

OBITUARIES



EDMUND MACMILLAN "NED" SHEPPARD

ORONO - Edmund M. Sheppard, 82, died June 5, 2016, after a short illness. He was born December 21, 1933 in New Rochelle, New York, the son of Harry Stevenson and Katherine (Loveland) Sheppard.

Ned graduated from University of Miami in 1956 with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, and a Master's degree from MIT in 1958. While at MIT he married Martha Elizabeth Wight, with whom he celebrated 58 years of marriage last October. Following their time in Boston, they moved to West Lafayette, Indiana where Ned received a PhD from Purdue University in 1962.

Ned moved his young family to Orono in the summer of 1962 when he joined the Electrical Engineering faculty at the University of Maine. His career included a sabbatical in 1967 to RCA in Princeton, New Jersey to work on satellite communication systems. In 1973 he was the moving force behind a Kellogg Foundation grant used to establish a clinical engineering laboratory, a precursor to biomedical engineering, to work with Maine hospitals in the purchase, maintenance and training with the high-tech equipment introduced in that era. Ned also spent a year working for the Mitre Corporation in Bedford, Massachusetts with communication systems, extending that sabbatical effort by working part-time for Mitre to oversee the implementation of the Back-Scatter Radar system in Moscow, Deblois, and Bangor Maine. A devoted teacher, he was most proud of his students and deeply committed to them. He established an internship program for students with Mitre and created a scholarship for them. Toward the end of his career, he served as the faculty representative to the University of Maine Board of Trustees for several years, a position he found both frustrating and rewarding.

Ned was a skilled woodworker and spent many happy hours in his workshop building furniture, tools and cabinets, as well as toys for his grandchildren. Favorite projects included building the family camp, guest cabin

and storage building on Pleasant River Lake - projects that involved the whole family. Little gave him more satisfaction than watching his family work there together. He loved to camp and fish and took the family on many camping trips in the northeast and Canada. Later trips included fly-in fishing and wilderness canoe trips. Exploring family genealogy gave him great joy. He loved to travel and following his retirement in 1997, he and Martha traveled all over the world. Moving into Dirigo Pines in 2003, he enjoyed making new friends there, learning about their lives and sharing his. He cared deeply both about the service he gave and the people in his life. He was always there for his colleagues, friends and family, to listen or lend a hand. He was a well read and a deeply thoughtful man, a reliable friend and had great personal bravery and endurance.

Ned was predeceased by his daughter, Elizabeth Katherine Sheppard in 2013. He is survived by his wife, Martha Wight; his son Stevenson Wight Sheppard; son-in-law Richard Bevins; grandchildren Stevenson Martin Whitaker, Katherine MacMillan Whitaker, Samuel Lello Sheppard, Joseph Edmund Sheppard; and step-granddaughter Sydney Bevins.

A memorial service will be held 11 am Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 French Street, Bangor with the Rev. Canon Marguerite A.H. Steadman, rector, officiating. A reception will immediately follow the service in the church vestry Tuesday. Private family interment will be at Riverside Cemetery, Orono following the reception.

For those who wish to remember Ned in a special way, the family suggests considering a gift to the Edmund M. Sheppard Scholarship at the University of Maine Foundation, Buchanan Alumni House, Two Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469-5792, or to the Orono Public Library, 39 Pine St., Orono, ME 04473. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

JOHN A. STOCKBRIDGE

CARMEL - John Stockbridge, 41, went to be with the Lord June 11, 2016 at his residence. He was born July 23, 1974 in Waterville, a son of John and Jane (Otis) Stockbridge, Sr.

John graduated from Maine Central Institute and received 2 Associates Degrees from Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor. He owned and operated EC Cycles in Palmyra for over 16 years. Although known as a hard worker, he also enjoyed hunting and fishing. John was a wonderful husband, devoted father and enjoyed spending time with his extended family. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Newport.

John is survived by his wife of 11 years, Shawna (Bowers) Stockbridge; 2 sons, John E. and Jackson E.; 2 sisters, Jill and husband Wayne Miller, Dori and husband Rodney Bane; 3 foster brothers, Terry Lee and wife Kathy Kennedy, Andy and Brian Kennedy; his foster parents, Terry and Maggie Kennedy; and his mother and father-in-law, Clayton and Suzan Bowers.

A celebration of his life will begin at 11 A.M. Friday, June 17th at the family home, 178 Cook Road, Carmel, with Pastor Keith Hamel conducting a time of remembrance. A pot luck supper will follow.

Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal, Newport.

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WILLIAM H. THIBODEAU

CARMEL - William Harvey Thibodeau, 77, died June 13, 2016 at his residence. He was born March 23, 1939 in Pascoag, Rhode Island, a son of William Howard and Clara (Ducharme) Thibodeau.

William served in the United States Air Force during the Cold War. Bill worked as a machinist at Fayscott Co. in Dexter and at McKinney Tool and Dye in Corinna.

William is survived by his wife, Adrienne (Lemoine) Thibodeau of Carmel; 3 children, Stephen and wife Trudy Travers of FL, Keith and wife Danielle Travers and Robin and husband Scott Woodard, all of Carmel; 13 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 2 brothers, Warner "Sam" and Robert Thibodeau.

Graveside committal services will be held at 11 A.M. Monday, June 20, 2016 at the Highland Cemetery, Carmel. Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal, Newport.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 51 U. S. Route 1, Suite M, Scarborough, ME 04074.

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Death Notices

ANDERSON, John R., 32, Jan. 30, 2016. Service 1:00pm, Saturday, Jun. 18, 2016, Stockholm Cemetery. Mockler Funeral Home, Caribou.

BLAKE, Diana P., 58, Belfast, June 7, 2016. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

CHRISTENSEN, Michael F., 48,Machias, June 11, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

CLEMENTS, Richard 'Dick' Paul, 85, Newburgh; at Bangor, June 11, 2016.

DAVIS, Joel, 89, Blue Hill, June 9, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

DONOVAN, Eva M., 88, Caswell & Limestone, Jun. 12, 2016. Service Friday, June 17, 2016 1:00 p.m., United Baptist Church, 74 High Street, Caribou. Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main Street, Fort Fairfield.

DOUCETTE, Ruth L., 86, Fort Fairfield, Jun. 12, 2016. Service 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, Jun. 15, 2016, Parish of the Precious Blood, St. Denis Catholic Church, 147 Main Street, Fort Fairfield. Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main Street, Fort Fairfield.

DUDLEY, Merle H., 86, Jun. 10, 2016. Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home, Machias.

ELLER, Mark A., 68, Appleton, June 9, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

FERRY,JR., Dwight W., 84, Baring Plantation, June 9, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

FLAHERTY, Charlotte E., 88, Washington, June 10, 2016. Service at West Rockport Baptist Church, Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 10am. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

JORDAN, Yolanda L. Jordan, 66, Norway, June 9, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

LANDRY, Erma M., Bangor & Brewer, May 31, 2016. Service Jun. 18, 2016, 11 AM, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Teresa's Catholic Church, Brewer.

MEADER, Carolyn B., 85, Bar Harbor & Northeast Harbor, Jan. 2, 2016. Services 10:00AM, Friday, Jun. 17, 2016, Forest Hill Cemetery, Northeast Harbor. Jordan-Fernald, 1139 Main St., Mt. Desert.

MOORE, Elizabeth "Libby" (Campbell), 84, Brewer, Jun. 12, 2016. Service 11 am. Friday, Jun. 17, 2016, St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 531 North Main St., Brewer. Brookings Smith, Bangor.

MURPHY, Joseph Jeffery, 23, Jun. 11, 2016. Service 10 AM, Friday, Jun. 17, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor.

NAU, Catherine L., 59, Cushing, June 8, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

SCRIBNER, Carl, 82, Alexander, Service 2 p.m., Saturday, Jun. 18, 2016, Alexander Cemetery, Alexander. Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

SCRIBNER, Margo, 76, Alexander. Service 2 p.m., Saturday, Jun. 18, 2016, Alexander Cemetery, Alexander. Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

SHEPPARD, Edmund M., 82, Orono, Jun. 5, 2016. Service 11 am, Tuesday, Jun. 21, 2016, St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 French Street, Bangor. Brookings Smith, Bangor.

STOCKBRIDGE, John A., 41, Carmel, June 11, 2016. Service 11 A.M. Friday, Jun. 17, 2016,at the family home, 178 Cook Road, Carmel. Crosby & Neal, Newport.

THIBODEAU, William Harvey, 77, Carmel, Jun. 13, 2016. Service 11 A.M., Monday, Jun. 20, 2016, Highland Cemetery, Carmel. Crosby & Neal, Newport.

TULLY, Francis, 94, Bar Harbor, Jun.12, 2016. Service 9:00 am, Jun., 15, 2016, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ellsworth. Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St. Ellsworth.



JOSEPH JEFFERY MURPHY

ORRINGTON - Joseph Jeffery Murphy, 23, of Orrington, passed away suddenly on June 11, 2016. A devoted son, brother, uncle and grandson, Joe graduated from Brewer High School in 2012 and went on to become a motor transport operator in the Army National Guard from 2012 to 2015 as a Specialist E4.

After basic training he attended Beal College where his favorite slogan was "D's Gets Degrees!" He graduated with his associates degree in welding technology in 2014, and went on to work at Trans Tech as a welder. Joe was an avid outdoors man who enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding motorcycles, ATV's, snowmobiles, had a passion for videography, and most of all spending time with friends and family. He will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, award winning smile, and willingness to help others. Joe was an inspiration to all those around him and will never be forgotten.

Joe was born in Bangor, Maine on February 11, 1993 to Kathy Brown and Brian Murphy. Joe is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Joseph and Christina Murphy of Brewer and his cousin Eric Foss of Waterville. He is survived by his mother Katharine "Kathy" Brown, his brother James Graham II, sister-in-law Sarah and his beloved



nephew and niece James and Quinn; his maternal grandparents and best friends Margaret and Melvin Brown, aunts, uncles and cousins, Debbie Daigle and her children Michael, Seth, and Hannah, Peter and Peggy Brown and their children Samantha, Shelby, Sidney, and Parker, Jeff and Naomi Brown and their children Ryan, Ciera, and Ben. His father Brian Murphy and fiancé Brenda Sampson and his brother Noah; aunts and uncles, Connie and Glen Foss, Bob and Brenda Murphy, Mike and Rhonda Murphy, Anne and Jeff Bean, Mary Jo and Rick Bernardo and was greatly loved by many cousins. Joe was greatly influenced and loved by his step-father Kendall Seavey and will never be forgotten by friends to innumerable to mention.

Friends are welcome to call from 5-8 PM, Thursday, June 16, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor, where funeral services will be held 10 AM, Friday, June 17, with Rev. Carl Schreiber. Pastor of the East Orrington Congregational Church, officiating. Interment will be following the service at Oak Hill Cemetery, Orrington.

Gifts in Joe's memory may be sent to the Maine Youth Fish and Game Association, P.O. Box 337, Stillwater, ME 04489. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.



ERMA M LANDRY

BREWER & BANGOR -On May 31st Erma Marie (Smith) Verow Landry went to dance with the angels. She left the world peacefully with members of her family at her side.

Erma was born August 15, 1920 on Vinalhaven Island, Maine, the daughter of Maynard Waverly Smith and Abigail Isabel Candage. She graduated from Vinalhaven High School and left the island to pursue a career on the mainland.

On February 18, 1940, Erma married Clement A. Verow and they became the proud parents of five children. The family settled in South Brewer and owned and operated a popular community general store, Clem's Market. When Clement died in 1966 of a sudden heart attack, Erma continued to operate the store. After one year, she chose to close the store and at age 48 and pursue a career in health care. She graduated from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in 1969 and began a long career as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She worked at St. Joseph Hospital, Eastern Maine General Hospital (now Eastern Maine Medical Center) and Henrietta Goodall Hospital in Sanford, Maine. While working in Sanford she met a widower, Earnest "Cisco" Landry, and they were married in 1983.

Erma and Cisco moved to Las Vegas, Nevada and she joined the nursing staff at Sunrise Hospital. While in that city she once attended to a man who had been shot in a store that she happened to be shopping at. She helped him survive. On another occasion, she rescued a woman whose hospital bed was on fire. She also came to the defense of a nurse's aide who has being bullied by a supervisor. Cisco and Erma resided in Las Vegas for 12 years and returned to Maine in 1996. Erma continued her great work of attending to patients in hospitals and in private duty. She particularly enjoyed working on maternity wards and had the pleasure of being on duty when two of her grandsons were born.

Erma enjoyed return trips to her beloved Vinalhaven with her daughter Carol Ann. She also enjoyed reading and writing poetry. One of her poems was titled "Vinalhaven, the Jewel of the Sea." She also enjoyed writing editorials and letters to the editor in various newspapers. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and always enjoyed family picnics and gatherings and never missed anyone's birthday. She was a wonderful cook and her specialties were whoopie pies and rice soup. Throughout her long life, she encountered some health problems but always kept a positive attitude that was an inspiration to her family and many friends. Although there were times when she would fall, she never broke a bone. "I know how to fall!" she would say. Erma's large and extended family will miss her; she was a truly wonderful matriarch.

In addition to her two husbands, she was predeceased by two brothers, Maynard Waverly Smith, Jr. and his wife Val, Charles Smith and his wife Margaret, and by a beloved granddaughter, Julie Marie Verow O'Connor

MERLE H. DUDLEY

WHITNEYVILLE - Merle H. Dudley, 86, husband of the late Donna Polk Dudley of Whitneyville, passed away unexpectedly at his home on June 10, 2016. He was born in Edmunds, ME on March 20, 1931 to Theodore and Sarah Dudley.

Merle was one of five: Irene Ashby, Kathleen Lombardi, Robert Dudley, and Leonard Dudley. He will be deeply missed and forever loved by his kids: Charlotte, Mike, Rose, Jerry, Jasper, Carol, Jimmy, Alice; his grandchildren and many friends.

Services will be scheduled at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home, Machias, ME.

of Virginia Beach, VA, and two sons-in-law, Earl E. Wright and Olyn S. Dowling. She is survived by daughter Denise Wright of Citrus Heights, CA, son, Arthur C. "Archie" Verow and wife Frances of Brewer, daughters Carol Ann Verow of Long Beach CA, Katherine Dowling of Brewer, and Cynthia Moran and husband George of Winterport, and a step daughter Sandra Landry Allaire and Joe of Wells. Surviving grandchildren are: Victor Wright of California; Pam Nowack and husband Skip of California; Alice Hileman and husband Bob of Pennsylvania; Todd Verow of New York City; Suzette Furrow and husband Michael of Bangor; Grandson-in-law Timothy O'Connor of Virginia Beach, VA; Lois Stinson and husband Andy of Bangor; Danielle Norwood and husband Kevin of Readfield; Benjamin Rancourt of Camden; Joshua Rancourt and wife Julie of Dover, N. H.; Amanda Wild and husband Tony of St. Louis, MO; step-grandson Quentin Moran and wife Amy of Smithfield, NC; step-granddaughter Crescent Chasten and husband John of Massachusetts; and step-grandson Craig Landry of Sanford. She is also survived by great-grandchildren: Holly Hileman and husband Anthony; Andrea Wright; Aaron Nowack; Brandon Nowack and wife Sara; Emily and Jeffrey Nowack; Scott and Katrina Stinson; Katie Norwood; Patrick Norwood and wife Julie; Henry Norwood and wife Grace; Trudy and Lilly Furrow; Abby O'Connor; Ocean and Poet Rancourt; Sophie and Alexandra Rancourt; Owen and Liam Wild; Grayson Chasten; Samuel and Tristan Moran; Jordan Jarmin; Hunter Ward; Christian, Keagan; and Ciara. She was blessed with three great-great grandchildren: Luke, Everett and Caleb.

She is also survived by many wonderful nieces and nephews who are the adult children of her brothers Maynard and Charles of Rockland and her beloved sister-in-law Marguerite Verow Thorne of Bangor.

The family wished to express their deep appreciation for the kindness and support of Dr. Adam Lauer of Brewer for his care to Erma over many years. They also express their appreciation to Erma's extended family at Westgate Manor who always treated her with respect and dignity.

A celebration of Erma's life will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2016 beginning 11 AM with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Teresa's Catholic Church, Brewer. A reception will be held immediately at the conclusion of Mass at the parish center across the street. There will be a private burial service at a later date.

Rest well, our darling mother, you will live in our hearts forever.

Those who wish to remember Erma in a special way contribute to the Activity Fund at Westgate Manor, 750 Union Street, Bangor, Maine 04401 or the National MS Society, 74 Gray Road, Falmouth, ME 04105.

Arrangements by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 69 State St., Brewer.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.kileyandfoley.com

Committal Services

JOHN R. ANDERSON

STOCKHOLM - Graveside services for John R. Anderson, 32 who passed away January 30, 2016 will be held 1:00pm Saturday June 18, 2016 at the Stockholm Cemetery. In the event of inclement weather, services will be at Trinity Lutheran Church. Following the service, all are invited to a time of continued fellowship and refreshments at Trinity Lutheran Church. Arrangements by the Mockler Funeral Home, Caribou.

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