

# OBITUARIES



**GEORGE 'JEFF' F. WASHBURN III**

LACONIA, N.H. - George "Jeff" F. Washburn III, 72, of Laconia, NH, and formerly Rutland, VT, died August 29, 2016. He was born May 30, 1944, in Presque Isle, ME, the son of George Franklin and Ruth (Lancaster) Washburn II.

Jeff graduated from the University of Maine in Orono. He was the franchise owner and operator of the Rutland Kentucky Fried Chicken for many years. A 26-year member of Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, he served as a deacon and drove the seniors in the church van on many excursions. He was a hospital and nursing home volunteer in Vermont and New Hampshire, and volunteered at the Paramount Theatre. Jeff was a longtime motorcycling and bicycling enthusiast. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Washburn of Laconia, NH; a daughter, Leigh Truhan of Rutland Town; two stepsons, Carmen Corvigno of Woodbridge, CT, and Greg Corvigno of Southbury, CT; grandchildren, Hannah, Kenny, Alyssa, Christina and Serafina; a sister, Pamela Coffey-Paine of Bangor, ME; a niece and a nephew. He was predeceased by his first wife, Pamela Ann Washburn, who died December 15, 2005; and a son, Jared Washburn.

Calling hours will be held Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016, from 4-7 p.m. at Tossing Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016, at 1 p.m. at Grace Congregational United Church of Christ with the Rev. John C. Weatherhogg, senior minister, officiating. Burial will be in East Clarendon Cemetery. Following the burial a collation will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. Tossing Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of  
**DOUGLAS E. PARTRIDGE**  
Nov 25, 1957 - Apr 25, 2009



Happy 39th Anniversary. This is the eighth one without you. You would think it would get easier, but it has not. What I wouldn't do for just one more day with you. We were so blessed and has such a great life together. Thank you for everything you gave me. My life truly began the day we met. I'll be loving you forever and always, Laura  
"Mrs. Doug Partridge"

In Loving Memory Of  
**GREGORY KENNETH GAGNON**

Aug 05, 1961 - Aug 11, 2008  
From the moment our eyes met all those years ago, I felt it in my heart, that you were mine, and I was yours. It is still the truest thing I know. I will love you forever, I miss you lots, Happy Anniversary, K



**CHERYL M. NEWBEGIN**

CARIBOU - Cheryl M. Newbegin, 68, passed away suddenly August 31, 2016, in Bangor. She was born in Caribou, January 5, 1948, the daughter of the late Milton and Marion (Brumbaugh) Damboise.

She was a graduate of Caribou High School and was a member of the Riverside Grange in Berwick. Cheryl began her career at Cary Memorial Hospital in early 1962 in the dietary department for seventy five cents an hour. She then worked in housekeeping for several years, but most her over 55 year career at Cary was spent as the medical floor secretary and CNA. Cheryl was the most tenured employee at Cary and she will be truly missed by all who knew and worked with her.

She is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law, Wendy and Scott Moulton of Easton, PA, and Lori Bennett and Tom Corliss of Berwick; and two grandchildren, Alyssa and Erika Bennett. Cheryl was predeceased by a brother, Lenny Damboise.

Friends may visit with the family at the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, Caribou, on Saturday, September 3, 2016, from 3 p.m. until time of services which will be held at 4:30 p.m. from the funeral home with the Rev. David Goupille, officiating. Friends who wish to contribute in Cheryl's memory may do so through the Jefferson Cary Foundation, P.O. Box 89, Caribou, ME 04736. Following the service all are invited to a time of continued fellowship and refreshments at the Chan Center at Cary Medical Center.

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

## MICHAEL L. SOMERS

HAMPDEN - Michael passed away early Monday morning August 29, 2016 while at home surrounded by loved ones. Michael graduated from Brewer High School in 1971, upon graduation Michael served in the United States Army upon returning worked at Eastern Fine Paper for over 30 years. Michael is survived by his loving wife Vicki Somers. In addition to his wife he is survived by his brother Stephen and his wife Virginia of Ellsworth Falls; Chuck of Brewer; Four Children, Grandchildren and Nieces and Nephews.

A celebration of life for Family and Friends will be announced at a later date.

## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of  
**STERLING 'BEAVER' WILSON**  
Apr 20, 1932 - Sep 02, 2012



It's now been 4 years since we lost you Dad and life is just not the same without you here. I think of you and miss you each and every day. Love Always, Linda and Benny

## Death Notices

**ALLEY, Almena B. Lenfestey Faulkingham**, 85, Jonesport, Aug. 31, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, at the Church of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, West Jonesport. McClure Family Funeral Services, Machias.

**MCMAHAN, Rita B.**, 83, Fort Fairfield and Caribou; at Fort Fairfield, Sept. 1, 2016. Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main St., Fort Fairfield.

**NEWBEGIN, Cheryl M.**, 68, Caribou; at Bangor, Aug. 31, 2016. Service 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.

**PENDLETON, Lyman Dana**, 47, Rockland, Aug. 30, 2016. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**ROBBINS, James Elmer**, 104, Deer Isle; at Deer Isle, Aug. 29, 2016. Jordan-Fernald, 49 Main St., Blue Hill.

**SOMERS, Michael L.**, Hampden, Aug. 29, 2016.

**WADLEIGH, Marjorie D.**, North Attleboro, Mass., and Winterport, Sept. 1, 2016. Service 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5, at the Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Ave., Hampden.

**WASHBURN, George 'Jeff' F. III**, Laconia, NH, Aug. 29, 2016. Service 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Grace Congregational United Church of Christ. Tossing Funeral Home.



**ALMENA B. LENFESTEY FAULKINGHAM ALLEY**

JONESPORT - Almena B. Lenfestey Faulkingham Alley, 85, began her heavenly life with the Lord on August 31, 2016. She passed quietly into rest with the support of her loved ones and friends at Sunrise Healthcare Facility. She is now rejoicing in the realms of glory with her Lord, Jesus Christ. She was born June 10, 1931, daughter of Ewart Lenfestey and Mineola B. Lenfestey.

Almena spent her life on Beals Island, where she was born and where she raised her family. She graduated in 1948 from Beals High School with a class of seven dear friends, who meant the world to her. Almena married her husband John Lester Faulkingham on November 14, 1949. After 16 years of marriage, she lost her husband to a drowning accident on April 26, 1965. Lester, as he preferred to be called, was a fisherman and he shared Almena's love of their home on Beals with their two daughters. After her husband's death, she worked seasonal jobs to provide for her girls until the IGA opened in Jonesport in 1969 where she faithfully worked for 42 years as a clerk then as the store's bookkeeper in the Crow's Nest.

Almena lived her life for her God and her family. She attended faithfully the Church of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. When the church doors were open, she was there. At age 84, she still sang in the choir and they waited patiently for her to come to the choir loft. She served her community by cooking for families whenever a need presented itself. She earned the title "Mama Donut" as her homemade donuts were a coveted item. Her interest in local sports was high and she enjoyed attending Royals' games where she cheered loudly for her teams. She attended the Bangor Tournaments until she could no longer travel. She trekked to Boston with her family to watch the Red Sox play ball. Whenever a game was on TV, she would listen in and often do as Sox fans do, complain and love every minute of it. Almena was an avid genealogist, who kept a "small black book" where she would record local families and their descendants. She spent many hours visiting and talking with people about their ancestors. She was a founding member of the Beals Historical Society and served as treasurer for many years.

She was predeceased by her parents, Ewart and Mineola Lenfestey; husband, Lester Faulkingham; brother, Chester Lenfestey; sister, Lillian Huntley and husband, James (Jimmy) Huntley; and sister, Lavonne Smith and husband, Halburton (Bertie); father-in-law, Richard Faulkingham and mother-in-law, Della Faulkingham; brother-in-law, Herbert Faulkingham; and brother-in-law, Joseph Alley. She is survived by her daughter, Paula Lord-Wilson and husband, Gary Wilson, of Addison; daughter, Carol Davis and husband, George, of Addison; grandson, Jason Lord of Addison; granddaughter, Sandra Moser and husband, Eugene, of Hooksett, NH; granddaughter, Laura Brady and husband, Christopher, of Amesbury, Mass.; granddaughter, Renee Gray and husband, Michael, of Addison; great-grandsons, Dustan and Devon Moser, Isaiah and Isaac Lord; and great-granddaughter, Melody Gray; brother, Verlan Lenfestey; sister, Adele Alley; sister, Joyce Alley and husband, Ralph; and brother, Wilfred Lenfestey and wife, Olive. She will be lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews as "Mimi" and missed by a nation of cousins.

The family wishes to give special place to Archie Alley Jr., who for 25-plus years has been a loyal companion to Mama. Over the many years, they have been the family parents. Through thick and thin, they have stood by each other. The family recognizes Archie as a faithful presence in their lives.

Family and friends may call on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral service will be on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 11 a.m. Both will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, located on the corner of West Jonesport, Maine. The service will be officiated by Elders Gary Wilson, Dale Smith, and Michael Beal. Internment will follow the funeral at the Sewell Field Cemetery on Beals. Arrangements were made by McClure Family Funeral Services, Machias, Maine.



**MARJORIE D. WADLEIGH**

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass., and Winterport - Marjorie D. Wadleigh of North Attleboro, MA, formerly of Winterport, Maine, passed gently into His arms on September 1, 2016. She was the daughter of John J. Arbuckle and Mary E. Andrews. Marjorie graduated Salutatorian from Winterport High School.

She was the loving wife of Forest W. Wadleigh, deceased, and mother to Mary L. Wadleigh and Robert F. Wadleigh, both deceased, and is survived by her daughter, Karen A. Sprague (Wadleigh) of Massachusetts. Marjorie was the grandmother to Judith Fuller, Crystal Tropeano of Maine, Robert R. Wadleigh of Maine, Kevin Wadleigh of Maine, Tracy Sprague of Massachusetts, Ryan Sprague of Virginia, and Abigail Sprague of Virginia, and a great grandmother and great, great grandmother, as well as an aunt to several nieces and nephews. She was a life member and past worthy matron of the Eastern Star. Marjorie was born in Merigomish, Nova Scotia, and came to Maine when she was 2 years old. She lived in Winterport for 95 years before moving to be with her daughter in Massachusetts in 2013. Marjorie would have been the longest living Winterport resident had she not moved in 2013. Her children meant everything to her and she loved being outside with her flowers.

There will be a celebration of life held 2 p.m. Monday, September 5, 2016, at the Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Ave., Hampden. Relatives and friends are invited to call from 1 p.m. until the time of service on Monday. Interment will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery, Winterport, following the service. Please make any memorial contributions in her name to Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, 1085 N. Main Street, Providence, RI 02904. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).



**RITA B. MCMAHAN**

FORT FAIRFIELD and CARIBOU - Rita B. McMahan, 83, wife of the late Robert F. McMahan, passed away Thursday morning, September 1, 2016, at her Fort Fairfield residence, following a brief illness. She was born February 28, 1933, in Andover, MA, the daughter of Gunnar and Myrtle (Frasier) Djerf.

She was a graduate of the Quincy, MA, School System and was married to Robert F. McMahan on February 17, 1952. Rita was a talented, accomplished artist whose works were displayed at both the Caribou City office and Cary Medical Center. Rita made her home in Caribou from 1970 to 2013 and had been a resident of Fort Fairfield for the past three years.

In addition to her parents, Rita was predeceased by her husband, Robert, on March 27, 2000. She is survived by two daughters, Rita Marie Evans and her companion, Al Theriault, of Caribou and Sharon Sneddon and her companion, Peter Lennon, of Fort Fairfield; three grandchildren, Sherrie Evans, Sarah Love and her husband, Justin, all of Caribou, and Jamie Sneddon of Boston, MA; and six great-grandchildren, Naliyah, Nikko, Noah and Nella Love, Matthew and Dustin Sneddon, all of Caribou. She also leaves behind a very special friend, Larry Nostangelo of Hull, MA; and her wonderful friend, Tom Lowell of Chapman.

In keeping with Rita's wishes, services will be private. Interment will take place at Evergreen Cemetery, Caribou. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may contribute in Rita's memory to the American Diabetes Association, National Processing Center, P.O. Box 13067, Alexandria, VA 22312. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main Street, Fort Fairfield. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.gibersondorseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibersondorseyfuneralhome.com).



# Roger Tsien, who shared Nobel Prize in chemistry, dies at 64

**BY GARY ROBBINS**  
THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

SAN DIEGO — Roger Tsien, the exuberant and resourceful University of California, San Diego researcher who shared the 2008 Nobel Prize in chemistry for helping to find a more effective way to peer inside cells and organisms, died on Aug. 24. He was 64.

Tsien died while in Eugene, Oregon, said UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep Khosla, who broke the news to the campus community Wednesday. The precise cause of death has yet to be determined.

Tsien, a first-generation American who began to explore chemistry at age 8, was hailed for "illuminating" the study of such diseases as cancer and HIV. He teamed with fellow scientists Osamu Shimomura and Martin Chalfie to turn green fluorescent protein, or GFP, which is found in jellyfish, into a research tool.

Khosla recalled the collaboration, saying in a statement: "Shimomura identified the crucial jellyfish protein and revealed that it glowed bright green under ultraviolet light. Chalfie showed how it could be used as a biological marker. Combining his deep skills in chemistry and biology, Tsien found ways to make GFP glow more brightly and consistently; then he created a full palette of fluorescent pro-

teins that scientists could use to track different cellular processes at the same time.

"GFPs have become a fundamental fixture in life sciences labs around the world, allowing researchers to look into cells or whole animals, to watch molecules interact in real-time and ask questions once thought impossible."

After winning the Nobel in 2008, Tsien told The San Diego Union-Tribune, "I've always been attracted to colors. Color helps make the work more interesting and enduring. It helps when things aren't going well. If I had been born color-blind, I probably never would have gone into this."

The news of Tsien's death caused mourning across the Torrey Pines Mesa in the San Diego community of La Jolla, home to one of the nation's largest life-science clusters.

"Roger Tsien was truly one of the most remarkable and inspiring scientists of our time," says Elizabeth Blackburn, a Nobel laureate and president of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla.

"He will be sorely missed as a colleague for his revolutionary work and keen mind, and also as a wonderful person. I felt privileged to get to know him over the years."

Roger Yonchien Tsien was born in New York City on Feb. 1, 1952. His father, Hsue Chu, was an engineer. His mother, Yi Ying Li, trained as a nurse.

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