performing guitar in the family bluegrass band at 7.

"Didn't have a record player or nothin'," he told Dan Forte in Guitar Player magazine. "Most of the places we lived didn't have electricity, so that made it rather difficult. ... We used to have a whole lot of jam sessions with the family in the old days."

Mack quit school in the sixth grade after fighting with a teacher and soon began professional music engagements in local clubs, eventually changing his last name to Mack. In his teens, he recorded with rockabilly and country bands for small Ohio labels.

He reportedly was married and divorced three times. Survivors include five children; two sisters; a brother; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

## Prince died without a will, siblings may share fortune

BY ALEX DOBUZINSKI  
AND JILL SERJEANT  
REUTERS

Music superstar Prince left no known will when he died last week, his sister said in court documents on Tuesday listing his six siblings or half-siblings as heirs to a legacy estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars.

The sister, Tyka Nelson, asked that a special administrator be appointed to handle Prince's affairs and that she be appointed to probate his estate.

In documents filed in a state court in Carver County, Minnesota, Nelson listed herself and five other siblings or half-siblings as Prince's heirs but gave no value of his assets or debts.

Prince, born Prince Rogers Nelson, was married and divorced twice. Under Minnesota law, Prince's assets are likely to be split evenly between the siblings, according to attorney Stephen Hopkins.

The value of his music catalog alone has been estimated at over \$500 million, according to Prince's first manager, Owen Husney. That included potential licensing rights for film, TV, commercials and videogames that Prince rarely exploited, Husney said last week.

The influential singer, musician and songwriter behind hits like "Purple Rain" was found dead at age 57 on Thursday in an elevator at his Paisley Park Studios compound in a Minneapolis suburb. The cause of death was not yet known.

Michael Kosnitzky, a New York- and Miami-

based attorney who advises the extremely wealthy, said he was surprised Prince had died without a will, given the artist's tendency to control his image, likeness, name and recordings.

"... That he would put himself in a position that he would lose control of those things at death I found very surprising," Kosnitzky said.

"What is to stop someone who controls his estate from saying that they're going to promote purple Skittles?" he said, referring to Prince's signature color and the popular candy, adding that he did not think Prince would approve.

In her court filings, Nelson said she did not know of the existence of a will and had "no reason to believe that the Decedent executed testamentary documents in any form."

She proposed the Bremer Bank in Minnesota as special administrator, saying it had done business for years with Prince.

Since his death, sales of his albums have soared; more than 2.3 million songs and some 580,000 albums have sold since Thursday, according to Nielsen Music.

Aside from royalties from his more than 30 albums, Prince regained ownership of his master recordings after a dispute with his Warner Bros. music label.

He was also said to have a cache of unheard recordings, including an album cut with late jazz trumpeter Miles Davis.

Hopkins, the Minnesota attorney, predicted a long, drawn-out case over Prince's assets, probably lasting years.

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