

# OBITUARIES



**TINNA L. HERBERT GARLAND** - Tinna L. Hebert, 48, died unexpectedly Saturday, April 30, 2016, as a result of an automobile accident in Garland. Tinna was born in Hartford, Conn., May 2, 1967, the daughter of Freemont and Sherrill (London) Tozier.

She attended Nokomis Regional High School in Newport. For many years she took care of the elderly in their homes. Tinna loved the outdoors, especially while hunting, fishing, mud runs and having huge bonfires - the bigger the better.

She is survived by her husband, Jean D. Hebert of Garland; her father, Freemont L. Tozier of Belfast; her mother, Sherrill A. Burdin of Garland; her step-mother, Loretta Reynolds of Oregon; three sons, who loved her and will be missed by, Christopher Tozier of Dexter, Brad Champluvier of Garland and Michael Champluvier of LeGrange, six stepchildren; five brothers, Charles Tozier of Bucksport, James Tozier of Garland, Richard Morton of PA, Sidney Scott of Palmyra and Robert Scott of Orland; five sisters, Jenny Costa of Bangor, Lola Powers of Arizona, Mary Hartt of Hartland, Katrina Morton of Presque Isle and Goldie Scott of Wellington; ten grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her grandmother, Josephine London; her sister, Sally; and a stepson.

A celebration of Tinna's life will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2016, at the Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service Center, 34 High Street, Newport, with the Rev. Rick Parker officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 12 noon until the start of the services at 1 p.m. Burial will be in the Crowell Cemetery, Exeter, Maine. To sign an online guest book and leave written tributes, please visit: [www.PhilipBrownFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhilipBrownFuneralHome.com).

## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of  
**FRED ALBERT KENNEY SR.**  
May 04, 1966 - Feb 24, 2015



HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY  
FREDZ

What a party you must be having with Mami and PaPa And GOD in Heaven.. Evertime a Peterbilt goes by or I see a Red 1970 Chevelle, I remember all our times together..I Cry and smile. BUT it is SO hard.Miss you So much!! You will always be in our hearts. Mom, Dad, Fred Jr.

In Loving Memory Of  
**MAYNARD MERRITT**  
Sep 07, 1951 - May 04, 2015



It has been 1 year since we lost you. We love and miss you so much. Very thankful for all the memories you have left us with. Love your sisters, brother and families.



**IRENE V. LACROIX HENDERSON**

**WEST ENFIELD** - Irene V. LaCroix Henderson, 93, passed away February 12, 2016, at Penobscot Valley Hospital. She was born June 14, 1922, in St. Agatha, the daughter of Arthur and Victoria LaCroix. She married John Henderson.

Irene was predeceased by her parents; her husband, John; her daughter, Dorann Grant; a sister, Jeanette Brown; and a brother, Gerald LaCroix. She is survived by a sister, Frances Littlefield; her son, Robert and his wife, Ann; her daughter, Pamela Hatch and her husband, Paul, and James Grant, whom she loved like a son; six grandchildren, Jonathan Grant and wife Lorraine, John Henderson, April Osgood and husband, Mark, Jamie Grant and wife, Fran, Paula and Victoria Hatch; six great-grandchildren, Kristina Ford and husband, David, Kassandra Grant, Alexis Green and husband, Stephen, Destiny Osgood, James Osgood and Hannah Hatch; six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and dear friend, Willa Jipson.

Graveside services will be held 11 am Saturday, May 14 at St Matthew Cemetery, West Enfield. A luncheon will follow at Ammadamast Grange Hall, Enfield. Condolences may be expressed at [www.clayfuneralhome.com](http://www.clayfuneralhome.com).

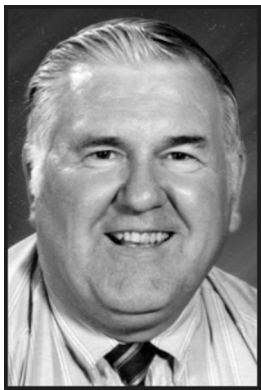
## MICHAEL SKONIECZNY

**CARIBOU** - Michael Skonieczny, 89, well known area farmer and potato grower, passed away May 2, 2016. He was born in Bridgehampton, NY, October 1926, the son of the late Michael J. and Eva (Mezynieski) Skonieczny.

He was a graduate of Bridgehampton High School and married Theresa Houdakovich, November 25, 1951. Michael was a self-employed farmer and seed grower, having farmed on the East Presque Isle Road for many years. He was a devoted member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church and a former member of the Caribou Lions Club.

Surviving in addition to his wife of over 64 years, Theresa, are his son, Stephen Skonieczny and Karen Kirchner of Caribou; daughters and sons-in-law, Lorraine and Steven Wilson, Janis and Carl Gallagher all of Caribou, Karen and Jeffrey Perkins of Mapleton; a sister, Rea Falkowski of Bridgehampton, NY; six grandchildren, Carrie Ann Winslow, Chris Wilson, Michael and Nicholas Libby, Ryan and Kyle St. Peter; six great-grandchildren, Malacki and Kendzie Winslow, Landon and Lillianah Wilson, Arya and Arthur Libby; many beloved nieces and nephews. Mr. Skonieczny was predeceased by brothers, John and Jerry and sisters, Jean, Hattie, and Mary.

Friends may call at the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, from 6-8pm Friday, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11am Saturday, May 7, 2016 from the Parish of the Precious Blood Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Interment will be in the New Holy Rosary Cemetery, Caribou. Following the services all are invited to a time of continued fellowship and refreshments at the parish hall. Friends who wish to contribute in Michael's memory may do so through the Holy Rosary Catholic Church Memorial Fund. [www.mocklerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mocklerfuneralhome.com)



**CHESTER "CHET" WALTER HUBBARD**

**PITTSFIELD** - Chester "Chet" Walter Hubbard died peacefully at Seabasticook Valley Hospital surrounded by family and friends May 1, 2016. He made the decision to not continue his six month fight against congestive heart failure as his prognosis for the future was very poor. Our sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses, and staff at the hospital for making Chet's passing as pain free and comfortable as possible. Chet was 68 years old.

Mr. Hubbard was a committed teacher, coach, student advocate, mentor, and principal for nearly 40 years. He loved to work at rural schools and especially with at risk kids. He devoted his entire working career and a significant portion of his personal life to educate, guide and mentor kids to "become the best you can be." His players, students, peers and colleagues will recall the many mantras, mottos and "pearls of wisdom" that he would repeat endlessly. Many began to call them "Hubbardisms," a term in which he secretly took pride. He was passionate about education and co-curricular activities and fought tirelessly to give kids in small schools the same opportunities and experiences available at larger ones.

Chet was an active athlete from his school days until the last 15 years when his body would no longer allow him to play at the level at which he wished to compete. For many years he spent his summers playing softball all over the northeast even competing in the 1985 Men's Softball Nationals in Atlanta, GA. He was also a regular fixture at the Maine High School basketball tournaments in both Bangor and Augusta, whether a team he was coaching was participating or not. He loved to visit with old students, parents and players at the tournaments and it was the high point of his winters.

Dad valued friends and family and loved to visit for many hours on weekends and summer evenings talking with people. It seemed that no matter where we went as a family, someone would recognize him and strike up a conversation. In Boston at Fenway Park or Washington D.C. at the Smithsonian, someone would see him and the stories would begin.

Chet leaves behind his loving wife of 46 years, Patricia F. Hubbard of Newport; his son William E. Hubbard and his wife, Sabbath A. of Norridgewock and their three sons Kenikki, Dallas and Trey Hutchinson; his son-in-law Chris Kelley of Morrill, grandson Christopher and granddaughter, Kaitlyn;

sister Carlie Towle of Londonderry, NH; niece Lorreen Towle of Malden, MA; niece Carla and husband Steve Allen of Littleton, NH, niece Denise and husband Paul Davidson of Eastbrookeville, MA; niece Tressa and her husband Bob Tarbares of Sacramento, CA; sister-in-law Sue Hubbard of St. Albans; niece Alice Hewins of Hartland; niece Karla and husband Jaime Sisco of Hartland. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Arvella Jones of Palmyra; sister-in-law Glorine Jones of Palmyra; sister-in-law Hazel and her husband Bob Garofoli of Camden; sister-in-law Eldora and her husband Winston Burns of Delaware; sister-in-law Charlene and her husband Dan McConkie of Utah; brother-in-law Charlie and wife Arlene Jones of Palmyra; brother-in-law Mike and wife Becky Jones of Newport; lifelong family friends, Rose, Lee and Hollee Hutchinson, as well as hundreds of students, former teammates, colleagues, friends and acquaintances. He will be missed by so many.

He was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Ina Hubbard, sisters Edrie Hall, Ruth Hubbard, and brother Mel Hubbard.

The Hubbard family wants to thank all the doctors, nurses and staff of the Seabasticook Valley Hospital in Pittsfield for their caring support over the last few years and especially for his last days. A special thank you to all the family members, friends and people who offered prayers, support and encouragement during Chet's illness.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2016, at the Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, 191 Hartland Avenue, Pittsfield. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 7, at the funeral home. A committal will immediately follow at the Pine Grove Cemetery, Route 152, in Hartland. There will be a Celebration of Life gathering in the cafeteria at the Hartland Consolidated School, 62 Elm Street in Hartland, following the committal and all are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, Chet asked that donations be made to "Chet the Jet Kids Club" to support the education of his grandchildren. Donations may be made out and mailed to Will Hubbard, 4 AJ Drive, Norridgewock, Maine, 04957.

To leave a message of kindness for the family, please visit [www.shorey-nichols.com](http://www.shorey-nichols.com)

Care for the Hubbard family has been provided by Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, Pittsfield.



**STEVEN WAYNE JEWETT**

**LIBERTY** - Steven Wayne Jewett, 76, passed away peacefully on May 1st 2016 at his residence with his loving family by his side. He was born in Liberty ME on May 29th, 1939 to Forrest and Lyndia (Fuller) Jewett Sr. He felt fortunate to have raised his family and spent most of his life in Liberty.

Steven was a 1957 graduate of the Walker School where he excelled as a basketball and baseball player along with the other activities. After a short stint in College in Gorham ME exploring the possibility of becoming a Phys. Ed. Teacher, he married his high school sweetheart Janice Rhodes. After a brief move to Massachusetts they returned to Liberty to purchase the farm that became the center of their family life.

Steve was an early riser and enjoyed farm life and the tasks that came with it such as cutting wood, haying, taking care of his cows and fences. He was a hard working man who enjoyed being involved in the community. He sold Christmas trees in Augusta for over 23 years and looked forward to seeing his repeat customers every season.

He is predeceased by his parents; six siblings and his son Mathew S. Jewett. Steve is survived by his wife of 55 years, Janice Rhodes of Liberty; his children, Duane Jewett and wife Kimberly, Camilla Jewett, Darrell Jewett and wife Coleen, all of Liberty; Nathan Jewett and wife Elayna of Connecticut, and daughter-in-law Gale Light of Jefferson; sister Ernestine Hooper and husband Earnest of Washington; sisters-in-law Beverly of Jefferson and Marilyn of Liberty and Florida; Grandchildren Rachel (and husband Shane Pezzullo), Erica (and fiance Joel Hill), Abby, Manda (and husband Dan Cushman), Gavin, Sonoma and Tonika and great grandchildren Kale and Oliver; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and friend are invited to call at Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave. Belfast from 4-6 pm Wednesday May 4th, 2016. A celebration of life will be held at 4 pm, on Thursday May 5th at Liberty Community Hall. Those who wish may make donations in Steve's memory to Waldo County Hospice. The family would like to acknowledge and thank the many caregivers who assisted Steve and provided comfort for him and his family over the last few months of his life.

Memories and condolences may be offered to the family at [www.ripostafh.com](http://www.ripostafh.com)

# Mother of Tupac Shakur dies

BY EMILY LANGER  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Afeni Shakur, a onetime Black Panther who guarded the legacy of her son, the perennially popular and controversial "gangsta" rapper Tupac Shakur, after his drive-by shooting death in 1996, died May 2 at a hospital near her home in Sausalito, California. She was 69.

Her death was announced by the Marin County Sheriff's Office, which said deputies went to her home after a report of possible cardiac arrest. A coroner will determine the cause of death.

Shakur gave birth to her son in 1971, a month after she and a dozen other members of the Black Panther black nationalist group were acquitted in New York on charges of conspiring to kill police officers and bomb police stations and department stores. She had spent a portion of her pregnancy in jail and represented herself in the high-profile legal proceedings that carried her briefly to national attention.

After the trial, Shakur worked as a paralegal before descending into drug addiction. Drugs brought her to "the pit of the garbage can," she once told The Washington Post, "underneath the corroded bottom of the garbage can, where only the maggots live."

She raised Tupac and his half-sister, Sekyiwa, in the Bronx, and then in Baltimore and Marin County, enrolling her son in arts schools and programs. The rapper recalled his upbringing in his 1995 platinum single "Dear Mama," written while Shakur was undergoing treatment for drug addiction:

And even as a crack fiend,  
Mama

You always was a black queen,  
Mama

I finally understand  
For a woman it ain't easy  
trying to raise a man

You always was committed

A poor single mother on welfare,  
tell me how ya did it  
There's no way I can pay you back

But the plan is to show you that I understand

You are appreciated

The song was entered into the Library of Congress's National Recording Registry and was described as a "moving and eloquent homage to both (Tupac Shakur's) own mother and all mothers struggling to maintain a family in the face of addiction, poverty and societal indifference."

Shakur said that the song had "done wonders for me and my spirit."

# Police ID man who died in Turner crash

BY RYAN MCLAUGHLIN  
BDN STAFF

**TURNER** — One man was killed and another injured Monday afternoon in a crash on Route 219, according to the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office.

Christopher Tibbetts, 27, of Chesterville was declared dead at the scene, according to a news release from the sheriff's office.

The crash occurred around 4:30 p.m. Monday, the statement said. Tibbetts was traveling east when he lost control of the vehicle and collided with a west-bound pickup driven by James Wetherell, 30, of Minot.

Tibbetts was not wearing a seat belt, the statement said. Neither vehicle was carrying passengers.

Wetherell was brought to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston for treatment and later was released.

The crash remains under investigation.

# Baby dies in crash on Turnpike

CBS 13

**WELLS** — A baby died Monday afternoon in a one-car crash on the Maine Turnpike in Wells, according to Maine State Police.

The victim was identified as 11-month-old Reece Degen of Sanford. The girl's mother, 21-year-old Brianna Degen of Sanford, was the front-seat passenger in the car. The driver was 22-year-

old Alyssa Cray of Sanford. Both women were taken to Maine Medical Center in Portland with multiple injuries.

Cray's two children, 4-month-old Connor Cray and 3-year-old Alexandria Cray, also were taken to Maine Medical Center with minor injuries.

Conner was in a child safety seat, and Alexandria was wearing a seat belt. The

child who died also was in a child safety seat in the back seat and suffered fatal head injuries. She died shortly after arrival at York Hospital.

The crash took place in heavy rain. Cray lost control of the car, which struck guardrails and then came to rest along the treeline beside the highway.

The crash remains under investigation.

# Elderly couple found dead in Machiasport

BY JOHANNA S. BILLINGS  
BDN STAFF

**MACHIASPORT** — Police say they believe the deaths of an elderly couple found Monday were "the result of an accident inside the home."

"Deputy sheriffs have uncovered nothing suspicious in their initial investigation" into the deaths of Donald Dill, 84, and his wife, Mary Dill, 90, accord-

ing to a news release issued Tuesday by Chief Deputy Michael Crabtree.

Crabtree would not say what kind of accident or elaborate on the potential cause of death.

At about 9:35 a.m. May 2, a man called 911 to report he had entered his parents' home at 295 East Side Road in Machiasport and found them both dead, according to the news release.

Emergency responders and sheriff's deputies were called to the scene and confirmed that both Dills were dead, Crabtree said.

"The medical examiner's office will be conducting an autopsy to help determine manner and cause of death," the chief deputy said in the release. "No further information will be released until the medical examiner's office completes [its] investigation."

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