

# OBITUARIES



W. MAXINE GRAVES

BANGOR AND PRESQUE ISLE - Wilma Maxine Graves, 88, daughter of Earl P. Ware and Madeline H. Blake Ware, died peacefully on May 27, 2016 at the Sylvia Ross Home in Bangor surrounded by loving family. Maxine was born in Bangor, Maine on June 20, 1927. Her mother died soon after Maxine's birth, and she was raised in Passadumkeag, Maine, by her father and stepmother, Pauline Cummings Ware.

Maxine graduated from Lee Academy in 1945 and received her RN degree from Eastern Maine General School of Nursing in Bangor in 1948. She also trained at Boston Lying-In Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital.

She was married to Sidney K. Graves on July 10, 1949 and moved to her husband's home town of Presque Isle where Sid operated the family business, Graves Funeral Home, until 1982. In many ways Maxine was an unofficial partner in the business and was proud to have completed a course of study in the Professional Assistant Program at New England Institute of Applied Arts and Science in Boston.

Maxine raised three children in Presque Isle and was active in the Presque Isle Congregational Church, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and many charitable causes. Her home, family and church were at the center of her life. Sid and Maxine lived next to the family business from the early years of their marriage until Sid's retirement, when they moved to nearby Hanson Lake, building a long-desired log home. They moved to Bangor in 1989 to be close to family and some special lifelong friends. Maxine loved to ski with her family, and in later years she and Sid cross-country skied every chance they had. She was an avid reader. Maxine loved the water and surprised her family by teaching herself to water ski at the family camp at Portage Lake.



DALAS J. BURGESS (IKE)

BANGOR - Dalas J. Burgess (Ike) passed away at his Bangor home on Sunday, May 29th. He was born January 27, 1933 in Orono, son of Richard and Irene (Gonyer) Burgess.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Burgess and 5 Children and their spouses, Irene and Joe Cassidy, Rose and Bruce King, Henry and Donna Burgess, Donna and Jerry Stanhope, Harvey and Crystal Burgess. He is also survived by a sister, Catherine Dekowski; sister-in-law, Donna and husband Jim Dumont; and a sister-in-law, Bea Burns. He has several nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his 5 brothers and a sister, along with 2 sons, Laurence and Richard Burgess; 1 grandchild, Jonathan Burgess; and a great grandson, Tripp Burgess.

Ike worked as a farmer in his early years and later was self-employed as a tractor fixing foundations, jack-ing camps, and leveling old Barns.

A family service will be held at his home in Bangor for immediate family and close friends on Thursday, June 2 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish, may make a memorial contribution to the Burgess family by sending it to 81 Sidney Street, Bangor, Maine 04401



FRANCENA WILMA PHILBRICK

GLENBURN - Francena Wilma Philbrick, 90, the wife of the late Harold P. Philbrick, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 29, 2016 at a Bangor hospital. She was born in Andover, N.B., Canada, June 26, 1925, the daughter of Ernest and Bridgette (O'Connor) Morrell.

She had been employed as a cashier at Fernald's Market in Corinna and later worked at M.S.A.D. # 64 in food Service.

She is survived by two daughters, Sheila and her husband Bob Phelps of Oklahoma and Carla Proctor of Pittsfield; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; a daughter-in-law, Mona-Jean Philbrick; a son-in-law, Dean Grant and a sister-in-law, Gail Wilson. She will be missed by all her special friends at Sunny Gable's, especially George and Adine Frost and Ethelyn Ellis. Francena was predeceased by a daughter, Greta Grant and a son, Ernest Philbrick; her step father, Melvin Wilson; two brothers, Sterling "Beaver" Wilson, Melvin Wilson; and a sister, Alice Mills.

Friends may call at the Thompson Funeral Home, 17 Hudson Road, Corinth, Wednesday, June 1, 2016 from 1 PM until time of services at 2 PM. with Skyler Burrill and Dalton Dunfee officiating. Burial will be in the Corinthian Cemetery, Corinth.

## Death Notices

**BURGESS, Dalas J. (Ike)**, Bangor; at Bangor, May 29, 2016. Service 4 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 2016.

**CROMAN, Stephen C.**, 69, Baileyville, May 28, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Sunday, June 5, 2016 at Woodland Cemetery, Baileyville. Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

**DORITY, Ronald Erland**, Mariaville, May 27, 2016.

**GRAVES, W. Maxine**, 88, Bangor and Presque Isle; at Bangor, May 27, 2016. Service 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**KINGSBURY, Jerry L.**, 84, Mars Hill; at Presque Isle, May 24, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2016 at East Ridge Union Church, Mars Hill. Duncan-Graves Funeral Home.

**MCGLAUFILN, Marie Leona (Rouse)**, 91, Bangor; at Dover-Foxcroft, May 26, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**OSBERG, Priscilla June**, 91, Orono, May 25, 2016. Birmingham Funeral Home.

**PHILBRICK, Francena Wilma**, 90, Glenburn; at Bangor, May 29, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at Thompson Funeral Home, 17 Hudson Rd., Corinth.

**RYAN, Timothy C. (Tim)**, 60, Bangor and Island Falls; at Bangor, May 27, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at Bowers Funeral Home, Sherman St., Island Falls.

**SIROIS, Mary E.**, 97, New Sweden; at Camden, May 26, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at the New Sweden Baptist Church. Mockler Funeral Home.



RONALD ERLAND DORITY

MARIAVILLE - Ronald E. Dority passed away peacefully from Alzheimer's complications

May 27, 2016. He was born July 6, 1937 to Erland E. Dority and Verna MacLeod Dority.

He was a lifelong resident of Mariaville, Maine. Ron graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1956. After high school he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. He served four years during which time he served in Korea, Japan, Okinawa, and Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, Texas.

Upon returning to Maine, Ron served in the Maine Air National Guard in Bangor beginning in 1961 to 1963 and then worked full time for the Bangor ANG until his retirement in 1997. Many of his years he was crew chief on KC135 refueling aircraft and retired as Master Sergeant.

Ron also served as the Mariaville plumbing inspector for forty years. During this time he also served on the Mariaville School Board for 17 years, many of those years as chairman and was the town Health Officer.

Ron loved farming and maintained his small family farm until his illness. He also possessed a great gift for mechanical problem solving and ran a saw mill on his property that provided lumber to many in the area.

Ronald is survived by Mary (ne Covington), his wife and help-mate of 56 years; his sons, Kenneth (Lynn) and daughter London of Dallas, TX; Michael (Muriel) and children Paul and Evelyn, of Ann Arbor, MI; and Allan (Becky) of Newport, NH survive him as well. He is also survived by his sister, Cynthia O'Neill (Don) of Bar Harbor.

A small memorial service was held at Togus VA hospital on Friday. No further funeral services are planned. The Dority family would like to express their profound appreciation to the dedicated staff of the Alzheimer's Care and Hospice Units of the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta, where he had received care for his last two months.

Those who wish may make donations in lieu of flowers to Mariaville Volunteer Fire Department, 2171 Mariaville Road, Mariaville, Maine 04605 or the Hospice and Palliative Care Unit, Togus VAMC, 1 VA Center, Augusta, ME, 04330.

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JERRY L. KINGSBURY

MARS HILL - Jerry Lee Kingsbury, 84, passed away May 24, 2016 at The Aroostook Medical Center

in Presque Isle. He was born May 10, 1932 in Winslow, the son of Leonard and Purtis (Caldwell) Kingsbury.

After completing his enlistment in the U.S. Air Force, Jerry worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in Hartford, CT for 32 years as an experimental engineer. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and hiking with his family. Jerry loved carpentry and woodworking and built several homes during his lifetime, including his retirement home in Mars Hill. He and his wife Donna moved to Mars Hill permanently in 2007 after many years of commuting back and forth from their home in Ellsworth. He was also a member of the American Legion in Mars Hill.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Donna (Beem) Kingsbury of Mars Hill; his son, Gary of Bradford; and two daughters, Patti Rittlinger and her husband Daniel of Monson, MA, and Elaine Kingsbury of East Hartford CT. He was blessed with six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday June 4, 2016 at East Ridge Union Church in Mars Hill with Pastor Lawrence Beals officiating. Visiting hours are between 1 - 2 p.m. on Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's memory to The Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., 7th Floor New York, NY 10001 (online at <http://Alzfdn.org>) or to the East Ridge Union Church P.O. Box 45 Mars Hill, ME 04758. Interment with military honors will be at 11 a.m. Monday June 6, 2016 at the Northern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Caribou. Online condolences may be shared at

[www.duncan-graves.com](http://www.duncan-graves.com)



STEPHEN C. CROMAN

BAILEYVILLE - Stephen "Steve" Carl Croman, 69, passed away following a courageous

battle with cancer on Saturday, May 28, 2016 surrounded by his family. Steve was born in Muncy, PA, son of the late Donald and Ruth (Sheets) Croman.

At the age of 3 his family moved to Maine and he graduated from Woodland High School, Class of 1965. Steve enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as a Green Beret with the 1st Special Forces Group HALO Team during the Vietnam War. Following his service, he returned home and earned his degree in Forestry in Frederickton, NB. On May 28, 1976, he married his love, Linda West. Steve worked for Georgia Pacific for 24 years, and then for Murray LaPlante and Sons until 2009, when he was forced to retire due to his illness. He was an avid outdoorsman and trapping was his passion. Steve was a member of the Maine Trappers Assoc., DownEast Trappers Assoc., National Professional Foresters, and was a Master Maine Guide. Steve couldn't wait until fall to go to his camp in Tomah to get his trapping line out before Rick Crowe! Although the outdoors was his life, his most cherished moments were those spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Ronald and Gary Croman; and his canine buddy Hunter. Surviving are his loving wife of 40 years, Linda Croman of Baileyville; his daughter Stacey "Tus-n-Much" Connolly and her husband Glenn of Baileyville; two granddaughters, his trapping buddy Shelby "Shelboo" Connolly and her fiancé Mark Prenier of Baileyville, and his adventure buddy, Lily Connolly of Baileyville; a great-grandson, his "Best Buds", Stephen Prenier; a sister lone Campbell and husband Don of Belgrade; sister-in-law Connie Croman of Baileyville; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Skip and Joan West of Kelso, WA; many nieces and nephews; many memories with his nephews Dale, Jason, Craig, Wayne, Carl and Stephen; his two canine companions, Homer and Cody; and four feline companions, Aza, Poops, Kitten and Trouble.

A celebration of Stephen's life will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, June 5, 2016 at Woodland Cemetery in Baileyville. Casual dress only or trapping attire optional. Following the service, a gathering will be held at the Princeton Rod & Gun Club. Donations in Stephen's memory may be made to either the Princeton Rod & Gun Club, PO Box 154, Princeton, ME 04668, or the DownEast Trappers Assoc. Scholarship Fund, c/o Rick Crowe, PO Box 727, Princeton, ME 04668. Arrangements by Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport. Condolences and memories may be shared at

[www.maysfuneralhome.com](http://www.maysfuneralhome.com)



MARY E. SIROIS

NEW SWEDEN - Mary E. Sirois, 97, passed away May 26, 2016 at Camden, where she had been residing with her youngest daughter Gloria and her husband Patrick. She was born in Caribou, August 6, 1918 the daughter of the late Fred and Elizabeth (Bacon) Dickinson.

Mrs. Sirois was a long-time resident of New Sweden and was last year's recipient of the New Sweden Golden Cane, given to the oldest resident. She attended the New Sweden Baptist Church. Mary enjoyed crossword puzzles, playing cards with her kids and especially loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her five children, Warren Sirois of Presque Isle, Patricia Williams of Woodland, Wanda Kane of Saco, Robert Sirois of Acton and Gloria Ouillette and husband Patrick of Camden; eight grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Sirois was predeceased by her husband, Walter.

Friends may call at the New Sweden Baptist Church Wednesday June 1, 2016 from 10:00am until time of funeral services which will be held at 11:00am with Rev. Chris Hern, officiating. Interment will be in the New Sweden Cemetery. Following the services all are invited to a time of continued fellowship and refreshments at the church dining hall. Arrangements by the Mockler Funeral Home 24 Reservoir Street Caribou.

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TIMOTHY C. (TIM) RYAN

BANGOR AND ISLAND FALLS - Timothy C. (Tim)

Ryan, 60, of Bangor and Island Falls died at his home May 27th 2016 in Bangor. He was born July 11, 1955 in Island Falls, the son of Clement (Tim) and Louella (MacKenzie) Ryan.

He is a veteran of the US Air Force and the Army and Air Force National Guard and was a longtime employee of Dysarts Transportation in Hermon. Tim loved anything with loud noise, spinning tires and lots of horsepower, but he especially loved children.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Pam (Russell) Ryan of Bangor and two stepsons, Patrick York and Jeremy York and his fiance Monica Noyes all of Crystal; one sister, Judy Porter of Houlton; and one brother, Tony Ryan of Bangor; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and many cousins. He was predeceased by his parents and one brother-in-law, Pete Porter.

Friends may call from 11 to 1 p.m. Wednesday June 1st at Bowers Funeral Home on Sherman Street in Island Falls where a funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. with Father David Raymond officiating. Interment will be in St. Agnes Cemetery Island Falls. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Cancer Care Center, 33 Whiting Hill Rd., Brewer, Maine 04412.

## Mike Barnett of The Lettermen dies

REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — Mike Barnett, a founder of hit vocal group The Lettermen, died Friday at his home in Camarillo, California, after suffering from heart problems. He was 89.

Born Roy Barnett in Oakland, California, he began singing and dancing in Las Vegas shortly after world War II. He was cast in the chorus as well as specialty spots in many shows in hotel casinos and backed female headliners like Ann Southern. He used the name Mike Barnett professionally.

After finding a male vocal trio that his wife Elaine dubbed The Lettermen in 1957, the group worked for 13 weeks in comedy writer Sid Kuller's Jewish spoof of the great Broadway hit show "My Fair Lady" and called it "My Fairfax Lady" at Billy Gray's Bandbox. They later worked in a second Kuller parody of the movie "Baby Doll," in the same theater.

By August of 1957, after the last revue closed, Barnett set out to re-establish his group so he called upon two solo singers in Hollywood, an Oakland

High School friend Dick Stewart and Tony Butala.

The Lettermen opened in 1958 at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, as a headlining act in a record-breaking revue entitled "Newcomers of 1928" which starred Paul Whitman, Buster Keaton, Rudy Vallee, Harry Richman, Fifi D'orsay and Billy Gilbert.

A few months later, Barnett left the group to become a lighting director for movies and television, earning an Emmy award for best lighting in 1979, for the TV special "You Can't Take it With You," starring Art Carney and Jean Stapleton.