

OBITUARIES

DANA RALPH STAPLES

BEVERLY, MA - Dana Ralph Staples of Beverly died peacefully on June 19, 2016, after a year long battle with Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma. Born on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1947, in Belfast, Maine, he was the son of the late Joseph and Doris (Fellows) Staples of Belfast, Maine. He was the adored husband of Denise (Chisholm) Staples with whom he shared 20 wonderful years of marriage.

Dana grew up in Belfast, Maine, a graduate of the Crosby High Class of 1965. He left Belfast to proudly serve in the United States Army. He attended Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California and served as a Chinese Linguist in the ASA during the Vietnam era. After completion of his military career he embarked on many fascinating careers, always open to learning something new and challenging. In 1992 he began his long career at Brown Brothers Harriman, retiring as a Vice President in Investment Systems Development & Support in 2009.

He served the city of Beverly on the Beverly Computer Commission, from 1988 until 1992 and since 2008 he has served on the Board Of Registrars. He was always up for a good political discussion regardless if you were on the same side. Dana was a Member of the American Legion and the DAV. He enjoyed life to the fullest, living and traveling to many different places all over the United States, ending up in Beverly, MA, where he spent his happiest years. The thing that made him happiest was the day he first became a grandfather. He often told others that he would never want to live anywhere else now because he was "Bampy" to Hailey, Gabby, Tyler and Jacob Chisholm and could never be far away from them. He always a constant sight at his grandchildren's events and games and enjoying every minute. He was an extremely proud grandfather.

He is survived by his stepsons, David Chisholm and his wife Leah, and grandchildren Hailey and Gabrielle (Gabby) and Michael Chisholm and his wife Katie and grandchildren Tyler and Jacob all of Danvers, MA and Blessing Mazarura and his Fiancee Johanna Zaharaa of New York. He is also survived by two brothers Richard Staples and his wife Deborah of Waterville, ME and their three children, Elizabeth (Beth) and her husband Steve Boyamian, of Winchester, MA, Katherine (Kate) and her husband Patrick Burland, of Haver-town, PA and Jonathan Staples and Vicky Russell of Seabrook, NH and Robert Staples and his wife Susan of Bangor, ME, and their daughters Becky and her husband Raymond of Auburndale, FL and Meredith Staples of Bangor, ME and several great nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his dearest friends Tom Strange and his husband Tony Ptak of Henderson, LV.

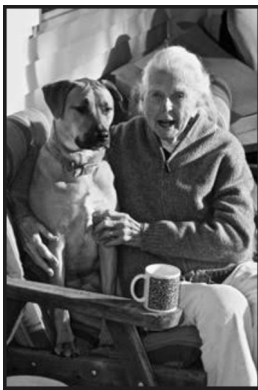
At Dana's request there will be no Funeral Service. Donations in his memory may be made to help Disabled Veterans at: Fisher House Foundation, 111 Rockville Pike, Ste 420, Rockville, MD 20850. www.campbellfuneral.com

HOPE E. THIBEAULT

CARIBOU - Hope E. Thibault, our precious angel, passed away June 17, 2016 at Caribou. She was born in Caribou June 17, 2016 the daughter of Bruce and Renee (Pelletier) Thibault.

She is survived by her parents of Caribou; her brother, Sterling; and her sister, Peighton; her grandparents Percy and Claudette Thibault of Frenchville, Wayne Pelletier and fiancé April Caron of Fort Kent, and Kim Pelletier of Bar Harbor; her great grandparents Ellen Mallar of Machias, Rita and George Pelletier of Fort Fairfield; two aunts Keri Pelletier and Kelly Thibault; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Graveside services will be held at the Northern Maine Veteran's Cemetery 3:00pm Friday June 24, 2016 with Fr. Kyle Doustou, officiating. Friends who wish to contribute in Hope's memory may do so through the Jefferson Cary Foundation, PO Box 89, Caribou, Maine 04736. Arrangements by the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, Caribou. www.mocklerfuneralhome.com



LILLIAN OLSEN THOMAS

CASTINE - Lillian Olsen Thomas, 97, passed away on June 17, at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital, Ellsworth, Maine. She was born on August 27, 1918 to Henrik and Ragnhild Olsen.

Lillian spent most of her life in Wethersfield, Connecticut and was involved in a number of community endeavors, including the League of Women Voters and the Connecticut Opera Guild. She advocated enthusiastically for the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center and was an active member of the Wethersfield Garden Club for many years. At age 91 Lillian moved to Castine to be closer to her son and his family. She especially delighted in her great-grandchildren Caitlin and Will Tobey.

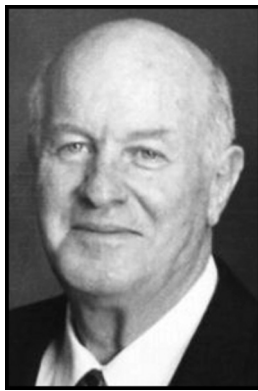
She is survived by her daughter Laura Thomas Sullivan (James) of Tucson, Arizona, and her son Robert S. Thomas (Barbara) of Castine, Maine.

She was predeceased by her husband, John M. Thomas; her sister, Eleanor Larson; and her brother, Henry (Bud) Olsen.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Castine Fire Rescue Volunteer Association P.O. Box 602, Castine, ME 04421, Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center, 156 Prospect St, Wethersfield, CT 06109 or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777.

The family will hold a private memorial at a future date. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home, 28 Elm St., Bucksport, ME.

www.mitchelltweedie-young.com



DONALD E. STITHAM

CHELMSFORD, MA AND WINCHESTER, MA - Donald E. Stitham, 84, of Chelmsford, MA and Winchester, MA, formerly of Littleton, ME, died Sunday, April 10, 2016, surrounded by his loving family.

Owner of Modern Builders in Chelmsford and formerly Don Stitham Construction of Winchester, MA. Husband of Jeanette (Drew) Stitham.

Father of Anne McCallum of Sarasota, FL, Frank L. Stitham and his wife Margot of Wayland, MA, and Ronald E. Stitham of Chelmsford, MA. Brother of Vera Hutchinson of Monticello, ME. Grandfather of Olivia and Luke Stitham and many nieces and nephews.

His memorial service is planned for 2 PM on July 2, 2016, at Littleton Cemetery, Littleton, ME. stitham.family@gmail.com

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
BRENDAN H. HICKEY
Sept 18, 1981-June 22, 2003



We remember,
Your contagious smile
Your compassion
Your generous heart
You
Always we shall love you
Always



DAVID WAYNE PRIVETTE

WASHBURN - David Wayne Privette, 61, passed away June 20, 2016 at his Washburn residence following a brief illness. He was born in Houston, TX, August 31, 1954 the son of Floyd and JoAnn (Payne) Privette.

Mr. Privette served with the US Air Force and received his Associates Degree in Computer Electronics from Northern Maine Community College. He married Cindy Prestwood August 26, 1977 and was employed as a Bio-Med Technician at The Aroostook Medical Center of over 35 years. David was a longtime faithful member of the Perham Baptist Church, where he was a past trustee, served as a church deacon, sang in the church choir as well as the Fishers of Men Quartet, was and Sunday School teacher and youth leader. He also played trumpet in the UMPI Band for a number of years. David loved spending time with his family, whether on the water kayaking or in the back yard for a family get together and barbecue where he loved to cook his famous brisket with his homemade barbecue sauce.

Surviving in addition to his wife Cindy of Washburn and his mother JoAnn of Houston, TX, are his children Ryan Privette of Austin, TX and Sarah Privette of Houston, TX; two brothers Floyd Robert Privette of Tomball, TX, and Mark Privette of Houston, TX; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Privette was predeceased by his father.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 pm Sunday June 26, 2016 from the Perham Baptist Church with Rev. David Goupille, officiating. Following the services all are invited to a time of continued fellowship and refreshments with the family in the church dining hall. Arrangements by the Mockler Funeral Home 24 Reservoir Street Caribou. www.mocklerfuneralhome.com



JUDY R. DAHL

HERMON - Judith R. Dahl passed away on June 19, 2016 after a year-long battle with lung cancer. She was born March 25, 1943 to Lloyd and Leah Crossman in Wintertop, Maine.

Judy graduated from Wintertop High School. She was a loving, caring wife, mother and homemaker.

Judy is survived by her husband, John Dahl; daughters Cindy and Christine; son, Don Rogers; brother, Red Crossman; and sisters Bunny, Valerie and Cheryl.

Judy requested a private, family service.

RUSSELL W. BUGBEE

MAPLETON - Russell W. Bugbee, 60, passed away unexpectedly June 21, 2016 at his home. Calling hours will be 6-8PM Thursday at Duncan-Graves Funeral Home, 30 Church Street, Presque Isle, where funeral services will be held at 1PM Friday June 24, 2016.

Correction Notice

BOB L. BABB

LEWISTON & BANGOR - A graveside service with military honors for Bob L. Babb, who died June 19, 2016, will be held 10 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2016 at the Waugh Cemetery in Levant, not Wednesday June 22 as previously announced. A service of Brookings-Smith, Bangor.



MARGUERITE (FLOYD) COBB

BANGOR - Marguerite Floyd Cobb (Margo Cobb) passed away quietly and comfortably with family by her side on 20 June, 2016. Marguerite was born February 16th, 1930, the daughter of Frank H. and Hilda L. (Downes) Floyd. She attended Brewer schools and was a 1952 graduate of the University of Maine at Orono.

Marguerite was the former Vice President and General Manager of NBC affiliate WLBZ Television in Bangor and was active in many community groups. She was a former president of the Greater Bangor Chamber of Commerce, the Maine Broadcaster of the Year in 1981 and President of the Maine Association of Broadcasters in 1980.

Margo was also elected to the National Association of Broadcasters Board of Directors in 1985 and served as Vice Chairman of the National Television Board in 1987.

She was active for many years in community theater groups, and was a long time member and officer of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). Margo also served on the Advisory Board of the Eastern Maine Technical College and was a strong advocate for the restoration of Cascade Park in Bangor.

Marguerite is survived by daughter Brenda (Ham) Meehan and husband Doug of Brewer; daughter Margo Ham and husband Frank Hankey of Jersey City, NJ; son Phillip Ham and wife Donna of Norwich, NY; and daughter Michele Brown and husband Mark of Carmel; as well as six grandchildren, five great grandchildren and beloved feline companion, "Osha."

Services will be private for the family. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com



LESLIE "LES" WAYNE PHILLIPS

NEWPORT, AR - Mr. Leslie "Les" Wayne Phillips of Newport, Arkansas, departed this life on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the age of 67. He was born February 2, 1949 in Bangor, Maine, the son of Bertrand E. and Marjorie D. (Bigelow) Phillips.

Mr. Phillips was a 1967 graduate of Bangor High School, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from University of Maine in 1971. He worked for six different steel mills over the course of his life, starting at U.S. Steel after college, and ending at Arkansas Steel in Newport. He called himself a "Mill Haukie." Mr. Phillips was Executive Vice President and C.O.O. of Arkansas Steel Associates.

He was a wonderful man who was adored by his family and friends. He enjoyed traveling, and experiencing fine dining and wines. Mr. Phillips loved his roses, The Pittsburgh Steelers, and animals, especially Pugs.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marjorie (Bigelow) Phillips; and one brother, Calvin Phillips.

Mr. Phillips is survived by his fiancé, Janie Black of Newport, Arkansas; his father, Bertrand Phillips of Bangor, Maine; one sister, Marilyn (Phillips) Bishop of Veazie, Maine; two brothers, Dennis Phillips of Warren, Maine and Kevin Phillips of Bangor, Maine; two nieces and one nephew.

Memorials may be made to the Jackson County Humane Society, P.O. Box 154, Newport, AR, 72112; the Bangor Historical Society, 159 Union, Bangor, Maine, 04401; or the charity of one's choice.

To light a memorial candle, leave a condolence message, or sign the guestbook, please visit our website at www.jacksonsfh.com



IRENE LOUISE JOSE

CARIBOU - Irene Louise Jose, 90, passed away June 20, 2016 at Van Buren. She was born in Westmanland, September 28, 1925 the daughter of the late Axel and Emma (Johnson) Wedberg.

Mrs. Jose was a loving and devoted wife and mother and was married to Bion Jose for over 72 years prior to his passing in 2015. Irene loved to bird hunt, fish and spend time camping with her family. She truly enjoyed garage sales and adding to her "collection."

She is survived by her son Jeffrey Jose, and her daughter and son-in-law Judy Ann and Bryan Corrow, all of Caribou; four grandchildren Eric Corrow and wife Robin of South China, Leslie Stevens and husband Aaron of Pittsfield, Jennifer Dickinson and husband Adam, and Emily Jose all of Caribou; one great-granddaughter, Laurel Louise Dickinson; and a great grandson, Colin Emery Dickinson. Mrs. Jose was predeceased by a daughter-in-law, Louise Jose; two brothers Charles and Roland; and a sister, Beatrice Dixon.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Friends who wish to contribute in memory of Mrs. Jose may do so through the Caribou Country Club Memorial Fund, PO Box 633, Caribou, Maine, 04736. Arrangements by the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, Caribou. www.mocklerfuneralhome.com

Fred Gage veteran Maine sports journalist dies at 90

SUN JOURNAL

PARIS — Fred Gage, an award-winning former Sun Journal sports journalist, has died.

Gage died June 18 at the Maine Veterans Home. He was 90.

Gage covered Maine sports for four decades, broadcasting thousands of high school games, including basketball, baseball, football and hockey.

He had a lengthy career as news and sports director with radio station WLAM. He traveled with the Maine Nordiques of Lewiston, Maine's first pro hockey team, and broadcast their games in the old North American Hockey League.

He joined the Lewiston Journal in 1976 as the sports

editor and served at that capacity until the Journal and the Lewiston Daily Sun merged in 1990.

A man with a quick wit, ready smile and laughter, Gage was well known in the newsroom for his love of the New York Yankees.

"He had a huge influence on the sports community in Lewiston-Auburn," said Joe Clark, general manager of a NAHL team in Topeka, Kansas. A former Sun Journal sports writer, Clark worked with Gage in the 1980s.

"Fred put his whole heart and soul into the job. He made an impression on the people in the community," Clark said. "He knew everything that was going on and had a great passion for sports, the minor and major sports."

Reflected in the way Gage did his job was including everyone, Clark said.

"That meant a lot to a lot of people," he said.

Gage retired from the Sun Journal in 1990 and continued to write columns.

He received the Media Award in 1990 from the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Directors Association. In 1998, Gage was inducted in the Lewiston-Auburn Sports Hall of Fame.

Gage was born in Strong, graduating from Strong High School in 1943 as the valedictorian. He joined the U.S. Navy and served in World War II.

He attended Boston University, graduating with a journalism degree in 1950. He and his wife, Carolyn Mitchell, married in 1949.

Jazz pianist Sir Charles Thompson dies

BY ADAM BERNSTEIN
THE WASHINGTON POST

Sir Charles Thompson, a jazz pianist of supple power who bridged the swing and bebop eras while performing alongside luminaries of both styles, and who helped compose the much-recorded bebop anthem "Robbins' Nest," died June 16 in a hospital near Tokyo. He was 98.

Trumpeter Yoshio Toyama, with whom Thompson recorded in the 1990s, confirmed the death and said the cause was complications from colon cancer. The pianist settled in Japan in 2002 after living for many years in the Los Angeles area. He continued to play well into his 90s.

Once dubbed "the house pianist of 52nd Street," the

New York artery once known for its profusion of nightclubs, Thompson had been a jazz mainstay ever since he was "knighted" in the early 1940s by saxophonist Lester Young.

His stature on the musical vanguard was such that sax titans Charlie Parker and Dexter Gordon played as sidemen on Thompson's first recording as a bandleader, in 1950. He continued for years to oversee his own jazz combos, including a quartet in the mid-1950s whose phenomenal rhythm section included bassist Walter Page, guitarist Freddie Green and drummer Jo Jones.

A musician capable of fusing speed and precision — with a deceptively laid-back execution — Thompson thrived mostly as an

accompanist. He was prominently featured on the thrilling "Hollywood Stampede" recordings of 1944-1945 in a band headlined by saxophonist Coleman Hawkins and trumpeter Howard McGhee. The selections, including Thompson's solo on "Stuffy," are considered formative in the development of the nascent bebop sound, with its challenging rhythmic and harmonic concepts.

For all his talent, Thompson was largely unheralded beyond the smoky realm of jazz nightclubs. Critics often felt the need to express his skill by comparing him to better-known pianists: He could be as spare and rhythmically taut as Count Basie, as propulsive as Art Tatum and as elegant in his playing as Teddy Wilson.