

OBITUARIES



RUEL W. FLANNERY

FORT FAIRFIELD - Ruel W. Flannery, 86, husband of Gloria (Forbes) Flannery, passed away Saturday, August 6, 2016 at his Fort Fairfield home, where he resided for sixty-five years. He will be remembered as a well-known potato farmer, an enthusiastic and generous contributor to his community and a man so cherished by his family that his grandson, Roy Haldeman, took him to school for "show and tell." Inspired by the green Dickies work clothes he wore in fields, in the streets and in stores, his great-granddaughter, Grace Boyd, called him "Green Grampy."

Ruel was born on July 9, 1930 and raised in Fort Fairfield, the son of Thomas E. and Clara M. (Donovan) Flannery. He took his bride, Gloria Forbes of Caribou, on a honeymoon to Coney Island in New York and the coast of Maine in 1951, then brought her to the Dorsey Road farm where they lived the next 65 years and raised their three children: Jill (Dan) Boyd of Presque Isle, Heidi Haldeman of North Carolina and Bill (Maria) Flannery of Massachusetts.

Ruel loved to entertain children and for many years opened his farm to Wilderness Day Camps where area youngsters fished his trout pond, went on nature walks, played games, and heard missionary stories. A favorite winter activity was the annual hot dog roast in the snow-covered woods where participants also searched out, selected and cut down Christmas trees to take home. Between potato crops, Ruel set up long tables in his potato warehouse for gala Western Nights for area church members and friends as they enjoyed barbecued steaks followed by musical and comedy entertainment. Ruel had a passion for cooking and baking. He turned out perfect biscuits, bean-hole beans and blueberry pancakes. He couldn't stay out of the dirt after growing potatoes for 49 years, so in retirement he tended huge vegetable gardens, blueberry bushes, raspberries, and several apple trees which he generously shared with friends and neighbors. An avid hunter and fisherman, Ruel fished the waters of Newfoundland and New Brunswick, and made several trips to Alaska to fish for king and silver salmon. He held season tickets to Fort Fairfield High School basketball games for 60 years, and took his grandsons to ball games at Fenway Park in Boston. The only time he was persuaded to travel to Florida was when he could watch his beloved Red Sox in Spring training. Ruel believed Fort Fairfield was the best place in the

world to live and he spent 15 years on the town council, from 1997 to 2011, serving as chairman in 2002 and 2007. In 2011, he received the town's Lifetime Achievement Award in appreciation for service, commitment and caring to the citizens of Fort Fairfield. Dan Foster, former town manager, remembers Ruel as one of the most sincere and honest people he knew, commending his leadership and support for numerous community projects and economic development opportunities. They included, the construction of the levy to protect Main Street from spring flooding, the reconstruction of the Monson Pond dam/bridge that protects and enhances the town's water supply, acquisition of the Armory, creation of a new town office and consolidation of town services. He was ever mindful of the tax burden on citizens and worked hard to minimize it. He was a deacon and Sunday school teacher at the State Street Baptist Church in Presque Isle.

In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by five grandchildren: Derek (Jenny) Boyd, Roy Haldeman, Brock (Shannon) Flannery, Alexander and Morgan Flannery; and seven great-grandchildren: McKenzie, Grace and Faith Boyd, Matthew and Noah Ride-nour, Brayden and Jackson Flannery; one sister, Elouise Anticol of Biddeford; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; five brothers, Jon-Dale, Leonard, John, Shirley and H. Roger Flannery; three sisters, Audrey Nystrom, Helen Wright and Dawn Bishop.

Friends may call Tuesday, August 9, 2016 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main Street, Fort Fairfield. The funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the State Street Baptist Church, 223 State Street, Presque Isle with the Rev. Buck Booker and Rev. Harold Sparkes co-officiating. A time of continued fellowship with refreshments will be held at the Northeastland Hotel, Presque Isle, immediately following the service. Interment will take place at Evergreen Cemetery, Caribou.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The Fort Fairfield Athletic Boosters Club 28 High School Drive, Fort Fairfield, Maine 04742 or the general fund at State Street Baptist Church in Presque Isle, P.O. Box 826, Presque Isle, Maine 04769 in his memory. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church. Online condolences may be expressed at gibersondorseyfunerlahome.com.



MARJORIE L. COOK

CALAIS - Marjorie L. Cook, 73, passed away Saturday, August 6, 2016 at Marshall Healthcare in Machias. Marjorie was born in Rochester, NH on September 15, 1942, daughter of Phillip and Marjorie (Austin) Mooreside. After graduating high school, she worked as a Med Nurse at Barnard's Nursing Home in Calais while raising her seven children. She worked there for 19 years and then went on to become an EMT and earn her Associates Degree in Child Development. Marjorie later worked in early childhood development until her retirement. She enjoyed gardening, canning, fishing, and above all else, spending time with her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Marjorie was predeceased by her first husband Harry Wunder; a son Stephen Wunder; a grandson Michael; and two brothers, Phillip and Roy Mooreside. Surviving are her husband Edgar Cook of Calais; five daughters, Christel James and husband Raymond "Butch" of Calais, Sharon Raven and husband Ernie of N.C., Michelle O'Driscoll and husband Skip of S.C., Heidi Swanchara of TN, and Robin Daniels and husband Mark of N.C.; a son David Wunder and wife Nancy of Bangor; her grandchildren Gregory, Ryan, Megan, Anthony, Kadie, Robbie, Matthew, Danny, Sharon, Jamie, Dale, Mark, Jeremy, Keagan and Courtney; great-grand children, Harper, Macy Grace, Dylan, Bryson, Julianna and Michaela; her sister Sandra Burt and husband Harvey of MA; special friends Nema Moghaddas of Pembroke, Butch Files of MA, and Joanne Greenspan of TX; and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at Mays Funeral Home, 26 Church St., Calais. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home 11 a.m. Thursday, August 11. Burial will follow in Calais Cemetery. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.maysfuneralhome.com



DONNA REDMAN

BANGOR - Donna Redman passed away August 5, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. She was the daughter of Ralph A. Spencer and Marie Lucille Albert Spencer. A graduate of Brewer High School Class of 1965, Donna grew up on a farm. After farming she helped run the family's roadside stand where she learned the love of helping other people. She was an avid bowler for 25 years at Bangor-Brewer Bowling Lanes. Donna loved knitting, making afghans and especially giving them away. She worked as a substitute teacher for the Hermon School Department for many years; and for the past 15 years she worked in retail which she truly loved. Most of all, Donna loved her family and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents and two brothers Reginald A. Spencer and Ralph A. Spencer. Donna is survived by her husband Gerald of Bangor, her son Peter Redman and wife Julie of Kenduskeag, two daughters, Ann Redman and Tanya Redman of Hermon, a sister Verna Nelson and her husband Ray of Carmel, a brother Robert Spencer, several nieces and cousins, a special cousin Patty Duran, her best friend of 50 years Shirley Finniff of Hagerstown, MD., and many special friends.

Donna would like to thank the Bangor Rehab nursing staff, especially one of her CNA's Barb and her therapists Ashley and Destiny for all their patience, understanding and care.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at Brookings-Smith 133 Center St., Bangor with the Rev. Garnett Chute, pastor of the Hermon Baptist, officiating. Interment will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery, Brewer. Memorial donations in Donna's memory may be made to the Children's Miracle Network of Maine C/O EMHS Foundation P.O. Box 931 Bangor, Maine 04402-0931. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com

Clarinet virtuoso Fountain, 86, dies in New Orleans

BY RANDY LEWIS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Pete Fountain, the clarinetist who became a global ambassador for New Orleans jazz with his flawlessly slippery technique and joyful sound, died Saturday of heart failure while in hospice care in New Orleans, according to news reports. He was 86.

Fountain's son-in-law and manager, Benny Harrell, confirmed the death.

Fountain combined the Swing Era sensibility of jazz clarinetist Benny Goodman with the down-home, free-wheeling style characteristic of traditional New Orleans jazz to become a national star in the 1950s, when he was hired as a featured soloist on the "The Lawrence Welk Show."

He also became a favorite of Johnny Carson and made dozens of appearances on "The Tonight Show" during Carson's long tenure as host of the late-night talk show.

Fountain also opened and often performed at his own club in New Orleans' French Quarter, regaling audiences with his performances of New Orleans standards, gospel songs and reworked versions of pop hits.

His association with the gospel song "A Closer Walk With Thee" turned the song into his personal theme, and he performed it with trumpeter Al Hirt at a Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II in New Orleans in 1987.

"I have always heard about the beautiful music of New Orleans," the pope said following the performance. "Today I have been able to hear it and admire it personally."

Pierre Dewey LaFontaine Jr., was born July 3, 1930, in New Orleans, the great-grandson of a French immigrant who came to the U.S. in the early 19th century. He took up the clarinet as a child, attracted to the woodwind instrument even though he suffered frequent respiratory illness because of weakened lungs.

He was directed to a wind instrument by a physician who thought it might help him develop greater lung

strength, a strategy that paid off and not only improved his physical health, but also gave him the career that lasted a lifetime.

He often said he tried to blend "the King of Swing" Goodman's formidable clarinet technique with a mellow sound favored by New Orleans clarinetist Irving Fazola. Another New Orleans clarinetist, George Lewis, also was one of Fountain's early role models.

The exposure Fountain got from Welk's show made his crisp mustache and goatee — and, in later years, his bald pate — instantly recognizable to millions of television viewers, but his free-spirit approach to music clashed with Welk's insistence on by-the-book musical discipline.

After Fountain played a typically loose and limber arrangement of the Christmas song "Silver Bells" during one show, the band leader known as the "Champagne music maker" fired Fountain, he noted in his autobiography, "A Closer Walk With Pete Fountain."

"Champagne and bourbon don't mix," Fountain later told an interviewer.

Fountain's home was devastated in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina and failures of the levees around New Orleans, and he spoke of the lifestyle change forced upon him and his family, like millions of other Gulf Coast residents who were displaced during that disaster.

Despite the loss of many possessions and mementos, including photos of jazz great Louis Armstrong with whom he had performed, Fountain said he recovered "two of my best clarinets, so I'm OK. I can still toot," he told The Associated Press.

He was a fixture at the annual New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, and many festivalgoers felt their pilgrimage to the Crescent City was incomplete until they heard Fountain play.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Beverly Fountain, three children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, according to the New Orleans Times-Picayune.

Ricci Martin, son of Dean, dies at 62

REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — Ricci Martin, a musician and youngest son of the legendary entertainer Dean Martin, has died. He was 62.

Martin was found dead Wednesday at his home in Utah, according to family members. An exact cause of death has yet to be determined.

In the 1970s, Martin collaborated with Carl Wilson of the Beach Boys to produce the album "Beached." Wilson would later become his brother-in-law.

In the 1990s, he joined the rock band Dino, taking the place of his late brother Dean Paul Martin. Ricci Martin performed with the band at the MGM Grand hotel in Las Vegas and other clubs with Desi Arnaz Jr. and Billy Hinsche. Dean Paul Martin was killed in a military jet crash in 1987.

Ricci Martin wrote a book called "That's Amore" in 2002 about growing up in Beverly Hills, California, as part of Dean Martin's family.

In the memoir he recalls his 21st birthday party with a guest list that included John Lennon, Ringo Starr, Elizabeth Taylor, David Bowie and Elton John.

In recent years, Martin had been performing a touring tribute show to his father.

Martin is survived by three daughters, Pepper, Montana and Rio; his mother, Jeanne Martin; his older brother, Craig; and four sisters, Gail, Deana, Gina and Sasha.

'Scary' Lucille Ball statue replaced

BY JOSEPH AX
REUTERS

NEW YORK — Lucille Ball fans can rest easy.

A new statue honoring the "I Love Lucy" star was set to be unveiled on Saturday in Celoron, New York, on what would have been Ball's 105th birthday, after residents of her hometown made it clear they did not "love" an unflattering previous version.

The life-size bronze artwork was created by the well-known sculptor Carolyn Palmer, whose proposal was selected from more than

60 submitted by artists around the world.

The statue at Lucille Ball Memorial Park will replace another that was installed seven years ago. Critics panned the sculpture, saying it looked nothing like the iconic redhead, and it eventually became known as "Scary Lucy."

Palmer spent nine months working on the project, including watching countless episodes of "I Love Lucy" and hiring models to pose in 1950s-style dresses.

"I not only wanted to portray the playful, animated and spontaneous Lucy, but

also the glamorous Hollywood icon," Palmer said in a statement.



New Lucille Ball statue

Palmer has sculpted a number of other famous figures. Her marble statue of Pope Francis stands at the papal residence in New York City, where the pope blessed it during his visit last year.

A bronze version of that statue is being produced for St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Former US Rep. Bentley from Maryland dies at 92

BY JON HERSKOVITZ
REUTERS

Helen Delich Bentley, a former journalist and a Republican congresswoman from Maryland who gained global attention by smashing Japanese goods to protest Tokyo's trade policies, died over the weekend at the age of 92.

Bentley upset a longtime Democratic congressman to win a U.S. House of Representatives seat in 1984, a year in which Ronald Reagan's landslide victory in the presidential race helped bring several new faces from the party to Congress.

The five-term congresswoman was a staunch advocate for the port of Baltimore and the state's maritime industry.

After reports that Japanese company Toshiba had sold technology to the Soviet Union to help their submarines sail more quietly, she led other members of Congress who used a sledgehammer to smash Japanese-made goods on the Capitol steps. The event came as tensions

were running high with Tokyo over a widening U.S. trade deficit with the country.

She left Congress to run for governor of Maryland but lost in the party's primary.

"Congresswoman Bentley worked with tenacity, energy, and passion on behalf of her constituents, making her a rare breed in politics and a role model to public servants across Maryland," Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, wrote in a Facebook post.

Bentley was born in 1923 in Nevada, and her parents were immigrants from Yugoslavia. After earning a bachelor's degree in journalism, she found a job with the Baltimore Sun, beginning a three-decade long relationship with the newspaper in which she wrote groundbreaking stories on the maritime industry and labor, according to her congressional biography.

She died Saturday at her home in Timonium, a Baltimore suburb, the Baltimore Sun reported, adding Bentley had been diagnosed with brain cancer.



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